

THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

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"Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset. What is anything in life compared to peace of soul?" - 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; 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 22nd to January 28th

Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.

Monday, 9:00 am Parishioners of Holy Infant Tuesday, 9:00 am **Vocations** Wednesday, 9:00 am Peace in the Middle East Thursday, 9:00 am Peace in the Ukraine Friday, 9:00 am Sean Fitzgerald (birthday) Saturday, 9:00 am Lorraine Battis (birthday) *Saturday, 5:30 pm Dr. Phuong Doan † Will Sargent † ***Sunday, 8:30 am** Sunday, 11:30 am Parishioners of Holy Infant

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc,

2 Mk 16:15-18 **Friday**, 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

Mass Intention Dates for 2024 are still available!

Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - December 31

	Budgeted	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$510,822	\$507,110	(\$3,712)
Christmas Offertory	\$23,000	\$25,712	\$2,712
Easter Offertory		\$417	\$417
Holy Day Collections	\$4,500	\$6,987	\$2,487
Maintenance Offertory	\$21,200	\$19,228	(\$1,972)
	\$559,522	\$559,454	(\$68)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 22 FYM Core Team Meeting, 12 pm Jan 22 KoC Information Night, 6:30 pm Jan 23 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am Jan 23 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am Jan 23 Catholic Table Study Group, 6 pm Jan 23 Stephen Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm

Jan 24 Parish Office Closed—Staff Offsite Jan 24 Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm Jan 25 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am Jan 25 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm

Jan 25 KoC Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm

Jan 25 Stephen Minister Training, 6:30 pm

Jan 27 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am Jan 27 Wedding Hosts Meeting, 10 am

Jan 27 CPR Training with Duke EMS, 10:30 am

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Jan 27 Reconciliation, 4 pm

Jan 28 Catechumenate Session, 8:30 am

Jan 28 Girl Scout Cookie Sale, 9:30 am

Jan 28 KoC Pancake Breakfast, 9 am

Jan 28 Sacrament Preparation Workshop, 9:45 am

Jan 28 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:45 am

Jan 28 Rite of Enrollment, 11:30 am

Jan 28 Confirmation 2 Session, 12:30 pm

Jan 28 TYM Session, 6:30 pm

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







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

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

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WELCOMING SARAH HART

Sarah Hart is one of the leading figures in contemporary Catholic music today. Her songs of faith, spirit of joy, and love for teaching and leading prayer have touched the lives of thousands. We sing several of Sarah's songs regularly at Holy Infant including "You Alone", "Blessed Are You", "Hallelujah is Our Song", and "The Feast Meant for Everyone".

Sarah will be with us the weekend of March 9th and 10th:

- Sarah will be at all the Masses helping out with music that weekend, and be available after Masses in the Narthex to greet everyone.
- On Saturday, March 9th, she'll lead a retreat for women, "Daughters of God", an in-depth look at 8 women from scripture. The retreat begins at 1 pm and will include lunch. There is a \$10 fee, registration is required using the form on the webpage, and space is limited! Use the QR code to access the webpage.
- She'll conclude her time with a Lent mission and concert on Sunday, March 10th at 6 pm in the Church, based on our parish theme of nourishment and "The Feast Meant for Everyone" This is a free event open to everyone, please invite anyone who might enjoy an evening of uplifting prayer and music this Lent.



GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE

Girl Scout cookies will be available for purchase between masses on January 28th. Cookies can be purchased in person with a credit card, Venmo, check or cash. All cookies are \$5 per box.





WEEKLY PODCAST

This week we share part one of our parish oral history project! Next week Michalene helps us get to know St Francis de Sales a little better as we prepare to celebrate his feast day.

OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

New for 2024, all families are now eligible to apply for the North Carolina Opportunity Scholarship to be used in the 24/25 year.

- No income pay cap; all students K-12 will be eligible to apply
- · Scholarship amount will be based on household income
- Prior public-school enrollment is no longer a requirement for eligibility

SANTO NINO CELEBRATION

Last Sunday's celebration was beautiful! Thank you to everyone who helped make the special mass a success.







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PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join the Knights of Columbus for a pancake breakfast on January 28th from 9 am to 12:30 pm in the Desales Center.

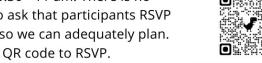
\$10 per plate. Choose from plain, chocolate chip, or blueberry pancakes, sausage links, fruit salad, grits, and eggs.

CPR TRAINING COMING SOON

Hands-only CPR covers the two essential components of CPR: chest compressions and automatic defibrillator usage. Participants enjoy the excitement of learning a new, teambased, hands-on skill that is designed to save lives.

Join Holy Infant's Health Ministry on January 27th for Hands-Only CPR Training. The training will be in the Desales Center from 10:30 - 11 am. There is no

cost, but we do ask that participants RSVP ahead of time so we can adequately plan. Please use the QR code to RSVP.





KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS **INFORMATION NIGHT**

Curious about joining the Knights of Columbus? Join us for an informational meeting on January 22nd at 6:30 pm in the Desales Center Hospitality Room.

Membership is open to all Catholic men aged 18 years and older committed to making their community better while supporting the Church.



FEBRUARY BLOOD DRIVE

Blood is the most precious gift that anyone can give to another person - the gift of life. A decision to donate your blood can save a life, or even several if your blood is separated into its components - red cells, platelets and plasma - which can be used individually for patients with specific conditions.

Register for Holy Infant's Red Cross Blood Drive on **February 10th** using the QR code.

FOREVER YOUNG MINISTRY CARDS & GAMES

Join FYM on Wednesday, February 7, from 2-4 pm in the Desales Center Hospitality room for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Bring a beverage and snack to share!





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



Liturgy & Music

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SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

On September 30, 2019, on the liturgical memorial of St. Jerome, in his Apostolic Letter "Aperuit illis" Pope Francis announced every Third Sunday in Ordinary Time would now be celebrated as the Sunday of the Word of God. In the Introduction to the Lectionary for Mass, we are reminded of the role of the Word of God in the life of the Church:

"In the hearing of God's word the Church is built up and grows, and in the signs of the liturgical celebration God's wonderful, past works in the history of salvation are presented anew as mysterious realities. God in turn makes use of the congregation of the faithful that celebrates the Liturgy in order that his word may speed on and be glorified and that his name be exalted among the nations.

Whenever, therefore, the Church, gathered by the Holy Spirit for liturgical celebration, announces and proclaims the word of God, she is aware of being a new people in whom the covenant made in the past is perfected and fulfilled. Baptism and confirmation in the Spirit have made all Christ's faithful into messengers of God's word because of the grace of hearing they have received. They must therefore be the bearers of the same word in the Church and in the world, at least by the witness of their lives.

The word of God proclaimed in the celebration of God's mysteries does not only address present conditions but looks back to past events and forward to what is yet to come. Thus God's word shows us what we should hope for with such a longing that in this changing world our hearts will be set on the place where our true joys lie."

As we are still in the beginning weeks of the new year, let us each reflect on how we hear God's voice calling through the sacred scriptures both in our personal prayer and in the proclamation of the Word of God when we celebrate the liturgy together.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:1–5, 10 The Ninevites turned from their evil way. Psalm 25 "Teach me your ways, O Lord."

1 Corinthians 7:29–31 The world in its present form is passing away.

Mark 1:14–20 Repent and believe in the Gospel.

In the first reading we hear today, God sends Jonah to the huge city of Nineveh, where he warns of God's wrath and calls for repentance. In the Gospel, Jesus comes to Galilee calling for repentance as well. He proceeds to call his first disciples, promising that he would change their lives. They follow immediately, much as the residents of Nineveh turned toward the LORD immediately. As Paul reminds the Corinthians, "time is running out."

Let us realize the urgency with which we're called to repent and follow the Lord. How do I go about inviting others to journey to the kingdom with me?



SING IT AGAIN, SAM

This weekend we sang "Christ, Be Our Light". Use the QR code above to listen and sing it again.

Next weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time when we hear of repentance through the ages and we're encouraged to turn back to God with all our hearts.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

DEVOTION

St. Francis de Sales' most famous work is the Introduction to the Devout Life. It is one of the all-time best-selling spiritual classics. In this book, Francis asks us to lead a life of devotion.

For him, devotion is an internal assessment, which results in outward behaviors, actions, and words. Simply put, devotion is charity or love on fire. The internal assessment he calls for is the why we do what we do or say what we say. What are our motivations, intentions, desires, or purpose.

St. Paul tells us to do the good and to avoid what is evil. Francis de Sales agrees with that command, but adds to it: do the good for the right reasons: do the good out of love and generosity, and because it is in imitation of the loving service of Christ. For love to be devotion, it is done for those reasons, but also Francis adds three adverbs to our good and loving life; he tells us to love readily, willingly, and joyfully.

Choose one of those adverbs at a time to ensure that our good, true and generous Christian living is also more and more devout living.

Live Jesus!

-Fr. Matthew Hillyard, OSFS Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Vienna, VA



