



HOLY INFANT
Catholic Church **LIVE + JESUS**

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 29TH, 2023

LOVE WITH ALL YOUR HEART

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

PARISH CENTER OFFICE

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OFFICE HOURS

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

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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

"We must never undervalue any person... Now God is present everywhere, and every person is His work." - 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 holysinphantchurch.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; Jeff Baker; Colette & Clayton Bean; Jerry DeBenedetto; Jennifer Bland; Margaret Burnett; Marcia Brown; Joanne Callahan; Maria Capone; Alice & Christos Chamis ; Albina & Chin Chua; Lillian Davids; Bea Davis; Jeff DeBenedetto; Rosemary Donohue; Eileen Dowling; Christine Drap; Irene Dunbar; Jason Ferrigan; Susan Fleming; Zosima Flores; Adela Florey; Dot & Jack Gregory; Marjorie Goode; Mary Jane Haga; Mary Jane Harvey; Jane Helmer; Denise Herron; Dave Jognia; Bernadette Kilroy; Aileen Koch; Bill & Donna LaMountain; Alice Lefebvre; Walter Lupa; Peggy McIntyre; Maria Mitch; Monique Mueller; Nelida Muniz; Kathleen O'Donnell; Chris Ogonowski; Johnathan Palermo; Louise Peloquin; Bill Perkins; Rosalind Riggio; Nancy Rizzo; Shelia Rogers; Julia Schmidt; Tom Shreve; Betty Short; Kathy 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 30th to November 5th

Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.

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| Monday, 9 am | <i>Ivens Lima</i> |
| Tuesday, 9 am | <i>Gjokay Family</i> |
| Wednesday, 9 am | <i>Dyalan Raman †</i> |
| Wednesday, 12 am | <i>Geraldine Rozniakowski †</i> |
| Wednesday, 7 pm | <i>Parishioners of Holy Infant</i> |
| Thursday, 9 am | <i>Souls of the Faithful Departed</i> |
| Thursday, 7 pm | <i>Souls of the Faithful Departed</i> |
| Friday, 9 am | <i>Selca Family</i> |
| Saturday, 9 am | <i>Peggy Buckley †</i> |
| *Saturday, 5:30 pm | <i>Anshenia "Trixie" Umali</i> |
| *Sunday, 8:30 am | <i>Albert Spung †</i> |
| Sunday, 11:30 am | <i>Laurel DeWolf (Birthday)</i> |
| <i>*in person only</i> | |

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rm 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 6-7, 20-21, Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rm 8:18-25; Ps 126:1-6; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; Mt 5:1-12
Thursday: Ws 3:1-9; Ps 27:1-4, 13-14; Jn 11:17-27
Friday: Rm 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15; 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rm 11:1-2, 25-29; Ps 94:12-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Mt 1:14-2:2, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

Parish Focus Shirts

Another order is being placed for parish focus tees at \$10 a piece.

You will be notified when t-shirts are ready for pickup. You can pay by cash, check, or credit card in the Parish Office.

Deadline to order is November 5th.



Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - September 30

| | Budgeted | Received | Difference |
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| 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) |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Oct 30 FYM Planning Team, 9:45 am
Oct 31 Centering Prayer, 8 am
Oct 31 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Nov 1 Refugee Resettlement Team Meeting, 6 pm
Nov 1 RCIA Inquiry Sessions, 7:30 pm
Nov 2 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am
Nov 2 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
Nov 2 Yarn Ministry, 7 pm
Nov 3 Wedding Rehearsal—Grayesi & Muir, 6 pm
Nov 3 FYM Cards & Games Nighth, 6:30 pm
Nov 4 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Nov 4 Couples for Christ, 10 am
Nov 4 Wedding—Grayesi & Muir, 2 pm
Nov 4 Rosary Making, 3:30 pm
Nov 4 Reconciliation, 4 pm
Nov 5 Baptism of Matthew James Buckley, 8:30 am
Nov 5 Family Formation 9:45 am
Nov 5 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:45 am
Nov 5 Catechumenate Session, 11:30 am
Nov 5 TYM Session, 6:30 pm

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

Spiritually Remember Your Loved Ones

Mass Intention

Altar Wine

Sanctuary Lamp

Altar Flowers

Spiritually remember the departed by dedicating items we use for worship during a specific week, or by a daily mass intention.



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UPCOMING PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join the Knights of Columbus on **November 12th** from 9 am-12:30 pm for a pancake breakfast!

\$10 per plate. The menu features plain, chocolate chip or blueberry pancakes, sausage links, fruit salad, grits, and eggs, as well as coffee, water, tea, and lemonade.



A PRAYER FOR TRICK OR TREAT

God bless all the people whom we will meet.
Let our visit with them be a pleasant treat.
Whatever the costumes we wear tonight,
may all your children be clothed with Christ.
Protect us from danger and evil ways,
that tomorrow with the saints we may give you praise.
Amen.



YARN MINISTRY LITTLE HOLIDAY SALE

November 11 and 12th after all Masses

Featuring: hundreds of handcrafted items for you and your home. Cold-weather gear for all ages, holiday décor, items for home.

Proceeds provide yarn and supplies towards the Yarn Ministry's handcrafted items for local, regional, and international charities.



WEEKLY PODCAST

Bundle up & get cozy! On this week's episode, Michalene chats with Fran Kissell and Carol Vogel, two members of Holy Infant's Yarn Ministry, about knitting, community, and keeping those in need warm & cozy!



PLATING GRACE

Join us in the DeSales Center on **December 10th** for this special holiday celebration of food, faith, and traditions at Holy Infant. Registration is 75% full already!

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 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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ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints' Day is a solemnity and holy day of obligation on which the church honors the martyrs, the saints, and the confessors, including known and unknown, all who have gained the reward of heaven. Masses will be held on **November 1st** at 8 am, noon, and 7 pm so that all parishioners have an opportunity to worship.

ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls' Day is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed. The parish is invited to a special mass on **November 2nd** at 7 pm to remember those who have passed away, especially within the last year.

IN THE BOOTS OF ST. NICK

Join the Forever Young Ministry on **November 17th** at 6:30 pm for In The Boots of St. Nick - a unique view of Christmas that will renew your belief in Christmas as a season full of love and wonder.

Not intended for children who still believe!

This is a Forever Young Ministry event, but open to all adults. Reserve your seat today! The performance is free, but please let us know you are coming.

SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS STARTS SOON

The Share Your Christmas Ministry will begin the 2023 holiday season in the next few weeks! You are invited to buy a present, a gift card, and/or a child's coat for members of the Durham County community. Gift tags may be selected online using SignUpGenius or requested by telephone (919-949-8340). The link to SignUpGenius will be sent in the Connector, and posted on the mass live stream page, and it will also be emailed. It will be available to use starting November 16th. Gifts will be returned to the church during the weekend liturgies on **December 2-3**. All gifts will be delivered to families by social workers from Durham Social Services.

We will also collect socks and underwear as part of the Yarn Ministry's holiday gift drive. These items will be sent to the homeless at Immaculate Conception Parish in Camden, NJ. If you would like to donate socks and underwear for the Yarn Ministry, please bring your unwrapped donations to the church on **December 2-3**.

ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

Parishioners are welcome to bring photos of deceased loved ones for the Altar of Remembrance in the Narthex. The Book of the Dead will also be located on the Altar to record loved ones who have passed away in the last year.



Last weekend we blessed our new prayer labyrinth. We are so grateful for this beautiful space to pray and reflect in peace.



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



Liturgy & Music

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HEIRARCHY OF LOVE

Pope Francis has spoken often about the concept of a “hierarchy of truths” first defined in a decree from the Second Vatican Council. In his recent exhortation on St Therese of Lisieux, who he deemed an authority on the hierarchy of truths, Pope Francis writes, “Not everything is equally central, because there is an order or hierarchy among the truths of the Church, and this holds true as much for the dogmas of faith as for the whole corpus of the Church’s teaching, including her moral teaching.”

There are foundational beliefs, core principles that must be accepted first, or else the rest is baseless, just an act. This is what our Gospel scene conveys this weekend. Jesus is clear. Before worrying about anything else, one must love God and love others. It comes down to our motive, our intention. The Pharisees’ intention was to trick Jesus, to expose him as a fraud, probably out of jealousy and fear. Jesus speaks of loving God with our hearts, souls, and minds, our very essence.

It’s so easy to go through life with our actions and words not matching what we profess to believe. And it can seem overwhelming to try to keep track of all the do’s and don’ts (just imagine trying to abide by the 613 Jewish laws!). So Jesus comes to our rescue... live our lives through the framework of loving God and loving others, and we will find our way.



REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE

Exodus 22:20–26 God hears the cry of the oppressed.

Psalms 18 “I love you, Lord, my strength.”

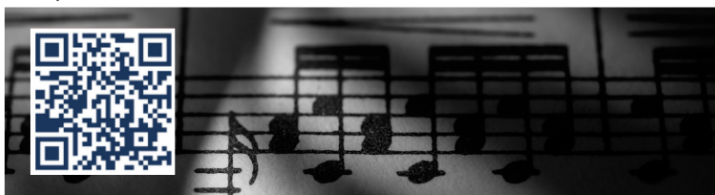
1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10 God’s people are renowned for their conversion and love of God.

Matthew 22:34–40 The greatest law is the law of love.

How does God want us to act toward others? That question is answered in today’s readings. In Exodus, God tells the Chosen People how to treat strangers, widows, orphans, and others in difficult circumstances, and explains why.

Writing to the Thessalonians, Paul says that by imitating the Lord they have become models for other believers. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches the Pharisees which commandment is the greatest.

Let us allow God’s word to penetrate our minds, our souls, and our hearts. What neighbor do I know who is in need? What can I do for them, even if it’s just something simple?



SING IT AGAIN, SAM

This weekend we sang “Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts”. Use the QR code below to listen and sing it again.

Next weekend we celebrate the Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time when we will hear about how having Christ as the center and master of our lives allows us great peace, love and care from the One who knows us well.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

BRICK BY BRICK

I love gardening and landscaping! Any day when I can spend time with my hands in the dirt is a good day. At the St. Francis Faculty House in Toledo, OH we have an Oblate courtyard in between our chapel, school, and house. I spend a substantial amount of time in this space. It brings me great joy!

Every year I undertake building a new area in the courtyard. One of the first things I decided to build was an 11 ft. x 24 ft. brick patio. To prepare for the construction, I watched a few YouTube videos and ordered the right amount of gravel, sand, and bricks. In reality, I had no idea what I was getting myself into. After excavating the area, I stood in the pit, 1.5 feet deep, and thought, "I cannot do this." At that moment, Fr. Ken McKenna, OSFS, came outside and I shared my worries and anxiety with him. He responded, "I don't think this is a good idea either." I thought, "Well, it's too late now!" After leveling out the base, I laid that patio brick by brick.

Is the patio done? Yes. Is it perfectly level? No. Does water drain off of it? Sometimes. Do I love it? Yes. Will I ever build another brick patio? Never!

Standing in that patio pit, I could not see much joy or comfort. I struggled to imagine what the finished brick would even look like. There are times in our prayer lives that feel like we are standing in that pit; these are periods of spiritual dryness. Spiritual dryness is so common that Francis de Sales dedicated a chapter to it in his Introduction to the Devout Life. I can report from my own experience that my prayer life is often full of periods of dryness. During these times, Francis encourages us to not be disturbed, even if we are experiencing a great amount of dryness. Instead, keep showing up before God. The Lord will see our patience, diligence, and perseverance. If we receive sweetness, wonderful. If dryness continues, we are to be content and continue showing up.

If you are reading this and experiencing a time of spiritual dryness I say, "Do not give up - keep showing up." You are not alone. Keep laying that patio brick by brick. Lord, You are near. Lord, You are here. May God be praised.

Fr. Joe Newman, OSFS
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