

THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

"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

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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; Cris and Terry Mercaldo; 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; Richard Thomas

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS January 29th to February 4th

Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.

Monday, 9:00 am Tuesday, 9:00 am Wednesday, 9:00 am

Jas Fisher Jamie O'Brien Kindem †

Thursday, 9:00 am Friday, 9:00 am Saturday, 9:00 am *Saturday, 5:30 pm *Sunday, 8:30 am

Sunday, 11:30 am

Peace in the Middle East Joan McKenna Barron † Peace in Ukraine

Respect Life Francis D. Burke †

Vocations Joseph Capobianco †

To honor a loved one, living or deceased, with a mass intention, visit

holyinfantchurch.org/mass-intentions.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3

Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday, 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 6:1-6 Thursday, 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 6:1-6 Friday, 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 6:1-6 **Saturday**, 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 6:1-6

Sunday, Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

You may also read the daily scripture readings online at **USCCB.org** every morning.

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If you have any concerns, please reach out to Lea Chiquito: leac@holyinfantchurch.org or 919-973-0009

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 30 Virtual Centering Prayer 8 am

Jan 30 Justice Garden Workday 9 am

Jan 30 Catholic Table Study Group 6 pm

Jan 31 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 4:30 pm

Jan 31 Choir Rehearsal 7 pm

Feb 1 Marian Prayer 9:30 am

Feb 1 Eucharistic Adoration 12 pm

Feb 1 Stephen Minister Training 6:30 pm

Feb 1 Yarn Ministry 7 pm

Feb 3 St Thomas More Confirmation Retreat 9 am

Feb 3 Justice Garden Workday 9 am

Feb 3 Wedding Hosts Meeting 10 am

Feb 3 Servants of God Prayer Group 3 pm

Feb 3 Rosary-Making 3:30 pm

Feb 3 Reconciliation 4 pm

Feb 3 Baptism of Lincoln James Drovl 5:30 pm

Feb 4 Family Formation 9:45 am

Feb 4 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 9:45 am

Feb 4 Becoming a Community of Salt & Light 9:45 am

Feb 4 Baptism of Baby Anastasio

Feb 4 Catechumenate Session 11:30 am

Feb 4 TYM Session 6:30 pm

Feb 4 JYM 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!

Re:MEMBER Church

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NC OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIP

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



FEAST OF ST FRANCIS DE SALES

This week we celebrate the Memorial of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church. St. Francis' ardent love of God and souls, his great kindliness, rare wisdom, and sure teaching made him exceptionally influential in bringing about conversions and in guiding souls in the spiritual life.

O Blessed Francis, who in your life did excel in all virtues, especially in your love of God and of your neighbor.

Teach me, O Father, to fix my eyes on heaven, that I may generously trample under foot every obstacle that presents itself in my way.

Assist us O Lord, we beseech you, through the merits of St. Francis de Sales that, what our endeavors cannot obtain may be given to us by his intercession.

O God, who for the salvation of souls, did will that St. Francis de Sales should become all things to all men and women,

mercifully grant that we, helped by the gentleness of his charity, guided by his teachings, and sharing in his merits, may obtain eternal happiness.

This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.



WEEKLY PODCAST

At long last, this week we share part 1 of our parish oral history special!

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.

Ministries

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REGISTER FOR THE 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.



2024 DAVE WHITTINGTON LECTURE

"A Catholic Perspective on Environmental Sustainability"

Dr. Carol Hee is an Adjunct Professor at the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University and a principal sustainability consultant at Anthesis, whose clients include major multinational corporations. Dr. Hee previously taught in both the Kenan-Flagler Business School and in the Environmental Program at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, after an appointment at the United States Environmental Protection Agency. She earned her BS at the University of Scranton and her MBA and PhD in marine biogeochemistry from UNC-Chapel Hill. She has presented both nationally and internationally.

Thursday, **February 8th** at 7 pm Newman Church 218 Pittsboro Street Chapel Hill, NC 27516

For more information, contact Therese Taxis at ttaxis@uncnewman.org



UPCOMING CARDS & GAMES NIGHT

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!

TEA ON TUESDAY AT TWO

Join FYM for a tea party with all the trimmings on Tuesday, **February 6** at 2 pm in the DeSales Center. A variety of luscious teas will be available for your tasting and enjoying. We will be joined by Ms. Sue Scott, a local and national expert on the well-known and beloved English novelist, Jane Austen, and Bruce Emery, a locally known musician with several CDs, who will provide music while we sip our tea. *Please RESERVE your place for this FYM event by January 31st.*

Guests/Participants are asked to bring their favorite tea cup, preferably one with a special story or significance. On the Sign Up form, you can also indicate if you can bring a food item.





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



Liturgy & Music

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ST FRANCIS DE SALES ON FOCUSING THROUGH MASS

As we celebrate the feast of St Francis de Sales this

weekend, I wanted to share this short instruction from the
saint on how to put ourselves in the right mentality for
joining together with the offering of Mass. This is from the
second part of de Sales' opus "The Devout Life":

Deutero

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Psalm 9

hearts."

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In order to join in this rightly, whether actually or mentally, you must give heed to several things:

- 1. In the beginning, and before the priest goes up to the Altar, make your preparation with his—placing yourself in God's Presence, confessing your unworthiness, and asking forgiveness.
- 2. Until the Gospel, dwell simply and generally upon the Coming and the Life of our Lord in this world.
- 3. From the Gospel to the end of the Creed, dwell upon our Dear Lord's teaching, and renew your resolution to live and die in the faith of the Holy Catholic Church.
- 4. From thence, fix your heart on the mysteries of the Word, and unite yourself to the Death and Passion of our Redeemer, now actually and essentially outlined in this holy Sacrifice, which, together with the priest and all the congregation, you offer to God the Father, to His Glory and your salvation.
- 5. Up to the moment of communicating, offer all the longings and desires of your heart, above all desiring most earnestly to be united forever to our Saviour by His Eternal Love.
- 6. From the time of Communion to the end, thank His Gracious Majesty for His Incarnation, His Life, Death, Passion, and the Love which He sets forth in this holy Sacrifice, intreating through it His favour for yourself, your relations and friends, and the whole Church; and humbling yourself sincerely, devoutly receive the blessing which our Dear Lord gives you through the channel of His minister.



REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 18:15–20 I will raise up a prophet and I will put my words into his mouth.

Psalm 95 "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts"

1 Corinthians 7:32–35 A virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, that she may be holy.

Mark 1:21–28 He taught them as one having authority.

Moses told the people that one day God would send a prophet from among their descendants who would speak God's word with authority. We believe that this promise is fulfilled in Jesus, who in the Gospel speaks God's word with such authority that even the unclean spirits obey him! We may be anxious about many things, to use Saint Paul's words, but let the knowledge that God can dispel the darkness in our lives give us hope.

Can I identify an unclean spirit in me that seeks to destroy me? Can I find the courage to ask God to free me from this demon?



SING IT AGAIN, SAM

This weekend we sang "Go to the World" which uses the familiar SINE NOMINE hymn tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams. 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

FRANCIS AND THE FABRIC OF OUR LIVES

Forty years ago, I experienced my first celebration of the feast of St. Francis de Sales. I was a freshman at Northeast Catholic High School for Boys in Philadelphia, PA. When the entire school came together to celebrate St. Francis on his feast day in January of 1984, I was impressed but not surprised. Francis de Sales and North Catholic were synonymous.

When I started my freshman year in the fall, I slowly began to learn about the gentleman saint I had only heard about in grade school. Whether in the classroom, the lunchroom, or in the chapel, we were told about the devout way of life that St. Francis wrote about and encouraged us to live. On the top of our tests and handouts, the letters "V+J" were placed to remind us to "Live + Jesus." We prayed the "Direction of Intention" at the beginning of every class to place ourselves in the present moment. We asked for the intercession of St. Francis throughout the day and mentioned him after every prayer. There were statues and paintings of the Bishop of Geneva all around the school. These images portrayed our



patron saint as a real person who had lived, learned and loved like all of us. Francis de Sales was part of the fabric of our school community, and it was no surprise that we would want to celebrate him on his special day.

The biggest promoters of the gentleman saint were the gentlemen who had the letters "O.S.F.S." after their name. One of my teachers told us that it stood for "Old Shoes For Sale," but every student knew it stood for "Oblate of St. Francis de Sales." As a young man, it inspired me to know that the priests, brothers, and seminarians who walked the halls of my high school were all connected by their dedication to the Church and their common way of life. While many of the Oblates were teachers, others helped in the main office, some assisted in the guidance center and others occasionally stopped by to celebrate mass or hear confessions. All of them shared their gifts with the school community and were a witness to the gentle and positive spirit of St. Francis de Sales. The Oblates, too, were part of the fabric of our school community.

My first celebration of St. Francis de Sales showed me that this 16th-century French bishop still had an influence in the world today and could help us to change the way we see ourselves and our world. His spirit and approach to life could be lived by the priest, the brother, the seminarian, and the student.

Over the last forty years, faith, Francis de Sales, and the Oblates have become part of the fabric of my life. They are intertwined in a way I could never have imagined as a freshman in the school auditorium forty years ago. Over the years, I realized that God had a plan and God knew that somehow these three areas of my life would eventually converge. As we celebrate another feast day next week, I pray that the tapestry of your life will also be intertwined with the fabric of faith, Francis, and the Oblate community.

Fr. Jack Kolodziej, OSFS Provincial Wilmington-Philadelphia Province