



HOLY INFANT
Catholic Church **LIVE † JESUS**

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 29TH, 2023

HUMBLE YOURSELF

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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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; Jerry 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**November 6th to November 12th***Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.*

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Monday, 9 am | <i>Rita & Joseph McBride †</i> |
| Tuesday, 9 am | <i>Fiona Fitzgerald (birthday)</i> |
| Wednesday, 9 am | <i>Teresa Nhan Le</i> |
| Thursday, 9 am | <i>Alberto Guzman †</i> |
| Friday, 9 am | <i>Ivens Lima †</i> |
| Saturday, 9 am | <i>Dyalan Raman †</i> |
| *Saturday, 5:30 pm | <i>Louise Prevost †</i> |
| *Sunday, 8:30 am | <i>Brice Menezes †</i> |
| Sunday, 11:30 am | <i>Jo Ann Smigla †</i> |
| <i>*in person only</i> | |

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ws 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 6:37-40
Tuesday: Rm 12:5-16; Ps 131:1-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rm 13:8-10; Ps 112:1-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Ez 47:8-12; Ps 46:2-9; 1 Cor 3:9-17;
 Jn 2:13-22
Friday: Rm 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rm 16:3-9, 22-27; Ps 145:2-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday: Ws 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-6; 1 Ths 4:13-18;
 Mt 25:1-13

**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) |

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Nov 6 Municipal Election Setup
Nov 7 Municipal Election
Nov 7 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am
Nov 7 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Nov 7 KoC Columbus Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
Nov 8 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:30 pm
Nov 8 JustFaith Hunger, 6:30 pm
Nov 8 Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm
Nov 9 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am
Nov 9 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
Nov 9 Stephen Minister Training, 6:30 pm
Nov 9 Catechism Chat, 7 pm
Nov 9 Refugee Resettlement Team Meeting, 7 pm
Nov 11 Yarn Ministry Little Holiday Sale
Nov 11 Baptism Preparation Workshop, 9 am
Nov 11 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Nov 11 Couples for Christ, 10 am
Nov 11 Daughters of St. Francis de Sales, 10 am
Nov 11 Church Tour for Baptism Prep Families, 10:30 am
Nov 11 Reconciliation, 4 pm
Nov 11 Catechumenate Session, 5:30 pm
Nov 12 Yarn Ministry Little Holiday Sale after all masses
Nov 12 KoC Pancake Breakfast, 9 am –12:30 pm
Nov 12 **NO FAITH DEVELOPMENT**

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

**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.



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A BUSY LITTLE LIBRARY

Holy Infant is proud to have our Little Free Library, which can be found next to the playground. Parishioners are welcome to leave and take books as they wish. Books of all genres and for all ages are welcome to be left. Please be thoughtful of the content of any books you share with the library and that they meet the values of our parish.

Little Free Library book-sharing boxes play an essential role by providing 24/7 access to books (and encouraging a love of reading!) in areas where books are scarce. Through Little Free Library book exchanges, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds.



Our Director of Operations and Finance, John, captured this sweet image of a father and daughter using our Little Library.

HOW DO YOU WANT TO HEAR FROM HOLY INFANT?

Young Adults and Families - what is your preferred form of communication? We'd like to reach you in the way *you* prefer. Please let us know how we can best communicate with you and as to which parish activities you are interested in.

THANK YOU!



WEEKLY PODCAST

This week we explore our Share Your Christmas program, how each of us can take part in making this Christmas a little more joyful for those in our community who are struggling to make ends meet.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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 OF THANKS

Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be
And bless these gifts Bestowed by Thee.
And bless our loved ones everywhere,
And keep them in Your loving care.
For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food, For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.

Ministries

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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.

ST MONICA MINISTRY FOR PRAYING PARENTS

Like St. Monica, we pray for our children to return to the practice of their Catholic faith and for our children to always stay close to their faith.

Join us in prayer on **November 12th** at 7 pm in the Chapel.



Risers are being installed and the pews reorganized to make way for our Music Ministry expansion! We love seeing the progress on this project!

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**.

YARN MINISTRY LITTLE HOLIDAY SALE

Happening **November 11th 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 for the Yarn Ministry's handcrafted items for local, regional, and international charities



✠ NEW ADORATION HOLY HOUR ✠

Starting on **November 15th**, Spend some time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel every third Wednesday of the month. The hour will include silent prayer time interspersed with praise and worship music, concluding with Benediction. During Wednesdays of Advent and Lent, we'll celebrate sung Evening Prayer (Vespers) during Exposition at 6:30. Contact Jeff in the parish office for more information.



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



Liturgy & Music

Director of Liturgy & Music
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LESS EXALTING, MORE LOVING

There's the old question about whether there is a sound if a tree falls but no one is around to hear it. The answer is no, sound is made by the airwaves hitting your eardrums, so, no ears, no sound. But, consider, if a tree falls down, but no one saw it happen, did it fall down?

In the Gospel, Jesus says of the scribes and Pharisees that, "All their works are performed to be seen." Yikes, doesn't that sound like most of the world these days? If we can't share our great moments on TikTok, Instagram, or Facebook, did they even happen? If no one sees us performing an act of charity or knows that we prayed for someone, do we feel that urge to share this information, to make sure others know how great we are and take our place of honor? We even have a term for it, "virtue signaling".

It goes back to last week, our motivation for doing the right thing, doing good. Are we performing an act of charity out of the true love of God or neighbor, or because it props up how we feel about ourselves? We shouldn't and don't need that propping up, God sees us and loves us no matter what. And the people who count in this life do too. We're even created in the image and likeness of God, and especially built to participate in his creative and saving work. We don't need to worry about exalting ourselves, let's spend more effort loving others!



REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8–10 Worship the one God who created us, and keep faith with one another.

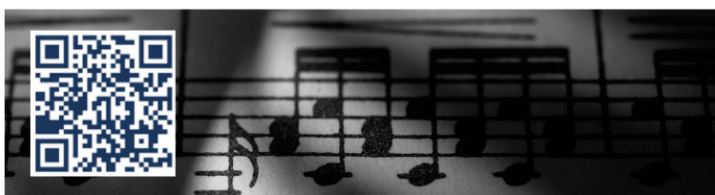
Psalms 131 "In you, Lord, I have found my peace."

1 Thessalonians 2:7b–9, 13 God is as a gentle mother caring for her children.

Matthew 23:1–12 Jesus teaches that we have only one master who is the Christ.

We are reminded today that we have all been called to a life of service before God. Malachi specifically addresses the priests, who of all people should not be setting a poor example. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that the apostles gave their very selves in their work and ministry. Finally, Jesus warns the crowds what will happen if one exalts oneself. With humble hearts, let us ponder God's word.

When do I fail to practice what I preach? What change must I make to do so as effectively as Paul and his fellow disciples?



SING IT AGAIN, SAM

This weekend we sang "In Every Age". Use the QR code below to listen and sing it again.

Next weekend we celebrate the Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time when we hear about wisdom's active role in our anticipation of the coming of Christ.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF FRANCIS, JANE, AND MARGARET MARY

About a year ago the Daughters of St. Francis de Sales, a lay organization for women to grow in their lives as Christians through the teachings of the Salesian tradition, contacted me about accompanying them as they walk in the footsteps of Saints Francis de Sales, Jane de Chantal, and Margaret Mary Alacoque. I, of course, enthusiastically said yes, as I had never been to France and was excited at the prospect of visiting the many sites associated with our Salesian Family heritage. And so, the last week of September and the first week of October, I embarked on the incredible and beauty-filled journey to our spiritual family's homeland.

As we drove through the mountains of eastern France, I reflected on Francis de Sales riding through there on horseback, visiting his diocese's parishes, or going to Paris on a diplomatic mission. As we visited the very first Visitation Monastery, and I said Mass at the Basilica of the Visitation, where Jane and Francis are buried, I thought about those earliest days when the Visitation was just a dream and a hope. As I walked the narrow and winding streets of many medieval cities, the very ones where Jane and Francis likely walked, I was filled with awe at the amazing things that came from the smallest and humblest of beginnings.

And now, as I sit in my rectory pondering all this, I can't help but be struck by that phrase "walk in their footsteps." So often we get caught up in the big and grand story of history and all that we know of these saints and what their words and lives mean to millions today. But, as I walked along the streets and prayed in the churches where they did, it reminded me that they were real people. These aren't mere stories that we tell. It isn't some stagnant history to just be read from books. The conversations that happened while riding and walking these streets, the letters sent by messengers along these routes, the homilies and confessions heard in these chapels and churches... these were the humble beginnings that brought about the great heritage that we know today.

So, the question arises: what sorts of things are happening all around us right now that are the beginnings of incredible and world-changing spiritual endeavors? Will one of the students in our schools be inspired by the Salesian tradition to start something that changes the face of the Church and the world as we know it? Will the streets and churches of our towns and cities be ones that pilgrims someday walk along and think "Wow... It all started here, with conversations and text messages and homilies as people went about their daily lives?"

Let us live our lives in such a way that, in living the little moments well, we inspire new generations of Christians to continue expanding our Salesian family and allow people to see and know Jesus Christ walking the earth again.

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