

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 <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; Rosemary Donohue; Eileen Dowling; Christine Drap; Irene Dunbar; Jason Ferrigan; Susan Fleming; Zosima Flores; Adela Florey; Dot & Jack Gregory; Marjorie Goode; Mary Jane Haga; Mary Jane Harvey: Jane Helmer: Denise Herron: Ruth & Kenneth Jones: Dave Jognia; 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; Bob Smith; Hugo Sotolongo; Corrine Stavely; Katherine Strubing; Marisa Suarez; Mary Sunderland; Maria Tadipa; Richard Thomas

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
MAY 26TH, 2024

Mass Times & Intentions May 27th to June 2nd

Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.

Monday, 9:00 am Tuesday, 9:00 am Wednesday, 9:00 am Thursday, 9 am Friday, 9:00 am Saturday, 9:00 am Saturday, 5:30 pm Sunday, 8:30 am Sunday, 11:30 am Zoy Family (honor)
No Mass
Manuel Elpa †
Eileen S. Howell †
Jo Ann Smigla †
Vocations
Rae Maquizo †
Theresa White †
Socorro Castillo †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 1 Pt 1:3-9 Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c Mk 10:17-27 **Tuesday** 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Mk 10:28-31 **Wednesday** 1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 10:32-45

Thursday 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12 Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5 Mk 10:46-52 **Friday** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56

Saturday Jud 17, 20b-25 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 11:27-33 **Sunday** Ex 24:3-8 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 Heb 9:11-15 Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - April 30

| | Budgeted | Received | Difference |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| First Offertory | \$864,149 | \$826,123 | (\$38,026) |
| Christmas Offertory | \$25,000 | \$26,699 | \$1,699 |
| Easter Offertory | \$16,000 | \$14,285 | (\$1,715) |
| Holy Day Collections | \$6,000 | \$9,265 | \$3,265 |
| Maintenance Offertory | \$35,400 | \$36,460 | \$1,060 |
| | \$946,549 | \$912,832 | (\$33,717) |

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 27 Office Closed for Memorial Day

May 28 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am

May 28 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

May 28 Funeral Mass—Joseph Thomas Jr.

May 28 Stephen Leaders Meeting, 6:30 pm

May 29 Centennial Traveling Monstrance Adoration

May 29 Adoration Holy Hour with Centennial Traveling

Monstrance, 7 pm

May 30 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am

May 30 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm

June 1 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

June 1 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm

June 1 Rosary-Making, 3:30 pm

June 1 Reconciliation, 4 pm

June 1 PPC Meeting, 6:30 pm

June 2 Leadership Summit, 9:30 am

June 2 Catechumenate Session, 11:30 am

June 2 New Parishioner Orientation, 12:30 pm

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



Parish Office Closed All Day, May 27th

New Parishioner Orentation

We invite new parishioners to a New Parishioner Orientation on June 2nd from 12:30-2:30 pm. The orientation provides a unique opportunity to engage with other parishioners and parish staff, learn more about parish life, and find ways to become actively involved at Holy Infant.

The meeting will take place in the DeSales Center with lunch provided.

RSVP using the QR Code.



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LAST WEEKEND TO REGISTER, GRADS

On **June 9th** during the 11:30 Mass, we will recognize graduates with a special blessing. No matter where you are graduating from - high school, community college, or university - your parish wants to recognize this milestone in your life.

If you will be joining us on June 9th, let us know who you are using the OR code.







TEENS - REGISTER FOR SUMMER 2024 DESALES SERVICE WORKS

DeSales Service Works is a Catholic service organization sponsored by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales and based in the heart of Camden, New Jersey. At Holy Infant, we have used this model to create our own service retreats for youth with adult chaperones here in the Durham Community.

A DSW retreat is an opportunity to spend time away for service activities, prayer, and reflection to deepen one's Christian vision and more readily recognize the need and the power of Christian virtues for every place in which we find ourselves.

A typical DSW day involves:

- Visiting a community organization and completing tasks to share Christ's love throughout Durham
- Salesian spirituality and reflection
- Social fun with teens at Holy Infant!

There is no cost to participate! Exact meeting times will vary depending on the needs of the location we are serving. Typical time range is ~9 am-3 pm. During summer 2024, we will serve at the Durham Community Food Pantry, Urban Ministries of Durham, the Diaper Bank, and more!

Register using the QR code above.



WEEKLY PODCAST

This week we pay tribute to our co-host, Amber, who's leaving the staff to be a full-time mom. But we're expecting lots of guest appearances in the future! And as we celebrate the feast of Corpus Christi next weekend, tune in this Thursday to hear from our favorite Catholic songwriter, Sarah Hart, as she and Jeff discuss music specifically for the reception of Communion at Mass.

LETTER WRITING SUCCESS

Thanks so much for supporting this weekend's BFW Offering of Letters at Holy Infant! Your support is deeply appreciated! Here is a report on the number of letters written:

To Senator Thom Tillis: **30 letters**To Senator Ted Budd: **29 letters**Rep. Valerie Foushee: **5 letters**

Rep. Timothy Wahlberg (Michigan Rep.): 1 letter

Total letters submitted: 65

If you had intended to write a letter or send an email in support of a new Farm Bill, but have not gotten around to it, there's still time! Please visit http://www.bread.org and click on the "Act" link on the home page to send a message to your representative.

DIVE INTO GOD'S INFINITE LOVE

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.

Ministries

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PEACE STARTS HERE

If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat **June 14th-16th**, in the Raleigh area. The weekend retreat is strictly confidential, for both women and men and includes

discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service, and a Mass of the Resurrection.



FYM CARDS & GAMES

The next FYM Cards & Games Night will be held on Friday, **June 7th** in the Hospitality Room in the DeSales Center 6:30-8:30 PM. Bring your games your favorite beverage, and a munchie to share at your table.

SEEKING AN EVENT PLANNER

PPC is seeking a parishioner who works as or is comfortable working as the Event Planner for the upcoming October 5th parish celebration after 5:30 pm Mass. This volunteer would work to coordinate with PPC, parish staff, volunteers, and the Knights of Columbus to ensure that all aspects of the celebration go to plan. Reach out to Stacy at stacyp@holyinfantchurch.org if you are interested.

APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES

What do the gospels tell us about Mary Magdalene? She was a committed disciple of Jesus during his public ministry and at the cross. She was the first to encounter the risen Lord on Easter morning. And she received his commission to be the apostle to the apostles.

This study will only meet IN PERSON on Tuesdays at 7pm in the Parish Office Living Room starting **June 4th**.





TRAVELING MONSTRANCE

The diocese has arranged for a traveling monstrance to go from parish to parish around the diocese this year for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to celebrate the centennial anniversary of the diocese this year.

It will be at Holy Infant **May 28th-29th**. We are going to have Adoration with the traveling monstrance following 9 am Mass on the 29th all day in the Chapel.

Learn more and sign up for an adoration time slot using the QR code above.

PARISH DIRECTORIES ARE HERE!

After months of work, we are thrilled to share that the directories have arrived at the parish office. All families who participated by taking or submitting a photo may pick up their copy at the parish office during business hours or during weekend mass at the Help Desk located in the Narthex.

For those interested in purchasing a copy (\$20), please call the parish office at 919-544-7135.



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



Liturgy & Music

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BEAUTY WILL SAVE THE WORLD

During Brother Mickey McGrath's visit to Holy Infant, he mentioned his life's motto, "beauty will save the world," a quote from Dostoevsky, picked up on by Dorothy Day, and used by St. Pope John Paul II in his 1999 Letter to Artists.

Our culture is defined by utility. We tend to place a value on an item or a person based on its or their usefulness. Even our music and visual entertainment is commodified in this way. We're unwilling to take a risk spending time or money on the unknown.

Enter the Most Holy Trinity. The Christian understanding of God, which all of us baptized Christians have committed ourselves to living and proclaiming, is, by definition, a mystery. Unquantifiable. Ineffable. It's literally based on circular language... three in one, one in three, separate yet undivided. Father, Son, Holy Spirit always existed, have no beginning or end.

The only way to comprehend any of this is to buy into more unquantifiable realities... faith, hope, love, trust. None of these come with guarantees, they all come with risk.

The only earthly thing that comes close to expressing these realities is beauty. A profound piece of music or song. The gigantic and minute scenes all around us in the natural world. The smile of our best friend. The joy of playing a game alongside your teammates. Visual art that shifts our perspective. Working together with colleagues to finish an important project. These experiences become more than the sum of their elements.

We all have this mysterious divine spark within us. Each of us was created in the image of God. The connection that holds the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit together, the energy that makes them one yet distinct, is imprinted upon us. It was sealed within us when we were baptized and confirmed with the sacred Chrism when we were confirmed.

So as we celebrate this sacred mystery of the Most Holy Trinity, let's keep an eye out for the real beauty around us, in between us, with one another, and, most importantly, within ourselves. That's where we'll find truth, where God is speaking to us.

REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Deuteronomy 4:32–34, 39–40 The Lord is God in the heavens above and on earth below and there is no other. Psalm 33 "Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."

Romans 8:14–17 You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, "Abba, Father!"

Matthew 28:16–20 Baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

In each reading, the speaker points out God's remarkable uniqueness. Moses tells the people that no other god had ever done all the one-of-a-kind wonders that the LORD had done for them. Paul writes that through the Holy Spirit, we have been adopted as God's own children, a relationship with God that is like no other. In telling the disciples to make disciples of all nations, he commands them to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, a new way of baptism. How fortunate we are to receive the grace we do from our unique God!

How are my bonds suggestive of those of the Trinity? How can I strengthen and nuture that bond?

SING IT AGAIN, SAM

This weekend we sang "God Beyond All Names" by Bernadette Farrell. Use the QR code to listen and sing it again.



Next weekend we celebrate the Feast of the most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, or Corpus Christi, when we celebrate and recognize the gift of Salvation that Jesus gives us through the outpouring of his love and life in the Eucharist.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

AND HERE COMES THE HOLY SPIRIT!

I was educated by the Oblates at St. Francis de Sales in Toledo and DeSales University in Center Valley. I continue to learn from Oblates.

One of my favorite vocation stories is from Fr. Clark Kelley, OSFS. At every pivotal moment of his story he would say, "And here comes the Holy Spirit!" I lived with Fr. Clark when I was newly ordained, and he was newly retired. I won't give the whole story, I save that for in person, but I will share my favorite piece. Clark was a clerk typist in the United States Navy. He went through a long discernment, first to Catholicism and then to religious life. He found himself in the Pacific Ocean looking at this large book that contained all the religious orders of men in the United States. The Franciscans had a beautiful, full-page ad. Same with the Dominicans. Then he came across the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. We had a half-page. As he looked at our description, he noticed typos, margin issues, and spelling errors. And here comes the Holy Spirit!... Clark saw our ad and said to himself, "Looks like they need a clerk typist." I lived with Clark until he died at 84 years old, 59 years as a professed Oblate, and 50 years ordained. I know what he said at the moment he saw eternity, "And here comes the Holy Spirit!"

A few weeks ago, I was in Lockport, NY with one of Clark's ordination classmates, Fr. Joe Dumphrey, OSFS. We just celebrated Joe's jubilee, 70 years professed and 60 years ordained. It was incredible. The church was packed for a Saturday morning Mass where Joe preached. His homily was similar to Clark's reflection on his vocation, God is present and the Holy Spirit is at work! When Joe was first ordained, he was assigned to Lockport by the Provincial. This was highly unusual because Joe also grew up in Lockport. I'm sure he had mixed emotions about being assigned to his hometown. Every subsequent assignment was to the same area. He's lived and ministered around Lockport for all the years of his ordained life. I believe Joe has directly impacted every family in that city. I found out that the night before his jubilee Mass, he went to the hospital at 10:30 PM to anoint someone in need. And here comes the Holy Spirit.

As I prepare for Pentecost, I think of Clark, and I think of Joe. The work of the Holy Spirit in their lives has made my life richer. And here comes the Holy Spirit.

May God be praised!

