

#### 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 <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; Eva Crowley; 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 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; Susan Sheehan; Tom Shreve; Betty Short: Kathy Smith: Bob Smith: Hugo Sotolongo: Corrine Stavely: Katherine Strubing; Marisa Suarez; Mary Sunderland; Maria Tadipa; Richard Thomas

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 17TH, 2024

### Mass Times & Intentions March 18th to March 24th

Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.

Monday, 9:00 am Tuesday, 9:00 am Wednesday, 9:00 am Thursday, 9:00 am Zoy Family (honor) Rita & Joseph McBride † Maria Hua Diem Trinh † Jo. Ellie & Rosalie

(birthdays)

Friday, 9:00 am

Mary & Jeff Spears (anniversary)

Saturday, 9:00 am

Holy Family, Sants & Angels (honor)

\*Saturday, 5:30 pm \*Sunday, 8:30 am Sunday, 11:30 am Parishioners of Holy Infant Richard Miranda † Richard Seen Meehan †

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday** Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11

**Tuesday** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a **Wednesday** Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday** Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59 **Friday** Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 Jn 10:31-42 **Saturday** Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday** Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6 -11 Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 and Mk 14:1-15:47



Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - February 29

	Budgeted	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$689,040	\$668,163	(\$20,877)
Christmas Offertory	\$25,000	\$26,549	\$1,549
Easter Offertory		\$446	\$446
Holy Day Collections	\$6,000	\$9,140	\$3,140
Maintenance Offertory	\$28,300	\$28,123	(\$177)
	\$748,340	\$732,421	(\$15,919)

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mar 18 Bible Study, 9:45 am

Mar 18 FYM Core Team Meeting, 12 pm Mar 18 Liturgical Commission Meeting, 7 pm

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Mar 19 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am Mar 19 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am Mar 19 Mommy & Me Coffee & Tea, 9:30 am Mar 19 Stephen Leaders Meeting, 10 am

Mar 20 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:30 pm

**Mar 20** Adoration Holy Hour, 6 pm **Mar 20** Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm

Mar 20 RCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm

Mar 21 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am Mar 21 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm

Mar 21 NC Food Bank—FYM, 1 pm

Mar 21 Stephen Ministry Training, 6:30 pm

Mar 21 Yarn Ministry, 7 pm

Mar 22 Arts & Environment, 9:30 am

Mar 22 KofC Fish Fry, 4:30 pm

Mar 22 Stations of the Cross, 6:30 pm

Mar 23 Couples for Christ PFO Assembly, 8:30 am

Mar 23 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

Mar 23 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm

Mar 23 Reconciliation, 4 pm

Mar 24 CROP Walk

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



# Faith Development

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#### CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

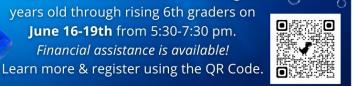
Join us for a child-friendly way of the cross led by the children of Holy Infant on Friday, March 22nd at 6:30 p.m. All ages of children & their families are welcome.

#### CROP WALK HAPPENING SOON

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 helps families who are struggling with hunger. Please join us with your steps on March 24th. Use the QR to donate to our team.



We are so excited to have you at Vacation Bible Camp this summer! We welcome children aged 4 years old through rising 6th graders on June 16-19th from 5:30-7:30 pm. Financial assistance is available!





## WEEKLY PODCAST

Join us this week on "Through the Grapevine" as we conclude our Lenten discussion of "The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" with our special guest, Fr. Robert.

## FRIDAY FISH FRY

This week's fish fry will be hosted at Holy Infant on March 22nd from 4:30-7 in the DeSales Center.



#### HIGHLIGHTS FROM SARAH HART

Sarah visited our parish last weekend and led a number of beautiful ministry events. We were blessed by her gifts. Thank you to all who made this amazing experience possible.





#### ENGAGING EASTER RETREATS

The Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC, is offering two unique retreats in the hope that one will be just right for you. The first will be a blend of preaching, prayer, and crafts on the Gifts and Fruit of the Holy Spirit: Kindle in Me the Fire of Your Love; April 19th-20th. The second will have reflections on how to live out the practical holiness taught by St. Francis de Sales: Living a Devout Life (in a Crazy World); April 26th-28th.

Find out more at www.catholicconference.org, email info@catholicconference.org, or call 828.327.7441.

## **RUN FOR LIFE**

Join Raleigh Run for Life on Saturday, April 13th for the 30th annual 5k at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary. Please contact Janelle Buchanan with

any questions at 214-497-0756. Use the QR code for more information on events.



#### TIME TO FILL THE TRUCK

Let's do our part to fill the truck again! Catholic Charities will host a drive-by food drive on **April 13th** from 9 am - 1 pm. Consider the items below when collecting your donations. Please no glass jars!

Cereal Oatmeal Canned Soup Canned Veggies Canned Fruit Small bags of rice small bags of dried beans Macaroni and Cheese Tuna/Chicken/Hamburger Helper

Pasta Sauce Pasta Peanut Butter Canned Meat (or pouches) Small boxes of dry milk

Crackers Cereal Bars Baby Formula Baby Food



## **DIRECTORY PHOTOS**

If you DID NOT order any additional prints of your directory photo, your complimentary 8x10 was shipped to the parish office. Please stop by the office during business hours to collect your photo. Thank you!

## **HOLY WEEK AT HOLY INFANT**

March 23/24 Palm Sunday Procession Mass

#### March 28 Lord's Supper

Mass, 7 pm

Adoration until 11 pm

### March 29 Good Friday

Morning Prayer, 9 am

Passion Service, 3 pm

Stations, 6:30 pm

#### March 30

Morning Prayer, 9 am

Blessing of Food, 12 pm

> Easter Vigil, 8:30 pm

#### March 31 Easter Sunday

Sunrise Mass, 6:30 am

Easter Mass, 8:30 & 11:30 am





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



# Liturgy & Music

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#### MOST IMPORTANT MASS OF THE YEAR

The Easter Vigil is the most important Mass of the year. In the complete ranking of all Catholic Church celebrations, the Triduum occupies the top spot. The Triduum, which begins with Holy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper, concludes with Evening Prayer on Easter Sunday; it reaches its climax with the Easter Vigil. If there is one Mass in which Catholics should make every effort to participate every year, it is the Easter Vigil. If you attend church Easter Sunday morning, but miss the Easter Vigil, you have missed the most important celebration of the year.

The Easter Vigil celebrates the Resurrection of Christ and the commitment of believers. It has four parts. It begins with a Lucernarium or service of light. The community gathers in darkness to hear that Christ is our light, shattering the darkness of sin. The next part of the Vigil is the Liturgy of the Word. We hear up to nine Scripture passages that tell the story of salvation, ending with the Gospel of the Resurrection.

The third part is the Baptismal Liturgy. Some catechumens have already been listed among the elect, those chosen for Baptism this year. They now come forward to be plunged into the waters of new birth. Anointed with Chrism, they celebrate Confirmation, receiving the strength of God's Spirit for the Christian life. Then the entire community renews its Baptismal Promises. Together we pledge our faith in the resurrection and promise to follow Christ more closely.

The Vigil culminates in the fourth part, the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The length of the celebration has sharpened our hunger for Communion. For the very first time, the newly baptized will join us in the Eucharistic feast. At the Easter Vigil, we recommit ourselves to our faith and rejoice with the newly baptized.



# REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:31–34 I will make a new covenant and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 51 "Create a clean heart in me, O God." Hebrews 5:7–9 Christ learned obedience and became the source of eternal salvation.

John 12:20–33 If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit.

Jeremiah looked forward to the day when God's covenant with humanity would be internalized in us, when it would be imprinted on our hearts. To prepare our hearts for keeping the covenant, we pray that God will create clean hearts in us. Especially during Lent, our longing for reconciliation and forgiveness can help to prepare our hearts. In the Gospel, Jesus speaks from the heart, questioning why he would ask God to save him from suffering and death when that was the purpose in the first place.

May we let God's word penetrate our hearts as well. What part of myself that I've become attached to in a self-centered way can "die" so that I will clear more space in my heart and my schedule for love of neighbor?

## SING IT AGAIN, SAM

This weekend we sang "As Grains of Wheat' byLaurence Rosania. Use the QR code to listen and sing it again.



**Next weekend** we celebrate Palm Sunday which begins our descent into Holy Week. Palm Sunday is a day of triumph and great welcome of Jesus to the city of Jerusalem, but it quickly turns to disgust and outrage amongst the people a few days later as Jesus' appointed time comes.

## Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

## **VISITING THE VISITATION**

Every year I take my sophomore class on a literal field trip to the monastery of the Order of the Visitation of Holy Mary. The Visitation Monastery is located across a field and down a sidewalk from our school in Toledo, Ohio. Walking into the monastery is like walking back in time. The Visitation Order was founded in 1610 by St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal. The monastery in Toledo is a cloistered monastery, and the Oblates are blessed to be their chaplains and celebrate daily Mass with them. The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales consider the Visitation our founding religious order. I owe my vocation, order, and life to the Sisters of the Visitation. "What is the hardest thing about living in a monastery?"

I brought my 12 students to visit with Sister Marie de Sales, VHM. As you're reading this, picture 12 high school boys in coats and ties glued to one Visitandine standing in front of them. When the time came for questions, my students couldn't wait! Sister Marie de Sales shared a great deal with my students that day, but I want to focus on two of her responses.

The first question was straightforward, "What is the hardest thing about living in a monastery?" Sister responded quite quickly, "It's my own heart! When you enter through the doors of the monastery, you do not leave yourself behind. You pile things onto your heart. That is where the Lord works. The Lord works on your heart."

With so few words, she really explained the core of our shared spirituality. I agree with her; it is my hardened heart that gets in the way! My heart is not magically transformed because my circumstances change. Thankfully, the Holy Spirit does the heavy lifting. The "heart work" is the work of a lifetime.

The second question, "What is the thing you miss the most?" Sister replied, "I have so much more now than I ever did when I was in the world... and I don't own anything. We think of ourselves as God's spoiled children. God gives us everything. We have so much!" I can't explain why, but I adopted her image of our God who spoils me. I think of my grandma and her kitchen table. My grandma would never just give me one cookie, it was always two or three. Ours is a God who doesn't just give us what we need but gives to us abundantly. I now pray, "Oh Lord, you spoil me!"

I know our field trip is a powerful experience for my students. Even after spending the last 10 years as a chaplain to the Visitation, they continue to teach me.

-Fr. Joe Newman, OSFS Provincial Toledo-Detroit Province

