

THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

"Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. Have patience with all things, But, first of all with yourself." - St. 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; 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; Fran Hamacher; Mary Jane Haga; Mary Jane Harvey; Jane Helmer; Denise Herron; Ruth & Kenneth Jones; 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 December 25th to December 31st

Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.

Giac "Jack Tran & Quet Monday, 10 am

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*Saturday, 5:30 pm Susan Murray *Sunday, 8:30 am Gafoor Family

(thanksgiving)

Sunday, 11:30 am Alfredo Manalac, Sr. †

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Dec 25 Christmas Day Mass, 10 am

Dec 26 Centering Prayer, 8 am

Dec 26 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

Dec 28 Knights of Columbus Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm

Dec 30 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

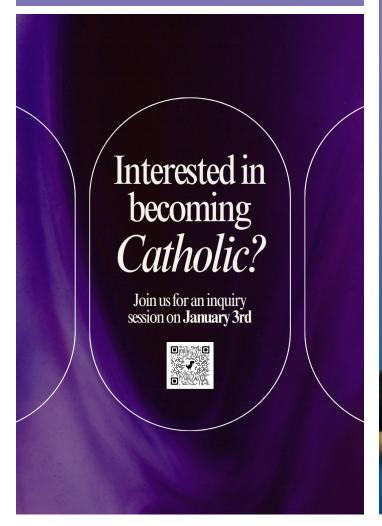
Dec 30 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm

Dec 30 Reconciliation, 4 pm

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

No 9am Mass December 26th through December 30th

The Parish office will be closed until January 2nd for the holidays.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH.

We are glad you are here - parishioners and visitors alike.

The first chapter of St. John's gospel reports an encounter between Jesus and two passersby. To their inquiry, Jesus responds, "Come, and you will see," (v. 39) and they spent the afternoon with the Lord.

We hope that the time you spend here, even if you are just passing by, will assist you in coming to know the Lord and bring





Over the past year Holy Infant has seen numerous changes to our outdoor spaces. From the beginning, the church has been committed to prioritizing our local wildlife and pollinators. We believe God tasked us to be stewards of his creation and this is a small way to show our gratitude.

Along with the projects listed, Holy Infant is also thrilled to begin installing a solar system to the church. The system will power all the needs of the church, chapel and other facilities within the main building.

"And God blessed them.
And God said to them,
"Be fruitful and multiply
and fill the earth and subdue
it, and have dominion over
the fish of the sea and over
the birds of the heavens and
over every living thing that
moves on the earth."
-Genesis 1:28

Marian Grotto

The Knights of Columbus worked to install our newest area of prayer and reflection. The Marian Grotto was blessed on December 8th and is a beautiful addition to our parish campus.

Justice Garden

The Justice Garden Ministry expanded their work into the Desales Center this year by creating an indoor garden in the atrium space. The new garden will allow them to grow crops throughout the winter season that will be shared with food ministries in the Durham community.

Little Library

The library was installed outside our playground this Fall and is a fun addition to our campus and used regularly by the local neighborhood.

Prayer Labyrinth

A project spearheaded by a high school parishioner, the Prayer Labyrinth was a team effort by many to become reality over the past Summer. The labyrinth project continues with the addition of trees and native plants to add additional privacy and serenity to this prayer space.





Parish Focus

Nourishing Our Bodies, Souls, and Communities is the focus for Holy Infant throughout 2023 into 2024. This is in response to Pope Francis's apostolic exhortation The Joy of the Gospel. As Pope Francis calls us to this missionary creativity, our response is to focus our efforts as a parish on meeting the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of our parishioners and the greater Durham community.

Get Marie Involved



From the very beginning of our Church, the heart of discipleship has been a twofold dedication to prayer and service, which mirrors Jesus' dual commandment to love God and neighbor (see Mark 12:30-31). Discipleship is the mission of our Parish, and stewardship flows from discipleship. Stewardship is the deliberate manner in which we shape ourselves to live lives of service and prayer in imitation of Jesus Christ. Through stewardship, we decide the best way to offer the gifts that we have received for the welfare and sanctification of others. As a community, our gifts are diverse and this gives us multiple ways to reach out to the world within and beyond our parish. *-Father Robert*

Ministry for all ages & abilities

Holy Infant offers parishioners ample opportunities to answer that call through outreach to our community. The Peace, Justice and Human Concerns Commission promotes awareness within the parish of social justice issues ranging from hunger and homelessness to the sanctity and dignity of all lives. Parishioners connect with and assist various organizations and partner with local groups engaged in social justice initiatives.



For more information on ministries at Holy Infant, reach out to Lynn Sale at the email listed below or use the QR code to the right to visit our website.





We are committed to whole community catechesis and faith formation that brings people of all ages together to explore some aspect of our Catholic faith through prayer, service activities, learning sessions, and community building.

From Birth to Adulthood

Our lifelong faith formation process aims to foster in our minds and hearts the experience of God's reign in our midst as we form communities of faith, proclaim God's Word, celebrate the Sacraments, and build a just and compassionate society, in which all people share God's gifts.

We invite you to get involved in one of the many opportunities available to grow in your Catholic faith. Whether you are new to the Church or have been Catholic your entire life - there is a space for you at Holy Infant. God calls us all to grow together in faith.

Where To Start

Below you'll find a short list of the ways you can begin to explore and expand your Catholic faith. For more information, we invite you to reach out to Michalene or Amber using the emails listed above & below or to explore our website using the QR code at the bottom left corner of this page.

Children & Youth

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- · Family Formation
- Junior Youth Ministry
- Total Youth Ministry
- Vacation Bible Camp
- Catholic School Enrollment

Adults

- Adult Faith Formation
- · Becoming Catholic
- · Bible Studies

Sacrament Preparation

- Baptism
- First Reconciliation
- First Eucharist
- Confirmation





WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO

Santo Niño with Bishop Zarama



Join us **January 14th** from 11:30 pm for a special mass celebrating Santo Niño. This year we are excited to welcome

Bishop Luis Zarama to our celebration.

Don't know the story of Santo Niño? Use the QR code to listen to our parish podcast episode to learn more!



Sarah Hart



We are thrilled to welcome this Catholic Musician, Writer & Speaker to Holy Infant as part of our Lenten focus for 2024.

Sarah Hart will join our parish on March 9th & 10th for two events: an evening women's retreat & "A Feast Meant for Everyone" presentation the following evening.

New Years Resolution



Perhaps the best kept secret of the Catholic Church - the seven principles of Catholic Social Teaching. Join us once a month

beginning **January 7th** at 9:45 am for this special study. For more information contact Julio Revueltas (Jrevueltas@hotmail.com).



WHAT'S COMING IN 2024

When choosing the theme of nourishing of our bodies, souls, and communities, our efforts were guided by 3 John 1:2, calling us to be "as healthy in body as you are strong in spirit." At Holy Infant, we nourish our bodies through our signature hospitality and many fellowship events throughout the year such as our Pancake Breakfasts & Fish Fries hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

As Catholics, we know that our souls are nourished by receiving the Eucharist, the true body & true blood of Jesus Christ, at the Mass. The greater Durham Community is also impacted by the good work of our 5 hunger-focused service ministries, who work to meet the needs of our neighbors in need.

We are committed to continuing this work through 2024 and have focused our efforts & ministries to align with the parish focus of **Nourishing our Bodies, Souls & Communities**. Prayerfully consider where you currently are in your life. Are you in a space where you can help provide nourishment to others? Are you in need of nourishment?

If you are in need of nourishment, we are here to help! Please contact our parish office so we can connect you with the best person or ministry to assist you.

Holy Infant Parish Office

Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Friday Office: 919-544-7135 info@holyinfantchurch.org

Christmas Flowers & Decorations

Thank you to the following individuals whose donations cover our Christmas flowers & decorations. We remember their loved ones at our Masses throughout the Christmas season.

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Mrs. Peg Albano-Wagner Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Alcancia	Joe Wagner Emmanuel & Genovena Sysgo, Dangio & Albina Alcancia,	Ms. Gorgonia Dacuycuy	Juan Dacuycuy Jr., Eulogia Dacuycuy, Mario Solitario, Deceased Loved Ones
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	Deceased Members of the Paczesky & Butters Families	Ms. Salvacion Gannaban	Eugenio Gannaban, Amando Narag Sr., Juana Narag, Amando Narag
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