

SEEKING THE KING

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., Chapel
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.;
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

"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 **primary** source for the most complete and up-to-date information about the parish. Visit holysinanthurch.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; 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; Helen Pischak; Rosalind Riggio; Nancy Rizzo; Shelia Rogers; Julia Schmidt; Tom Shreve; Betty Short; Kathy Smith; Bob Smith; Hugo Sotolongo; Corrine Stavely; Katherine Strubing; Marisa Suarez; Maria Tadipa

If you or a loved one are hospitalized or homebound, contact the Parish Center.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

January 8th to January 14th

Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.

Monday, 9:00 am	<i>Parishioners of Holy Infant</i>
Tuesday, 9:00 am	<i>Ciccarelli Family (honor)</i>
Wednesday, 9:00 am	<i>Vocations</i>
Thursday, 9:00 am	<i>Peace in the Middle East</i>
Friday, 9:00 am	<i>Julita David Novio †</i>
Saturday, 9:00 am	<i>Marc Gafoor (birthday)</i>
*Saturday, 5:30 pm	<i>Peace in Ukraine</i>
*Sunday, 8:30 am	<i>Lynn Ray (healing)</i>
Sunday, 11:30 am	<i>Thanksgiving for the Filipino members of our parish</i>

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.

2024 Mass Intentions are still available!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday, 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd
 Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday, 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,
 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39
Thursday, 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25
 Mk 1:40-45
Friday, 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12
Saturday, 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
 Mk 2:13-17
Sunday, 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10
 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - November 30

	Budgeted	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$427,930	\$390,372	(\$37,558)
Christmas Offertory		\$150	\$150
Easter Offertory		\$323	\$323
Holy Day Collections	\$3,000	\$4,461	\$1,461
Maintenance Offertory	\$17,900	\$15,882	(\$2,018)
	\$448,830	\$411,188	(\$37,642)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 9 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am
Jan 9 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Jan 9 FYM Tech Tutorial, 2 pm
Jan 9 The Catholic Table Study Group, 6 pm
Jan 9 KoC Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
Jan 9 Stephen Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm
Jan 10 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:30 pm
Jan 10 Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm
Jan 11 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am
Jan 11 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
Jan 11 Stephen Minister Training, 6:30 pm
Jan 12 Santo Niño Rehearsal, 6 pm
Jan 13 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Jan 13 Daughters of St. Francis de Sales, 10 am
Jan 13 Church Tour for Baptism Preparation, 10:30 am
Jan 13 Santo Niño Set-up, 1 pm
Jan 13 Santo Niño Rehearsal, 1 pm
Jan 13 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm
Jan 13 Reconciliation, 4 pm
Jan 13 Baptism of Miliyana Catalina Ma Meerdink, 5:30 pm
Jan 14 Santo Niño Chaplet & Procession, 10:15 am
Jan 14 Santo Niño Mass, 11:30 am
Jan 14 Santo Niño Celebration Reception, 12:30 pm
Jan 14 St. Monica Ministry for Praying Parents, 7 pm

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

WE'RE CREATING A Parish Directory

REGISTER TODAY



Photography Dates set for
February 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd & 24th

*All participating families receive
a free 8x10 photo and directory!*

Re:MEMBER Church Directories

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NATIVITY SCENE 800

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the first “live” Nativity. On Christmas Eve in 1223, Francis of Assisi set up a replica of the original manger scene in the town of Greccio, Italy. Some historians believe that it was his visit to the Holy Land that inspired Francis to set up his own version of the little town of Bethlehem. Others speculate that the deep spirituality of the “poor little man (Poverello)” from central Italy led him to share the poverty, humility, and humanity of the Word made Flesh with the people of his time. As Francis strived to imitate the poor, chaste, and obedient Jesus, he used many symbols and actions to promote his spirituality. An ordained deacon and a passionate preacher, Francis reminded his religious brothers that they should preach with their words and deeds.

Christians continue this tradition down to our own day. Grade school pageants, high school concerts, seasonal TV specials, and holiday movies all help us to experience, in some way, the wonder of that silent night. However, it is the manger scenes set up in our churches, homes, and on our front lawns that really connect us to the mystery of Christmas.

When we look at the many Nativity displays that surround us this Christmas, we take note of the variety of styles and the uniqueness of each scene. Whether set up in a grand cathedral, a parish church, a town square, or below the tree in a small living room, we recognize that the story continues.

Francis de Sales followed the example of his patron saint and encouraged devotion to displaying images of the birth of Christ. He called Christians to “come close to the crib. Be rich in love for this adorable Savior, respectful in the familiarity with which you relate to Him, and delight in the joy of experiencing in your soul so many inspirations and affections because you belong to Him.” De Sales taught that holiness is possible in every walk of life and in every area of daily life. The manger scene is a reminder of the sacredness of the simple and the miracles found in the present moment.

-Fr. Jack Kolodziej, OSFS
*Provincial
Wilmington-Philadelphia Province*



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BECOME A CATECHIST

As you reflect on 2023, please consider if you have the desire to share God's love with our high school-aged teens in 2024.

Please contact **Amber** at the email address above for more information about TYM and joining our team of catechists.

Ministries

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SANTO NIÑO MASS

Join us next Sunday, **January 14th**, at Holy Infant for the 26th annual Santo Niño celebration and Mass within the Raleigh Diocese.

The Santo Niño celebration begins with a prayer chaplet led by children at 10:15 am, then continues with the Sinulog procession with dancers and music.

Mass begins at 11:30 am with Bishop Luis Zarama presiding. All are invited to continue the celebration at the reception with great food and music, hosted by our Filipino community in the parish center after Mass.

HOST A FIRESIDE CHAT

One of the hallmarks of Holy Infant is the closeness of our community. Holy Infant is resuming Fireside Chats in which Father Robert visits with as many parishioners as possible in their neighborhoods and homes through informal "fireside chats".

If you would be willing to open your home to about 30 people and host a fireside chat in your neighborhood, please get in touch with Stacy at StacyP@holysininfantchurch.org for more information and to select an available date.

An invitation will be sent to parishioners as the Fireside Chats come to your neighborhood during the coming year.

NOVENA FOR LIFE

9 Days for Life is an annual novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. This year's novena will run from **January 16th to the 24th**.

Human life is sacred at every moment and in every circumstance. The vulnerability of new life, the frailties of old age, and the challenges we face in between never diminish our God-given dignity. The life each of us has been given is always worth living. It is a gift that we are called to cherish and protect because God has willed us to exist through His love. And the same is true for the lives of others.

Understanding our own goodness and dignity helps us see the sacredness of every human person. In response, we are called to treat each person accordingly—to welcome, care for, protect, and defend the gift of every person's life from its very beginning to its natural end.

LEARN MORE



UMD RETURNS JANUARY 21ST

Our team at Holy Infant is excited to begin serving dinners for Urban Ministries in 2024. Our first UMD shelter dinner will be on **January 21st**. Please use the QR to visit our website's UMD shelter dinner page for more information and to sign up to donate food or to serve at the dinner.



URBAN MINISTRIES
OF DURHAM



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



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LOOK FOR THE STAR

“Epiphany” means manifestation. And the “Epiphany of the Lord” is Jesus’ manifestation not only to these three Magi from the East, but it’s also a symbolic but real manifestation of the Christ to the whole world. These Magi, traveling from a foreign and non-Jewish nation, reveal that Jesus came for all people and all are called to adore Him.

These Magi were “wise men” who studied the stars and were aware of the Jewish belief that a Messiah was coming. They would have been versed in much of the wisdom of the day and would have been intrigued by the Jewish belief in the Messiah.

God used what they were familiar with to call them to adore the Christ. He used a star. They understood the stars and when they saw this new and unique star over Bethlehem they realized that something special was happening. So the first lesson we take from this for our own lives is that God will use what is familiar to us to call us to Himself. Look for the “star” that God is using to call you. It’s closer than you may think.

Reflect, today, upon these Magi and see them as a symbol of what you are called to do. You are called from the foreign place of this world to seek out the Messiah. What is God using to call you to Himself? When you discover Him, do not hesitate to acknowledge the full truth of who He is, lying prostrate before Him in complete and humble submission.

Lord, I love You and adore You. I lay my life before You and surrender all. You are my Divine King and Savior. My life is Yours. (Pray three times and then prostrate yourself before the Lord) Jesus, I trust in You.

Originally posted by Catholic Daily Reflections.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK’S SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 60:1–6 The glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Psalms 72 “Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.”

Ephesians 3:2–3a, 5–6 The Gentiles are coheirs of the promise.

Matthew 2:1–12 We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

When Isaiah wrote the poem that we hear today, the Israelites had just returned from decades of exile in Babylon. Judah was devastated and left desolate, but Isaiah saw it through eyes of faith. The magi must have seen with eyes of faith as well in order to present a newborn in a feeding trough with expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

As members of the one body of Christ, let us listen to God’s word with ears of faith, recognizing ourselves in those who come to praise and worship the Lord. Have I had an epiphany, a sudden insight, after an experience where I’ve recognized an encounter with Christ? If I cannot recall one, can I imagine how it could happen?



Next weekend we celebrate the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time when we're encouraged to keep our eyes on Christ and return to him in repentance.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

THE INCARNATION IS THE MIRACLE OF MIRACLES

On a Christmas Eve, St. Francis de Sales shared this keen insight about the Incarnation: "God has made us see that which otherwise the human mind could hardly have imagined or understood, that is, that God was man and man God: the immortal, mortal, the one incapable of suffering, suffering."

Francis de Sales later added this forecast: "Patriarchs and Prophets longed ardently for Him and by this longing raised to heaven their petition for the Incarnation of the Son of God."

However, only when God was ready and had properly prepared His creation, did God decide through His divine wisdom to enter human history. Providing his people with manna, in the desert, pre-figures the Incarnation of the Word, i.e., God prefigured the Eucharist. In the Incarnation we see the embodied God in His own Person, and in the Eucharist, we see Him again, in a different manifestation.



God decided that He would send his Son, born of a woman and under the law to rescue those others born under the law, so that they may receive adoption. A day Yahweh long cherished in His heart. Thomas Merton defines this day in these words: "In emptying Himself to come into the world, God has not simply kept in reserve, in a safe place, His reality and manifested a kind of shadow or symbol of Himself. Instead, God emptied Himself and is all in Christ."

And Jesus is born from the flesh of Mary, His mother, God's incarnate son. It is this Jesus, the one who raised from the dead all past, and future brothers and sisters of the same flesh. Jesus is Mary's son too, chosen to fulfill this dream that these adopted children might enjoy new life in heaven. With her "Yes," Mary brought God into time. As one author wrote: "She brought the word into the bright light of day."

With the birth of her son, God no longer concealed his face from His chosen people. Rather, when people saw Mary's son Jesus, they saw their God directly, the world's creator walking along their footpaths and pathways. Jesus Christ, Mary's son, now becomes the way, the truth, and the life leading his followers in their daily lives to the Father. With her positive response, Mary gave an unconditional informed consent in full: "Behold I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." Mary trusts God entirely and without consideration of how her situation with Joseph might be fixed. God spoke through his angel messenger. That was enough for Mary. If God stands behind this request, then God is also behind the response. Mary knew that Joseph and her family too will be behind her decision and respond with their "yes."

The mystery of the incarnation rests on the firm foundation of obedience, the Son of God receiving His body from Mary to fulfill His Father's will. As such, the human manifestation includes Mary and the betrothed Joseph whom she loves. These two holy people who hear the will of God, transmitted by the angel's ministry, comply because they trust in God's promises.

As we can see, when God asks any of His creation to do a task, the path to fulfillment is not always clear, or easy. This is because God waits, to hear our trust in His committed love for his creation. With Mary's "Yes" guaranteed, she will be the mother of the Savior, and thereby Jesus and the trinity are celebrating the first day of the new era of creation.

-Fr. Richard DeLillio, OSFS