

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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

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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

"True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice." - 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 holysinphantchurch.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;
- ✦ **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; Eva Crowley; Lillian Davids; Bea Davis; 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; Susan Sheehan; Tom Shreve; Betty Short; Bob Smith; Hugo Sotolongo; Corrine Stavely; Katherine Strubing; Marisa Suarez; Mary Sunderland; Maria Tadipa; Richard Thomas

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**April 22nd to April 28th***Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.*

Monday, 9:00 am	<i>Daniel Rubin-Wills (birthday)</i>
Tuesday, 9:00 am	<i>Marcel Gardner (honor)</i>
Wednesday, 9:00 am	<i>Sophia Kwon (birthday)</i>
Thursday, 9 am	No Mass
Friday, 9:00 am	<i>Holy Family, Saints & Angels</i>
Saturday, 9:00 am	<i>Jonas Bugayong †</i>
Saturday, 5:30 pm	<i>Lourdes Garcia †</i>
Sunday, 8:30 am	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Thomas †</i>
Sunday, 11:30 am	<i>Michael Marnell †</i>

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

holysininfantchurch.org/mass-intentions.

For more information on memorials for altar wine,
lamp or altar flowers, visit

holysininfantchurch.org/memorial-donations.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Apr 23** Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am
Apr 23 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Apr 23 Stephen Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm
Apr 24 Food as Fuel for Healthy Living, 9:45 am
Apr 24 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:30 pm
Apr 24 Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm
Apr 25 *No 9 am Mass, Marian Prayer or Eucharistic Adoration*
Apr 25 Funeral Mass—Earl Hadden, 11 am
Apr 25 Knights Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm
Apr 27 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Apr 27 Be at Peace with Br. Mickey, 10 am
Apr 27 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm
Apr 27 Reconciliation, 4 pm
Apr 28 First Eucharist Retreat, 9 am
Apr 28 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:45 am
Apr 28 Earthly Gardens & Heavenly Delights, 6 pm

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday Acts 12:24-13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20

Friday Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6

Saturday Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14

Sunday Acts 9:26-31 Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

1 Jn 3:18-24 Jn 15:1-8

Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - March 31

	Budgeted	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$777,112	\$749,528	(\$27,584)
Christmas Offertory	\$25,000	\$26,649	\$1,649
Easter Offertory	\$15,000	\$11,091	(\$3,909)
Holy Day Collections	\$6,000	\$9,225	\$3,225
Maintenance Offertory	\$32,100	\$33,014	\$914
	\$855,212	\$829,507	(\$25,705)

**2nd Collection
Next Week**

The bishops' Subcommittee on **Catholic Home Missions** is a grant-making agency. It offers financial support to missionary activities that strengthen the Catholic Church in the United States, and in its territories and former territories. Through its annual fundraising campaign, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal, Catholic Home Missions educates American Catholics about mission needs and invites them to assist fellow Catholics in the practice of the faith.

Faith Development

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Congratulations to our newly confirmed!

SEEKING HOST FAMILY

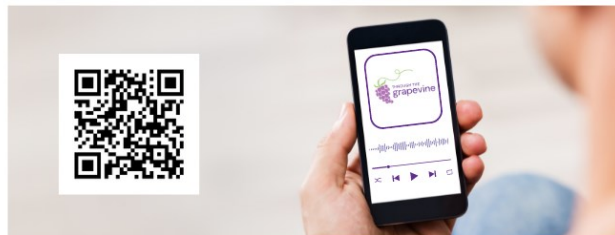
This year's Senegal scholarship recipient, Saray Yves, is seeking a host family. Sarah has been awarded a prestigious YES scholarship to study in the United States for the 2024-2025 school year. She is from Senegal and will be in 11th grade. Sarah is Catholic and it is important to her to continue practicing her faith during her exchange.

CIEE will help you enroll Sarah at your local high school. Hosts provide a bed, a loving home, and 3 meals a day. Students come with their own insurance. Sarah's interests include cooking, social science, history, astronomy, art, and animals.

If you or someone you know may have an interest in hosting Sarah, please reach out to Lynn Sale at lynns@holyninfantchurch.org.



Our JYM students made casseroles for Urban Ministries last weekend. We love their giving hearts!



WEEKLY PODCAST

This week Jeff speaks with Josh Hey of Yes Solar Solutions, the contractor who installed the new solar panels for the church last month. Learn more about solar energy and how we are harnessing it here at Holy Infant!



REGISTER FOR VBC

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! Learn more & register using the QR code above.

We are also seeking donations of packing peanuts & bottle caps for our props. Contact Michalene to arrange a donation.



Ministries

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WELCOMING BROTHER MICKEY MCGRATH - OBLATE ARTIST

Mickey McGrath, an Oblate brother of St Francis de Sales known for his vibrant artwork, will visit us at Holy Infant during the weekend of April 27/28th. He'll offer the two presentations below, as well as lead us in a community mural project for the DeSales Center.

April 27th - Be At Peace

Join Br. Mickey in the DeSales Center at 10 am for this special presentation. Preparing for your own funeral and contemplating your final wishes can present you with creative and prayerful opportunities to let go of fear and anxiety and welcome the Holy Spirit into every present moment.

April 28th - Earthly Gardens

Gardens are the best places on earth to re-discover resurrection, hope, and eternal joy. Join Br. Mickey at 6 pm in the church as he shares his painting and stories of saints and prophets from across time that remind us in these turbulent times that our hearts and souls are gardens teeming with new life.



WALKING WITH PURPOSE - A BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Another glass of wine, just one more episode on Netflix, a little more scrolling on Instagram...Women are numbing out at ever-increasing rates. Why? What is it about our lives that makes us feel so overwhelmed? What might change if we figured out how to build lives that we don't want to escape?

Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived is an immensely practical Bible study that will help you put the most important things first. We'll begin by paying attention to the One who made us because He can best tell us what we need for our lives to run well.

Walking with Purpose begins **May 6th** and will run each Monday evening starting at 7 pm until July 1st. Learn more and register using the QR code above.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Holy Infant is hosting a free in-person Mental Health First Aid workshop on Saturday, **May 4th** starting at 9 am. This workshop will teach you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among adults. Learn more using the QR code.

Registration is required.



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



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LIFE'S A TREAT WITH SHAUN THE SHEEP

One of my favorite shows is Shaun the Sheep (the movies too!). For the uninitiated, it's a stop-motion animated mostly silent comedy starring Shaun, the sheep leader of his flock residing in the British countryside. Because of a well-meaning but mostly clueless farmer and the general naivete of the other sheep, the flock often finds itself in sticky, sometimes perilous situations, and it's up to Shaun and the long-suffering but serious sheepdog Bitzer to keep everyone out of trouble.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" and in the Gospel Jesus speaks directly. He is the Good Shepherd, he lays down his life for the sheep. Jesus contrasts the difference between a hired man and the Good Shepherd, who knows his flock, genuinely cares for them. The flock knows and trusts the voice of its shepherd.

In this in-between time after Jesus' human life, before he comes again, it's up to each of us at times to be the eyes, hands, and feet of the Good Shepherd. Enter Shaun. He's a reluctant leader. If life were fair, the farmer would protect the flock, and Shaun could lead an easy life of lamb leisure. But life is life, and when the chips are down, the other sheep look to Shaun, they trust him, and when it comes down to it, there's nothing he won't do to guide and protect them. Nothing is more important to him, even his own self-interest. Except from Bitzer, who is often his partner, he receives neither recognition nor profit for his service. Sometimes this is frustrating, but he never lets that get the better of him. In the end, Shaun knows and loves his flock, and he's their guide and protector.

It's notable that many of our popular heroes exhibit that same sort of self-sacrificial love that it takes to be a good shepherd. Even as so much of our culture tries to convince us to put ourselves ahead of others, the

narrative we continue to aspire to is to have the heart of a shepherd to lay down our lives for others. When it comes down to it, we seem to inherently understand the path of our own redemption only comes through modeling the Good Shepherd.

Having journeyed through Lent and renewed our baptismal promises at Easter, this season is our opportunity to re-evaluate how being the eyes, hands, and feet of Jesus looks in our own life.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Acts 4:8-12 There is no salvation through anyone else.

Psalms 118 "The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone."

1 John 3:1-2 We are God's children now.

John 10:11-18 The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

On Good Shepherd Sunday, we begin by hearing Peter insist that what ever good he has done is actually the saving work of Jesus Christ. It is by his death and resurrection that we can be healed, that we can be saved. Once rejected, Jesus has become the cornerstone. John asserts that we are all God's children. Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd, who will even lay down his life for his sheep. Let us listen to God's word, grateful that the cornerstone of our faith is our Good Shepherd.

In what specific way can I lay down my life this week for someone who needs what I can give them?

SING IT AGAIN, SAM

This weekend we sang "Because the Lord is My Shepherd" by Christopher Walker. Use the QR code to sing it again.



Next weekend we celebrate the Fifth Sunday of Easter when we hear how we must remain connected to the vine that is Jesus to remain alive and bear fruit.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

SAINT FRANCIS AND NATURE

Recently a Salesian quote attributed to Louis Sempe, an early biographer of St. Francis de Sales caught my attention. Sempe wrote: "The very name of St. Francis de Sales seems to evoke the secret causing the flowers to bloom, the bees to hum, the honey to be odiferous, the lakes to sparkle and the snow of the Alps to scintillate." Words of admiration proclaimed by Sempe in his book, Saint Francis de Sales.

The Patron of Journalists consistently used metaphors from nature in all its creative aspects to explain the facets of the spiritual life with simplicity and beauty. That is why his name is so readily credited with metaphors in nature, and why I appreciate his spiritual guidance so much.



In the preface of *The Introduction to the Devout Life*, Francis describes Glycera, a little flower girl, who arranged lovely bouquets of flowers. Francis will use this imagery to describe good deeds which form a spiritual bouquet. Later in the same classic text, he repeats this imagery in another way: "At the end of your meditation linger a while, and gather, so to say, a little spiritual bouquet from the thoughts you have dwelt upon, the sweet perfume whereof may refresh you through the day."

Bees make many different sounds, but the most familiar is the hum. Bees encountered many of their kind in their travels for food and gave humming alerts to other bees, warning of the potential for danger. Sempe noted that bees observed de Sales, not as a predator, but as a trusted friend.

How naturally our saint connected flowers to bees! The metaphor of bees is found throughout his writings. He wrote: "The bee collects honey from flowers in such a way as to do the least damage or destruction to them, and he leaves them whole, undamaged, and fresh, just as he found them." Francis, the Gentleman Saint, notes how gently bees can function.

I am not sure if this qualifies as "odiferous" but when Francis said, "a spoonful of honey will catch more flies than a barrel full of vinegar," it is safe to assume that the aroma of the honey was its drawing card!

Francis lived near Lake Annecy in France. Can you imagine its sparkling waters? Although I have never seen it, I can visualize it sparkled as Francis passed by! And when he traveled as a young priest through the Savoy, surrounded by the Alps, it must have been a scintillating, snowy, sight to behold!

Could it be safe to say that some of his use of nature metaphors made a strong case for the title Patron of Journalists? Surely, these metaphors from nature led his readers to the spirituality he chose to communicate to them!

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