

RESPECT THE SON

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., Church
or by appointment

ADORATION

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

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Monday–Thursday,
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
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VISIT US ONLINE

Go to holysiniantchurch.org
or scan the QR code below



OPEN HEARTS · OPEN HANDS · OPEN MINDS

TOGETHER, THROUGH THE GRACE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, WE "LIVE JESUS," REACHING OUT, EMBRACING ALL WITH COMPASSION, HUMILITY & GENTLENESS.

THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

"When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time." - St. Francis de Sales



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FIND IT ON THE WEB

Our parish website is your **primary** source for the most complete and up-to-date information about the parish. Visit holyininfantchurch.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 Augusta; 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; 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 October 9th to October 15th

Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.

Monday, 9 am	<i>Leonard Vogel</i>
Tuesday, 9 am	<i>Maureen Baylon— Magtalas Families</i>
Wednesday, 9 am	<i>Janice Febre (Healing)</i>
Thursday, 9 am	<i>No 9 am Mass</i>
Thursday, 6 pm	<i>Canonization Cause of Blessed Louis Brisson</i>
Friday, 9 am	<i>Vocations</i>
Saturday, 9 am	<i>Parishioners of Holy Infant</i>
*Saturday, 5:30 pm	<i>Aurora & Gerda Camargo</i>
*Sunday, 8:30 am	<i>Jack Devany</i>
Sunday, 11:30 am	<i>Richard Sloan</i>
<i>*in person only</i>	

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Oct 9** Bible Study, 9:45 am
- Oct 9** Bible Study, 7 pm
- Oct 9** Liturgical Commission Meeting, 7 pm
- Oct 10** Centering Prayer, 8 am
- Oct 10** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
- Oct 10** Stephen Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Oct 11** Walk—Don't Fall, 9:45 am
- Oct 11** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:30 pm
- Oct 11** JustFaith Hunger, 6:30 pm
- Oct 12** No 9am Mass
- Oct 12** Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
- Oct 12** KoC Spaghetti Dinner, 6:45 am
- Oct 12** Catechism Chat, 7 pm
- Oct 14** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
- Oct 14** Daughters of St. Francis de Sales, 10 am
- Oct 14** Couples for Christ, 10 am
- Oct 14** Reconciliation, 4 pm
- Oct 14** Flu/COVID Vaccine Clinic, 6:30 pm
- Oct 15** UMD Shelter Dinner
- Oct 15** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:45 am
- Oct 15** Family Formation, 9:45 am
- Oct 15** Catechumenate Session, 11:30 am
- Oct 15** Flu/COVID Vaccine Clinic, 12:30 pm
- Oct 15** TYM Session, 6:30 pm
- Oct 15** JYM Session, 6:30 pm

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

OCTOBER IS
Respect Life Month

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jh 1:1-2:2, 11; Jh 2:3-5, 8; Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jh 3:1-10; Ps 130:1-4, 7-8; Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jh 4:1-11; Ps 83:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Mt 3:13-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Jl 1:13-15, 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;
 Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Lk 11:27-28
Sunday: Is 25:6-10; Ps 23:1-6; Phl 4:12-14, 19-20;
 Mt 22:1-14

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)



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CAMP HIDDEN LAKE

We are headed back to Camp Hidden Lake in Dahlonega, GA in the summer of 2024! This Catholic weeklong overnight camp is for middle schoolers who are incoming sixth graders through outgoing eighth graders. Join us for a week full of messy games, the sacraments, ropes course, praise and worship, talks, and friendship with middle schoolers from across the country.

The cost is \$720 dollars to attend (financial aid is available).

Please complete the form by **October 9th** using the QR code if you are interested in attending with us next summer, or would just like more information!



WEEKLY PODCAST

This week Jeff and Fr. Robert go on an adventure to the Saving Grace animal adoption organization in Wake Forest, including a tour and a conversation with the founder and director, Molly Goldston. Saving Grace is where Fr. Robert adopted Bolli and Tucker... don't worry, neither Fr. Robert or Jeff came home with a new dog, although we really wanted to!

PLATING GRACE WITH FATHER LEO PATALINGHUG

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AT 6:00 PM

Join us in the DeSales Center for this special holiday season celebration of food, faith, and traditions at Holy Infant.

Father Leo will present a cooking presentation, and then attendees will be served the same recipe that Father Leo cooked. This event is family-friendly - all ages are welcome!



There is no cost to attend, however, ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

Please fill out the form using the QR code below and enter each individual planning to attend from your household. Be sure to click on the Submit button to complete the registration. *You will receive a confirmation email once you register.*



Ministries

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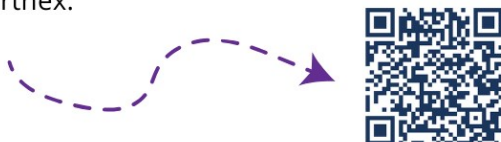
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HEALTH MINISTRY SURVEY

Health Ministry wants to hear from you! Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey. The information gained from this survey will help us to identify topics and plan programs that are informative and relevant to parishioners.

Fill out the survey online using the QR Code below. Paper copies are also available in the Narthex.



HOLY INFANT IS AN ELECTION SITE

A reminder that on **October 9th and 10th** the Hospitality Room will be used as a voting site for Durham County.

Church members are not allowed to enter the voting site unless they intend to cast a ballot. Please be respectful during this time so that we are able to support our community members who are doing their civic duty.

We encourage our Holy Infant family to consider taking the time to cast a ballot during the local election.



URBAN MINISTRIES
OF DURHAM

UPCOMING OCTOBER SHELTER DINNER

Our next dinner is scheduled for Sunday, **October 15th**, and will feature hot dogs, side dishes, and dessert. Check out the electronic sign-up sheet on the Holy Infant website (under Peace, Justice & Human Concerns and Urban Ministries Shelter Dinner) to donate the necessary food items or volunteer to serve the meal.

All donated food should be left in the Narthex by 1:00 PM on Sunday, October 15. Questions? Contact Carol Ann Applegate at 919-259-4700



Blessing of the Pets was a great success! We were so glad to see a large number of our parish family gathered for this special blessing.



FYM members toured the historic Bennet Place last week. Thank you to everyone who made this outing so great!



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



Liturgy & Music

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WHAT WE CONSUME, WHAT WE KEEP IN MIND

There might not be four other verses from the Bible more relevant to our time than the verses from St Paul's letter to the Philippians we hear this weekend.

First, Paul writes rather than having anxiety, to make our requests known to God by prayer and petition. Paul throws in two important words after prayer and petition, "with thanksgiving". Starting with gratitude helps us look outward, get outside of ourselves, and find some perspective. Things are often not quite as bad as they seem in the moment.

This leads perfectly to the final two verses. Perhaps those things we're grateful for are what are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, gracious, excellent, and worthy of praise.

These are the things we should keep in mind. We're bombarded by external negative inputs, it's constant and unceasing. Those creating this content know that we're far more likely to engage with negativity, we're triggered by it. Studies show that human beings just can't cope with consuming certain levels of negative input, content that tears us down, makes us feel shame, demonizes others, and is steeped in cynicism. We get caught in the cycle, and our responses are just as bad as what we've consumed.

It's as if Paul is speaking to us right now, in this moment in history. Take a serious look at what you read, listen to, and watch each day, and how much time you spend with it. We CAN take control of this part of our lives. Let's focus on the beautiful, the loving, not because this makes life easier, but because it's what is true, and will see us through the best and worst of times.



REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 5:1-7 The Lord seeks a harvest of justice.

Psalms 80 "The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel."

Philippians 4:6-9 Dwell in thoughts of purity and justice and you will know peace.

Matthew 21:33-43 "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone."

Isaiah begins the parable-telling today, establishing the vineyard as the setting we will revisit throughout the readings. From the first reading through the psalm and on to the Gospel, we are afforded the chance to consider the wonderful vineyard that God created for us and what has befallen it over the course of centuries.

May God's word inspire us to bear good fruit in the vineyard that is our world. What specific thing can I do this week to produce fruit for the kingdom of God?



SING IT AGAIN, SAM

This weekend we sang "I am the Vine" by Steven Warner. Use the QR code below to listen and sing it again.

Next weekend we celebrate the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time when we hear of the feast given by God to which we are all invited.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

THE ECTASY OF WORK AND LIFE

During Labor Day Weekend, I spent time with my sister and brother-in-law at the shore in Wildwood Crest, New Jersey and as I observed people trekking back and forth to the beach, walking their dogs, and taking bike rides, I thought of how our pace of life changes in September. This is especially true for families with school-aged children who exchanged beach walks and bike rides for early morning bus rides, after-school activities, not to mention student homework assignments. A product of the Catholic school system in Philadelphia, I always associate Labor Day with the end of summer. As I watched vacationing families pack up their cars on Labor Day morning to travel home because “the kids have school tomorrow,” I smiled and reminisced a bit.



Pondering the faster pace of life when school is in session, I recalled the recent apostolic letter *Totum Amoris Est* (“Everything Pertains to Love”) by Pope Francis. In preparation for a retreat presentation for the faculty and staff, and then for the Board of Governors of Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria, VA, I decided to use this letter as the outline for sharing key aspects of the ministry of Saint Francis de Sales. Written for the 400th anniversary of the saint’s death (December 28, 2022), the title of this letter reflects a line in Francis de Sales’s masterwork *Treatise on the Love of God* (1616): “In holy Church all is by love, in love, for love, and of love.” In this quote, we see why Francis de Sales has been given the title “Doctor of Divine Love.” His life and spirit were rooted in the love relationship he had with God, demonstrated by how and what he taught through his spiritual guidance of people from all walks of life.

In the final section of his letter, Pope Francis discusses how “Saint Francis de Sales... came to view the entirety of the Christian life as ‘the ecstasy of work and life’” quoting a phrase from the *Treatise* where de Sales notes that as with any love, there are “highs” or ecstasies. However, the ecstasy he writes about is not like some drug-induced rapture or hallucination, nor is it just an emotional experience. Rather, following the example of Jesus Christ, when we reach the “ecstasy of work and life,” we not only “feel good” but we do good for others and for ourselves – love in action! Pope Francis notes that “Saint Francis traces [the deepest source of this ecstasy] to the love made manifest by the incarnate Son” and so describes how Salesian Spirituality is the fruit of lessons the saint learned at “the school of the Incarnation.” Francis de Sales learned how to love by modeling his life on that of Jesus, who says, “Learn from me, for I am gentle and humble of heart” (Mt 11:29), the saint’s favorite scriptural passage.

The phrase “ecstasy of work and life” caught my attention as we approach a new school year with all the hustle-and-bustle it entails. Included with a new school year is a lot of “work” of many forms (intellectual, physical, spiritual, emotional) often intertwined. Francis de Sales sees “the ecstasy of work and life” coming from our ongoing relationship with a loving God that spills over into our daily activity of work. May the lesson our patron learned be ours: to live Jesus in all we do, being a gentle and humble presence in our fast-paced work, school and otherwise.

-Brother Dan Wisniewski, OSFS
Assistant Provincial & Director of Oblate Education