

# THIS IS MY BELOVED

## 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

Every Third Wednesday, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Chapel  
Thursday, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., Chapel

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE

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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

*"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." - 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](http://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; Terry Mercado; 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 February 26th to March 3rd

*Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.*

<b>Monday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Thao-My Nguyen (birthday)</i>
<b>Tuesday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Dr. Phuong Doan †</i>
<b>Wednesday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Eileen Pidel</i>
<b>Thursday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Stefania Kleindienst †</i>
<b>Friday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Natalie Noronha †</i>
<b>Saturday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Scott Brave †</i>
<b>*Saturday, 5:30 pm</b>	<i>John Boula †</i>
<b>*Sunday, 8:30 am</b>	<i>Lucy Ryan †</i>
<b>Sunday, 11:30 am</b>	<i>Pham Family (peace)</i>

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday** Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38  
**Tuesday** Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12  
**Wednesday** Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28  
**Thursday** Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31  
**Friday** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
**Saturday** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**Sunday** Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25



## Called to Mission

A one-day retreat for men ages 18-35 who are seeking to understand God's will in their lives.



**March 9th** from 9 am - 5 pm  
Williamston, NC

### Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - January 31

	Budgeted	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$601,485	\$593,454	(\$8,031)
Christmas Offertory	\$25,000	\$26,427	\$1,427
Easter Offertory		\$422	\$422
Holy Day Collections	\$6,000	\$8,996	\$2,996
Maintenance Offertory	\$25,000	\$23,693	(\$1,307)
	\$657,485	\$652,992	(\$4,493)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Feb 26** Bible Study, 9:45 am  
**Feb 26** Bible Study, 7 pm  
**Feb 27** Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am  
**Feb 27** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am  
**Feb 27** Lent Penance Service, 6:30 pm  
**Feb 27** Stephen Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm  
**Feb 28** Sung Evening Prayers, 6:30 pm  
**Feb 28** Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm  
**Feb 29** Marian Prayer, 9:30 am  
**Feb 29** Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm  
**Mar 1** KofC Fish Fry @ ICC, 4 pm  
**Mar 1** Name That Tune, 6:30 pm  
**Mar 1** Stations of the Cross, 6:30 pm  
**Mar 2** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am  
**Mar 2** Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm  
**Mar 2** Rosary-Making, 3:30 pm  
**Mar 2** Reconciliation, 4 pm  
**Mar 3** Family Formation, 9:45 am  
**Mar 3** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:45 am  
**Mar 3** A Community of Salt & Light, 9:45 am  
**Mar 3** Greeter Ministry Gathering, 12:45 pm  
**Mar 3** Vault Theatre Performance, 3 pm  
**Mar 3** TYM, 6:30 pm  
**Mar 3** JYM, 6:30 pm

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



Your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal plays a critical role in funding ministries in the areas of evangelization, discipleship, worship, liturgy, sacramental preparation, and a wide variety of programs that pour forth God's grace, love, and mercy.

We'd like to invite our entire parish community to help us continue to spread the good news celebrating 100 years of our Diocese: Learning from our History and Shaping our Future.

# Faith Development

## Families & Children

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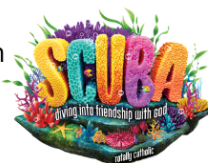
## CROP WALK 2024

If we work together, we can end world hunger. That's why we're participating in the 2024 CROP Hunger Walk to support CWS and help families who are struggling with hunger. Please join us with your steps and your donations. Together we will provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them and create greater food security in communities around the world. Use the QR above to donate to our team today!

## SAVE THE DATE FOR VBC 2024

Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where we will be diving into friendship with God. Kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

Save the date for Holy Infant's Vacation Bible Camp running **June 16th through the 19th** from 5:30-7:30 pm. Keep an eye out for registration information later this Spring!



## SEEKING VBC VOLUNTEERS & DONORS

We are looking for people who are crafty to adopt a prop for our VBC set! Volunteers will receive a bag with the needed supplies and can complete the project for our VBC set at home.

Have you completed a painting project recently and still have your canvas drop cloth? We are looking for donations of used canvas drop cloths for our VBC set.

Contact Michalene to donate drop cloths or adopt a prop.



## WEEKLY PODCAST

This week we begin our Lent book reading of C.S. Lewis' classic "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" discussing chapters 1-5 with special guest Fr. Jim Sabak, a Franciscan priest and director of the office of worship for the Diocese of Raleigh.

## PODCAST READ ALONG

This week the trio behind Holy Infant's podcast, Through the Grapevine, will be covering the beloved classic by C.S. Lewis "The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe".

Reserve a copy of the book at your local library or purchase one to keep so you can read along with our team. Use the QR to learn the schedule and access a printout to keep at home.



## VAULT THEATRE PERFORMANCE NEXT WEEK

Join Vault Theatre for "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" on **March 3rd** at 3 pm in the DeSales Center. Use the QR code to purchase tickets. Tickets with the code HIDiscount are \$5.



## FRIDAY FISH FRY



This week's fish fry will be **March 1st** at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church from 4:30-7:30 pm in their Fellowship Hall.

Next Friday's fish fry will be at Holy Infant from 4:30-7 pm in the DeSales Center.

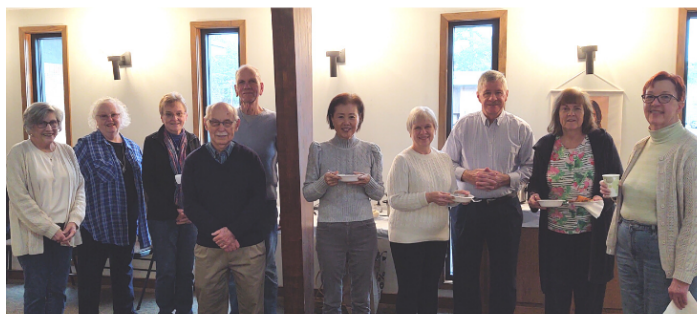


# Ministries

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We're grateful to the FYM team who prepared Soup before Stations last weekend. It was a beautiful fellowship opportunity!

## CONSIDER GREENER LENT

Greener Lent encourages participants to intensify their prayers, reduce the amount of meat eaten, and give alms to the poor who suffer the worst effects of the climate crisis. The carbon equivalents that are avoided by our community and other organizations are tracked and reported each week. We urge you to consider participating.



## NAME THAT TUNE

NAME-THAT-TUNE – Holy Infant Version - featuring songs from the 50's, 60's, and 70's **March 1st** at 6:30 pm Holy Infant - DeSales Center. For adults of all ages.

*Bring your own drinks and a snack to share.*

## FIRESIDE CHATS

One of the hallmarks of Holy Infant is the closeness of our community. To deepen this spirit, parishioners are hosting evening Fireside Chats. Father Robert will also attend, which provides a unique opportunity to ask questions and grow in fellowship. Registration is required.

Emails will be sent to the surrounding areas closer to event dates, but if you did not receive an email you are still welcome to register. Review the dates below and email Stacy at [stacy@holysininfantchurch.com](mailto:stacy@holysininfantchurch.com) for registration information.

**March 5th** in Cary  
**March 19th** in Durham  
**April 2nd** in Hillsborough  
**April 16th** in Cary  
**April 30th** in Durham



## DAILY BREAD - A LENTEN STUDY

This Lent, journey with us as we honor Christ's ultimate sacrifice with two unique series from the Augustine Institute. By signing up, you'll receive an email each day with a Scripture video, as well as an additional video just for kids.



## RELIGIOUS ITEMS COLLECTION

Clean out your drawers, boxes, and closets of extra religious items. Place your items in the special collection basket in the church Narthex starting this Sunday, **February 25th - March 10th**. Items will be donated to parishes in need by St. Mary Recycle Mission Group. The collection is coordinated by Holy Infant's JYM.

**Accepted Items:** Vestments, Crucifixes, Statues, Rosaries, Chalices, Altar Ware, Missals, Tabernacles, Relics, Monstrances, Prayers Books, Lectionaries, Holy Medals, Holy Cards, Framed Pictures, Religious Reading Books

**Not Accepted:** Pamphlets, Wax Candles, Large Furniture, Non-Religious Reading Books



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



## WHAT IS SCRUTINY?

Tell people they will face a scrutiny before they can join your community, and they will probably say, "Thanks, but no thanks." Boldly, our Church expects not one but three scrutinies of the elect before their Baptism at Easter.

Scrutinies are rites of self-searching and repentance. When people from another spiritual background seek Baptism in the Catholic Church, they do so by stages. First, we accept them into the Order of Catechumens. Then as they complete their catechetical formation, we enroll them among the "elect," or those chosen for Baptism. This Rite of Election generally coincides with the beginning of Lent. Three times during Lent, the Church prays the scrutinies to encourage a spirit of repentance among those who seek a worthy celebration of Baptism.

Although scrutinies have returned fairly recently to Catholic parishes, they originated early in Church history. St. Ambrose and St. Augustine celebrated them in the fourth and fifth centuries to mark the spiritual progress of the catechumens. The moral preparation of catechumens included prayers of exorcism to drive out the spirit of evil, which kept them from embracing Christ as their light. In the scrutinies, the Church discerned if those exorcisms had achieved their effect. Catechumens entered the church, stood barefoot on goatskin, and renounced evil influences all night. Those unworthy of Baptism had to wait another year for Easter to roll around again.

Today's scrutinies seem less intense. They still include an exorcism, in which the priest or deacon prays that the spirit of good may replace the spirit of evil. Their purpose is not so much to examine the candidates' mental readiness, but their spiritual readiness. Scrutinies offer the catechumens the support they need to approach the waters of Baptism worthily.

For those who are already baptized, the scrutinies invite us to embrace the same spirit of self-searching and repentance. At Easter, we renew our Baptismal promises as we see the catechumens baptized. Therefore, during Lent we renew our repentance as we see the elect scrutinized. The scrutinies remind us of the seriousness of our Christian life and inspire us to turn from evil and pursue good. They enliven our recommitment to Christ at Easter.

## REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

*Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith*

*Psalms 116 "I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living."*

*Romans 8:31b-34 God did not spare his own Son.*

*Mark 9:2-10 This is my beloved Son.*

Old Testament meets New Testament in today's Gospel, which features Jesus, the center of the New Testament, with two of the main figures from the Hebrew scriptures, Moses and Elijah. The two people who perhaps best represent the law and the prophets of old join with the Son of God, who himself said that he had come to fulfill the law and the prophets. In the company of Moses and Elijah, Jesus is transfigured, giving his disciples a brief taste of his glory. May that glorious vision sustain us during this penitential season.

How do I think God would want my life to be transfigured this Lent? Am I willing to say "hineni" to accept that change to my life?

## SING IT AGAIN, SAM

This weekend we sang "Be Thou My Vision". Use the QR code to listen and sing it again.



**Next weekend we celebrate the Third Sunday of Lent** where we begin to see Jesus' frustration with the ways of the people during his time; the lack of focus on God, but the extreme focus on rules, regulations, and taking advantage of people rather than caring for them. May we pause and truly take in the emotion of this Gospel story and allow it to inform how we worship and continue on in our Lenten journey.

# Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

## AWAKING AGAIN TO CONFESSION

Thanks to being “woke,” our culture seems to have taken the offensive against being offended! In the name of justice, movements seek to “cancel” a host of historical wrongs.

The Church, too, supports a canceling movement, but with a different procedure in mind. It’s called Confession (a.k.a., Penance, Reconciliation). Centuries ago, St. Francis de Sales penned a commentary (“Advice to Confessors”) that awakens us to the power of this sacramental practice.

Confession does seek to eradicate remnants of social wrongs. Admitting to sins – “in what I have done and what I have failed to do” – shines an uncomfortable light on anyone’s past.

But as a sacrament, and not merely an exercise of cultural recrimination, Confession is not about the past. It focuses on the present experience of divine grace that renders the penitent worthier than before. As Francis reminds us, “confession and penance render a man infinitely more honorable than sin renders him blamable.”

Sadly, many people have experienced more blame than honor. Far too many are the stories of priests chiding penitents harshly for the faults that have burdened them, or of questioning them so extensively as to make confession more like an inquisition.



## CANCEL CULTURE MAY COME WITH OUTRAGE, BUT CONFESSION NEVER SHOULD.

That’s why the saintly Bishop advises the priests of his diocese to “remember that at the beginning of their confessions the poor penitents call you ‘Father,’ and that you must indeed have a fatherly heart toward them.” He also reminds all of us that confessors, “being sinners themselves are obliged to be humble, meek, and to lower themselves with the penitents by a gentle condescension.”

Still, confessing one’s sins can be an uncomfortable, even shameful, experience. Wokeness excites that emotion to rage against wrong. But for people going to Confession, that feeling usually makes them apprehensive. The gentleman saint counters any hesitancy with the assurance that “the greater our misery, the more is the mercy of God glorified.” Consider, he says, the great saints who were also great sinners (e.g., St. Peter or St. Mary Magdalene). Recall, too, the words of Jesus who “prayed to His Father for those who crucified Him, to let us know that even if we were to crucify Him with our own hands, He would willingly pardon us.”

That Christocentric faith leads Francis to conclude that “we can do no greater wrong to the goodness of God and to the Passion and Death of our Lord than to have a lack of confidence of obtaining pardon for our iniquities.” During Lent we journey toward that Paschal Mystery by which our Lord has redeemed the whole world, bringing sinners – including us – to salvation. We best prepare for this by confidently entrusting ourselves to the mercy of God, communicated to us uniquely and experientially in this sacrament.

To ask forgiveness in Confession is to join and benefit from a sacred movement, one that through grace will bring not the cancellation of history but a reconciliation with it.

*-Fr. Thomas Dailey, OSFS*