

FORGIVENESS

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.*, Chapel Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m., Church Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.*, Church * In-person & virtual

CONFESSION

Saturday, 4 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., Chapel or by appointment

ADORATION

Thursday, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Chapel

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THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

"What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love, and an ocean of patience." -Francis de Sales



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FIND IT ON THE WEB

Our parish website is your <u>primary</u> source for the most complete and up-to-date information about the parish. Visit holyinfantchurch.org for details on many topics, including:

- † Mass and Liturgy Times
- **† Office Hours and Contact Information**
- **Calendar of Events**, including event details
- **News** within the parish and around the diocese
- Worship & Sacraments, including sacramental prep information for Baptism, Reconciliation (Confession), Eucharist, Confirmation, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick, and Holy Orders; Vocations for men and women; and Funerals
- Faith & Learning for adults, teens, and children; becoming Catholic; Catholic schools
- † Salesian spirituality and the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales
- † Joining the parish
- **†** Getting Involved
- **†** Ministries & Groups

Safe Environment Victim Assistance Hotline

Call 866-535-SAFE

PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

During the General Intercessions at our weekend Masses, we remember all members of our parish and community who are homebound or suffering any illness. Please remember the following in your prayers this week:

Jean Arlotta; Mary Anthony; Jo Agusta; Nancy Balding; Sandy Balintfy; Jeff Baker; Colette Bean; Clayton Bean; Jerry DeBenedetto; Jennifer Bland; Margaret Burnett; Joanne Callahan; Maria Capone; Alice Chamis; Albina & Chin Chua; Lillian Davids; Bea Davis; Rosemary Donohue; Eileen Dowling; Christine Drap; Irene Dunbar; Jason Ferrigan; Susan Fleming; Zosima Flores; Adela Florey; Marjorie Goode; Mary Jane Haga; Mary Jane Harvey; Jane Helmer; Dave Jognia; Aileen Koch; Bill & Donna LaMountain; Alice Lefebvre; Walter Lupa; Peggy McIntyre; Maria Mitch; Monique Mueller; Nelida Muniz; Kathleen O'Donnell; Johnathan Palermo; Louise Peloquin; Bill Perkins; Rosalind Riggio; Nancy Rizzo; Shelia Rogers; Bill Scheeler; Julia Schmidt; Tom Shreve; Betty Short; Kathy Smith; Brian Smith; Bob Smith; Hugo Sotolongo; Corrine Stavely; Marisa Suarez; Maria Tadipa; Richard Thomas

If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound, contact the Parish Center.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS September 18th to 24th, 2023

Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.

Monday, 9 am Tuesday, 9 am Wednesday, 9 am Thursday, 9 am Friday, 9 am Saturday, 9 am *Saturday, 5:30 pm

*Sunday, 8:30 am

Sunday, 11:30 am

Ian Francis McCusker Jose M. Baptista

Vocations

William Schmidt

Parishioners of Holy Infant Joy Gafoor (Birthday) Peace in Ukraine Connie Kuhn Will Saraent

*in person only

To honor a loved one, living or deceased, with a mass intention, visit holyinfantchurch.org/mass-intentions.

For more information on memorials for altar wine, lamp or altar flowers, visit

holyinfantchurch.org/memorial-donations.



Please let the office know if you have a new phone number, mailing address or email since you registered.

> Reach out to Debbie at debbieh@holyinfantchurchorg or call 919.544.7135.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1-3, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17 Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13; Lk 6:20-26 **Thursday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13 **Friday:** 1 Tm 6:2-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3 **Saturday:** 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 8:4015 **Sunday:** Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18;

Phl 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - August 30

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$166,302	\$161,240	(\$5,062)
Christmas Offertory			
Easter Offertory		\$192	\$192
Holy Day Collections	\$1,500	\$2,109	\$609
Maintenance Offertory	\$6,600	\$6,050	(\$550)
	\$174,402	\$169,591	(\$4,811)

UPCOMING EVENTS

All events are in person unless otherwise stated. Go to HolyInfantChurch.org/calendar for details on the following events:

Sept 18 Bible Study, *9:45 am*

Sept 18 FYM Planning Meeting, 12 pm

Sept 18 PPC Meeting, 6:30 pm

Sept 18 Bible Study, 7 pm

Sept 19 Centering Prayer, 8 am

Sept 19 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am **Sept 19** Stephen Leaders Meeting, 10 am

Sept 20 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:30 pm

Sept 20 JustFaith Hunger, 6:30 pm

Sept 20 Family Formation Catechists Meeting, 6:30 pm

Sept 20 RCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm

Sept 21 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am

Sept 21 Eucharist Adoration, 12 pm

Sept 21 Yarn Ministry, 7 pm

Sept 21 Refugee Resettlement Team Meeting, 7 pm

Sept 22 Couples for Christ, 5:30 pm

Sept 22 Family Outdoor Movie Night, 7 pm

Sept 23 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

Sept 23 Couples for Christ, 1 pm

Sept 23 Reconciliation, 4 pm

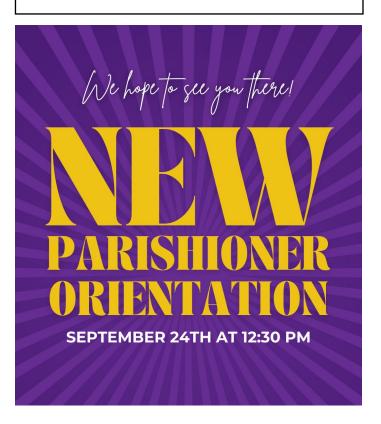
Sept 24 Catechumenate Session, 8:30 am

Sept 24 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:45 am

Sept 24 Baptism of Kira Hlebowitsh, 11:30 am

Sept 24 New Parishioner Orientation, 12:30 pm

The parish library is open on Sundays from 8 am−4 pm



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MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

Join other middle schoolers in Chapel Hill & Durham for this special retreat for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. The retreat is November 5th from 9 am to 4:30 pm at Chestnut Ridge Camp and Retreat Center. Cost is \$40 for youth and \$10 for volunteers.

Scan the QR code above for more information or reach out to Michalene using the contact information at the top of this page.



EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2023

The Diocese of Raleigh Eucharistic Congress opens a year of diocesean-wide celebrations marking the 100th anniversary of the diocese, alongside the National Eucharistic Revival happening in the United States. The day-long event, to be held at the Raleigh Convention Center, incorporates speakers for adults and youth as well as a Spanish language track.

Join in fellowship with others from around the diocese in the exhibit hall; participate with others in Vigil Mass; partake in the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and enjoy an array of speakers. There is no charge to attend, but pre-registration is required. Registration closes September

29th. Use the QR code for more information.

Saturday, October 21st from 8:30 am to 6:30 pm Raleigh Convention Center



WEEKLY PODCAST

One of our newest ministries is refugee resettlement, when our parish assists and accompanies a refugee family as they establish a new life in our community. This week we speak with Kathy Bartlett and Amy Mackin, two active members of this ministry, about their experience and how the whole parish is involved in this work.



SAVE THE DATE - FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT THIS FRIDAY

Join us for an outdoor movie night on the Parish Office lawn on **September 22nd** from 7 to 9 pm! Bring your Lawn Chairs or blankets. All ages are welcome!

ST THOMAS MORE PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

St. Thomas More Preschool will host an open house on Saturday, October 7th from 3 -5 pm for prospective families.

St. Thomas More Preschool 632 Laurel Hill Road, Chapel Hill



Ministries

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HOLY INFANT BLOOD DRIVE

The need for blood is constant; only volunteer donors can fulfill that need for patients in our community. Nationwide, someone needs a unit of blood every 2 to 3 seconds and most of us will need blood in our lifetime.

Thank you for supporting the American Red Cross!

Saturday, **October 7th** in the Fellowship Hall from 8 am - 1 pm

SEPTEMBER IS SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

We can all help prevent suicide. Every year, the Lifeline and other mental health organizations and individuals across the U.S. and around the world raise awareness of suicide prevention during September, National Suicide Prevention Month. A Stephen Minister is here to listen, if you or someone you know has lost a loved one to suicide.



GET INVOLVED WITH HOLY INFANT'S HEALTH MINISTRY

The Holy Infant Health Ministry would like to revitalize its work to enrich and support the lives of the Holy Infant faith community by promoting opportunities to increase awareness that a sound mind and sound body enhance a sound spirit. This year we will embrace the parish focus "Nourishing Our Bodies, Souls, and Communities" in our efforts to build a healthy community.

If you were previously involved in the health ministry or are interested in joining this ministry or would like further information, please contact Janice Bernhardt at jb979@caa.columbia.edu.



YOUNG ADULTS CATHOLIC PALOOZA

Bishop Luis invites all university students and young adults (including all high school seniors) to join him for a diocesan-wide "palooza" at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral to celebrate our Catholic faith in fun and worship as witnesses to the joy of the Gospel!

September 23rd

4 - 6:30 pm – Food, Booths, Sports, Games, Music 7 pm – Mass with Bishop Luis

- Communion/connect to genuine greatness---Eucharist & vibrant young adults from all over
- Worship, sing and dance
- FREE FOOD!
- · much more!

For more information, questions and updates contact: YA.Catholic.Palooza@gmail.com



CHECK OUT OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR MORE UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY INFANT



Liturgy & Music

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REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Sirach 27:30—28:7 We cannot nourish anger and expect our own sins to be forgiven.
Psalm 103 "The Lord is kind and merciful, slow to anger, and rich in compassion."
Romans 14:7–9 Whether we live or die, we do so in Christ.

Matthew 18:21–35 Jesus says we must forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

The reading from Sirach sets the theme today, counseling us to forgive our neighbor as we pray that our own sins may be forgiven. We sing in the responsorial psalm of the Lord's kindness and mercy. Paul preaches that in life and death, we are the Lord's. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable of a king who was moved with compassion to forgive a great debt. May today's readings inspire us to forgive others as we seek forgiveness ourselves.

How do I see myself letting resentment or bitterness build up in my heart? Who do I need to reach out to and forgive?

GOD GIVES US CONTROL

We're not characters in a video game being controlled by a God with a joystick. God could have created the universe this way, but instead, he's given us agency. While many circumstances in our lives are not under our control, we can control our own choices, and how we respond to events, and our choices have consequences.

We all endure some amount of unfairness and injustice throughout our lives, some so much more than others. And while we can pray for another's conversion and work for a more just society, it will never be perfect. These things are out of our direct control.

In the readings today we're presented with something more than a choice of how to respond when we are offended, we are given a command. The verse sung before the Gospel says, "Love one another as I have loved you." In the Gospel Jesus says we must forgive not seven times, but seventy-seven times, which in biblical terms is essentially infinity.

Holding onto resentment or seeking retribution has serious consequences for us internally and externally. When we forgive, we stop the cycle of offense and violence. This is how saints behave, this is how they allow God to transform their hearts, and transform the world, and it's what we've been created for. This is the only way to peace, the only way to eternal life. The readings this week make that clear. So let's not gloss over the message for us this week, but allow it to fill our hearts, so we can become the best version of ourselves.



SING IT AGAIN, SAM

This weekend we sang "Many & Great" by Ricky Manalo. Use the QR code below to listen and sing it again.

Next weekend we celebrate the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time when we will be reminded that God loves us and is with us, in every circumstance.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

DOES EDUCATION HAVE ANY VALUE?

I didn't enjoy high school very much. Putting aside the standard teenage disposition of angst and immaturity, I look back on my high school years and I recognize that I did not find my experience to be very compelling. When I entered the Oblates, I did not pay attention to the fact that our primary ministry in the US for the last century has been education. I never supposed myself to be a teacher when I entered, I even told my superiors that I didn't have any strong desire to work in a school. Yet two years ago, I arrived at Salesianum School in Wilmington, DE for my apostolic internship. While cliche as this is, if I could have traveled back in time to encourage myself for the journey ahead, I would have jumped in that time machine as fast as I could.

Our founder, Bl. Louis Brisson, OSFS, is quoted to have said, "We should live by two great mottoes: First, whatever we do, we must do it passionately. Second, let us be full of courage." When I look back at my time at Salesianum that is exactly what I associate with them: passion and courage. It was in the classrooms and hallways, the fields, the courts, and the stage. This Salesian ethos of passion and courage I witnessed was vibrant. It was in the students, faculty, and staff. It was in my Oblate brothers and it was contagious. This is what changed my perspective on the value of secondary education as a whole.

What I found at Salesianum was a tenacious passion to make young boys not only smart young adults but into young Salesian gentlemen. In the classroom, the students had the opportunity to learn and discover their God-given passions and desires, hone their skills, and grow in their talents. Outside of it, they had opportunities to grow in humility and gentle strength, develop healthy self-confidence, and engage in leadership at all different levels.

In every corner of the building, they were encouraged through faith to be who they are and be that well for it brings honor to God who made them that way. They were reminded at Mass, in confession, on retreats, in reflections, and in prayer that God loves them and has called them to shine as a beacon clear and bright in this world. They were challenged to be brothers to one another and to the world and to not take that challenge lightly. Ultimately, they were called to follow their school motto (Tenui Nec Dimittam) and take hold of what God has permitted and gifted to them in their time at Salesianum and not let go of it.

Fr. Chris Beretta, OSFS, Salesianum's principal, would remind them over and over again to make three commitments every day of their Salesianum career: "Pray, study, and take action." This became such a part of the Salesianum zeitgeist that students came to our office humorously reciting it to us while trying to mimic his rhetorical style. Students recognized the value of the education they were receiving at Salesianum. A young man can learn reading, writing, and arithmetic anywhere. For this young Oblate, what made my internship so special to me was the passion and courage of Salesianum School to aspire for their young men to want to not only learn more but to want to be more and be that well; to not settle for comfort but for the greatness purveyed for them by the Divine.

Until my story became intertwined with the story of Salesianum, I recognized that I did not understand the value and potential impact education can have. Now that this chapter of my vocation story has been written, the plot has thickened with new potentials and horizons. Two years ago, I would never have presumed that I would be excited about educational ministry. Now, if God wills it, I look forward to hopefully doing it again. With immense gratitude for the people who made my internship so wonderful, I can say that what I experienced at Salesianum was a surprisingly joyful plot twist to this story. Yet in hindsight, I shouldn't be too surprised at the twist. I've heard that Our Heavenly Author is often very good at writing those.

Mr. Jonathan Dick, OSFS

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