



HOLY INFANT
Catholic Church **LIVE † JESUS**

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 15TH, 2023

FEW ARE CHOSEN

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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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday,
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
closed Friday

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VISIT US ONLINE

Go to holyinfantchurch.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 16th to October 22nd

Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.

Monday, 9 am	<i>Manjaly John</i>
Tuesday, 9 am	<i>Tom Kennery</i>
Wednesday, 9 am	<i>Jennie Lomazzo</i>
Thursday, 9 am	<i>Vocations</i>
Friday, 9 am	<i>Irene Estrada +</i>
Saturday, 9 am	<i>Peace in Ukraine</i>
*Saturday, 5:30 pm	<i>Fritz H. Brunssen</i>
*Sunday, 8:30 am	<i>Charlie & Palma Sumcizk</i>
Sunday, 11:30 am	<i>Joseph Cione</i>

**in person only*

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

For more information on memorials for altar wine,
lamp or altar flowers, visit
holysinphantchurch.org/memorial-donations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

- Oct 16** Bible Study, 9:45 am
- Oct 16** PPC Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Oct 16** Bible Study, 7 pm
- Oct 17** Centering Prayer, 8 am
- Oct 17** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
- Oct 17** Stephen Leaders Meeting, 10 am
- Oct 18** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:30 pm
- Oct 18** JustFaith Hunger, 6:30 pm
- Oct 18** Family Formation Catechists Meeting, 6:30 pm
- Oct 18** Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm
- Oct 18** RCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm
- Oct 19** Marian Prayer, 9:30 am
- Oct 19** Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
- Oct 19** Yarn Ministry, 7 pm
- Oct 21** Eucharistic Congress, 9 am
- Oct 21** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
- Oct 21** Couples for Christ, 10 am
- Oct 21** Rosary-Making, 3:30 pm
- Oct 21** Reconciliation, 4 pm
- Oct 22** Catechumenate Session, 8:30 am
- Oct 22** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:45 am
- Oct 22** Blessing of the Prayer Labyrinth, 10 am
- Oct 22** Baptism of Rohin Francis Shastri, 11:30 am
- Oct 22** EMOC Fall Potluck, 1 pm

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

OCTOBER IS
Respect Life Month

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rm 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Rm 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18;
 Lk 10:1-9
Thursday: Rm 3:21-30; Ps 130:1-6; Lk 11:47-54
Friday: Rm 4:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Rm 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Th 1:1-5;

Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - September 30

	Budgeted	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$245,567	\$237,223	(\$8,344)
Christmas Offertory			
Easter Offertory		\$211	\$211
Holy Day Collections	\$1,500	\$2,227	\$727
Maintenance Offertory	\$9,900	\$9,268	(\$632)
	\$256,967	\$248,929	(\$8,038)

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Join us for the next
RCIA Inquiry Session!

October 18th, 7:30 pm

Parish Office Living Room



Faith Development

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PLATING GRACE WITH FATHER LEO

Join us in the DeSales Center on **December 10th** for this special holiday 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 above 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.

BLESSING OF THE PRAYER LABYRINTH

On **October 22nd** at 10 am Fr. Robert will bless our new Prayer Labyrinth, located behind the DeSales Center on the hill across the parking lot next to the woods.

The Holy Infant Prayer Labyrinth is a parishioner's Eagle Scout Project. Many scouts, parishioners, and staff worked endless hours to complete this large project. The entry of the labyrinth is decorated with rocks painted by children in our parish.

We encourage our families to attend the blessing and share this new space for prayer with your children. Thank you to the designers, engineers, scouts, and The Knights of Columbus for their dedication to completing this project. This labyrinth will be enjoyed and treasured for years to come and is a beautiful, prayerful tool for campus life at Holy Infant.



WEEKLY PODCAST

This week Michalene grills Jeff about the new organ that will soon arrive in the church, and then we hear directly from Rudy Lucente, a renowned organist based in Philadelphia who designed both the sound and look of the Allen RL-66 model organ we're installing at Holy Infant later this year



YOU NEVER LET GO RETREAT

Join other middle school students in Chapel Hill and Durham for this special retreat for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders on **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. *Registration is due by October 20th.*

CHECK THE LOST & FOUND

The Lost & Found is overflowing! Please check to see if you or your family members have left anything at the parish. All uncollected items will be donated at the end of the month. Thank you!

Ministries

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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 above. Paper copies are also available in the Narthex.

FILL THE TRUCK SUCCESS

Last Saturday's food drive collected 543 lbs of food items for the Durham Community Food Pantry.

Durham Community Food Pantry is a collaborative effort engaging multiple partners through Durham and Orange counties to address this incredibly important need. Opening in May 2019, the DCFP has grown rapidly, distributing over 1.25 million pounds of food per year.

Thank you to all our parishioners who came out to support this vital Durham County ministry. We continue to collect food each week for this ministry. God is so good!



Our Justice Garden team has been hard at work transforming the beds in the Desales Center atrium into year-round gardening beds! We are so excited to see this new addition to their ministry.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Next weekend is the collection for World Mission Sunday. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all!

The collection today supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

RESPECT LIFE NOVENA

Parishioners are invited to participate in the Respect Life Novena from **October 13-21** to pray for the protection of human life from conception to natural death. Each day of the novena features a different pro-life intention, accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. You can sign up at www.respectlife.org.



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



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GOD'S HOUSE, GOD'S RULES

One of those stories shared over and over at family gatherings was how many times my aunt came back to live with my grandparents after college... I believe there were five official moves back in, the last several with her beloved, but very large and hairy sheepdog. I can only imagine, on one hand, the comfort of having a stable and safe home, but on the other, after living independently, the annoyance of, each time, hearing my grandfather say, "under my roof you live by my rules."

Whereas with our human parents we eventually become independent and create our own home with our own rules, when it comes to being part of God's family, our only choice is to "live in the house of the Lord" as we sing in Psalm 23, or not have a home at all, in the darkness, outside.

The good news is we're all invited, and, in God's mercy, the invitation is always extended. My aunt knew, though she would have to abide by my grandparents' rules and lose some amount of independence, no matter what, she could always come home.

The question becomes if we're prepared to accept God's invitation, that preparedness represented by the wedding garment (or lack thereof) in the Gospel today. Living in God's house requires loving God and loving others, putting their best interest before our own. These are both simple but challenging "rules". The Christian life is spent practicing this type of love, so that when our time comes to an end in this realm, we're ready to live in God's house seated at the banquet table with our brothers and sisters for eternity.



REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 25:6-10a We rejoice in the salvation of the Lord who saved us.

Psalms 23 "I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 In whatever circumstances we find ourselves, our needs will be met in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 22:1-14 or 22:1-10 The invitation is issued; everything is prepared, come to the feast!

Both Isaiah and Jesus describe a feast in the readings we hear today, a feast given by God, a feast to which all are invited. Isaiah describes a banquet on a holy mountain, full of food, joy, and life. Jesus' story is of a wedding banquet, given by a king. Between these two readings, we hear Paul encourage the Philippians to have faith that God will always provide.

May God's word help us realize that the feast we celebrate together here is a sign of God's bounty and generosity. How can God's generosity give me peace of mind through difficult times?



SING IT AGAIN, SAM

This weekend we sang "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" arranged by Sarah Hart and Sarah Kroger. Use the QR code below to listen and sing it again.

Next weekend we celebrate the Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time when we learn how we are called to honor God, as God alone, in large and small ways.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

THE ECTASY OF WORK AND LIFE

Back when I was in college, our campus chaplain, Fr. Jim MacNew, OSFS, introduced to us students how to pray before art. He also taught us how to learn how to spot the symbols hidden within each piece. One night, he introduced us to the artwork by Bro. Mickey McGrath, OSFS. I loved the rich colors and hidden symbols that Mickey placed in his work. Yet, one of his pieces really stuck out to me. (See the image on the right.)

The simplicity of the brown, black, and white pigments contrasted the previous images I had seen of his work, but what really stuck out to me was the ordinary moment portrayed in the artwork: a nun standing at the kitchen sink with her back towards us, holding up a clean plate with steam billowing around her from the hot water. It was so simple, but I couldn't take my eyes off it. For even amidst the brown hues, the image portrayed a sense of vibrancy and joy.

As my fellow undergrads and I continued to examine this painting on the projector screen, Fr. Mac explained to us how this portrayed St. Thérèse of Lisieux doing the dishes. He cited to us that she desired to be a priest and offer up the Eucharist at Mass. Yet, knowing she could not do so, she went on to live her life by offering up every ordinary task as if she was offering up the Eucharist... even if she was only cleaning the dishes.



Ever since I locked eyes on this painting, St. Thérèse has always been an important heavenly friend of mine. I like to claim St. Thérèse to be "Secretly Salesian." Although she was a Carmelite nun, her rich emphasis on gentleness, humility, patience, and making the ordinary aspects and duties of life extraordinary seems to hit right at home in our Salesian tradition. For her, everything was sacred. Everything was grace. Everything could be blessed, sacrificed, and given up in thanksgiving to God.

Recently for my course on the Eucharist in my Master's program, I was reading how St. Augustine defined true sacrifice. For him, true sacrifice is "every work done with the purpose of joining ourselves to God in holy communion" (St. Augustine, City of God). The sacrifice of the altar commemorates Jesus offering His life to the Father for us. Jesus offers His life. When we receive that offering, it does unite our souls with His life, but it teaches us to "live Jesus" and offer our lives back up to God throughout the moments of our day too. That is how, like St. Thérèse in Bro. Mickey's painting, the sink becomes our altar, the dirty dishes become our presentation of the gifts, and the cleaning, scrubbing, and rinsing become our offering of prayer and sacrifice of thanksgiving given up to God for our sake and for all of those partook in that meal beforehand.

St. Thérèse said that "everything is grace." Everything. Can you imagine that? Every moment, every person, every email, every chore, every phone call, every task, and, yes, even every dirty dish has the potential to remind us to live eucharistically, or, as we often say, to live Jesus.

As St. Francis de Sales remarked, "There is nothing small in the service of God." If we can begin to see everything through the eyes of grace and begin to offer the little we can each day, we will become what we have already received. Like St. Thérèse, we will become an oblation, an offering, by giving God our lives in the little ways... even if that starts with simply doing the dishes.

-Mr. Jonathan Dick, OSFS
Professed Scholastic