

THE KINGDOM OF THE LORD

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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OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday,
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
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Go to holysiniantchurch.org
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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

"To live according to the spirit is to love according to the spirit." - 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 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; 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; Aileen Koch; Bill & Donna LaMountain; Alice Lefebvre; Walter Lupa; Peggy McIntyre; Terry Mercado; 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; Angel David Torres

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS**June 17th to June 23rd***Masses are livestreamed & in person unless otherwise stated.*

Monday, 9:00 am	<i>Fe Subua †</i>
Tuesday, 9:00 am	<i>Ciccarelli Family (honor)</i>
Wednesday, 9:00 am	<i>Eleanor Kovach †</i>
Thursday, 9 am	<i>George Siler †</i>
Friday, 9:00 am	<i>Cynthia Fisher</i>
Saturday, 9:00 am	<i>Amparo Abes †</i>
Saturday, 5:30 pm	<i>Edward Peloquin †</i>
Sunday, 8:30 am	<i>Julia Gafoor (birthday)</i>
Sunday, 11:30 am	<i>Andrew DeWolf (birthday)</i>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK**Monday** 1 Kgs 21:1-16 Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7

Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday 1 Kgs 21:17-29 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16

Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14 Ps 31:20, 21, 24

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Sir 48:1-14 Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 Mt 6:7-15**Friday** 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20 Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18

Mt 6:19-23

Saturday 2 Chr 24:17-25 Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34

Mt 6:24-34

Sunday Jb 38:1, 8-11 Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31

2 Cor 5:14-17 Mk 4:35-41

Bishop's Annual Appeal Update**Funds Raised: \$125, 723****2024 Goal: \$105,922**

Happy 

Father's Day

Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - May 31

	Budgeted	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$950,150	\$916,831	(\$33,319)
Christmas Offertory	\$25,000	\$26,699	\$1,699
Easter Offertory	\$16,000	\$14,634	(\$1,366)
Holy Day Collections	\$6,000	\$9,315	\$3,315
Maintenance Offertory	\$38,700	\$39,585	\$885
	\$1,035,850	\$1,007,064	(\$28,786)

UPCOMING EVENTS**June 17** VBC, 5:30 pm**June 17** Walking with Purpose Bible Study, 7 pm**June 18** Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am**June 18** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am**June 18** Stephen Leaders Meeting, 9:30 am**June 18** Mommy & Me Coffee & Tea, 9:30 am**June 18** Families Moving Forward Dinner, 5 pm**June 18** VBC, 5:30 pm**June 18** Bible Study, 7 pm**June 19** VBC, 5:30 pm**June 19** Adoration Holy Hour, 6 pm**June 19** RCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm**June 20** Marian Prayer, 9:30 am**June 20** Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm**June 20** Yarn Ministry, 7 pm**June 21** FYM, 6:30 pm**June 22** Couples for Christ Meeting, 8 am**June 22** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am**June 22** Marriage Convalidation, James & Jaime Montoya, 10 am**June 22** Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm**June 22** Reconciliation, 4 pm**June 23** Baptism of Brigid Frances Condon, 8:30 am**June 23** Baptism of Alyzah Krisan Menancio Tinio, 11:30 am*The parish library is open on Sundays from 8 am-4 pm*

Interested in
becoming
Catholic?

Join us for an inquiry
session on **June 19th**



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CALLING MOMS OF ALL AGES

Moms of all ages are invited to Mommy & Me - Coffee & Tea, on **June 18th**. We welcome you to enjoy coffee in Christ for the chaos of motherhood.

This casual fellowship group will meet at Bean Traders on June 18th at 9 am. You are welcome to come alone, with a friend and with your children.



PLAYGROUP STARTS SOON

Playgroup returns at Pinewoods Park Playground on **June 27th** from 9:30 to 11 am. Connect with other parents while your kids enjoy the playground. Summer playgroup is reoccurring and will happen **every Thursday through August 15th**. See you there!

Use the QR code to subscribe to our playgroup Whatsapp for updates regarding weather.



JOIN US IN THE GARDEN

Join Faith Development on **June 29th** for Family Morning in the Garden! This special event is open to all ages and will take place from 9-11 am. Bring your loved ones for a fun-filled morning in the Holy Infant Justice Garden. Enjoy the fresh air, soak up the sunshine, and create lasting memories together as a family while supporting this vital ministry at Holy Infant.



WEEKLY PODCAST

This week we are happy to introduce Anna Lee who recently joined our staff to coordinate our high school, initiation, and adult faith development ministries.

Next week join us for a behind-the-scenes look at our music ministry here at Holy Infant.

TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Most of us do not spend a lot of time thinking about diapers. But if you are a parent, grandparent, or caregiver without enough of them, they can become a major source of stress, guilt, and desperation. Public safety net programs such as The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, previously known as Food Stamps) do not cover the purchase of diapers, often leaving families with a difficult decision between buying diapers and other necessities with their limited funds. For families in need, something as small as a diaper can have a significant impact.

TYM and JYM students are invited to participate in a DSW day of service at the NC Diaper Bank on **June 25th**.

Use the QR link to register or contact Anna at the information listed above to learn more.



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. DSW at Holy Infant is a modified version targeted towards engaging Junior and High School parishioners in service.

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THE AFTER PEOPLE

People often ask, "What exactly is a Stephen Minister?" One way to put it is that Stephen Ministers are the After People.

Stephen Ministers are there:

After the phone call you hoped you'd never get.

After the divorce papers are served.

After the funeral.

After the doctor says, "I'm sorry, there's nothing more we can do."

After the child moves out and your home is empty.

After the baby arrives, demanding more than you ever thought possible.

After you find a pink slip with your final paycheck.

After your family and friends have heard your story many times, but you still need to talk it out.

Stephen Ministers are ready to come alongside you and provide comfort and support for as long *after* as needed.



GOLF SEASON IS IN FULL SWING

Holy Infant's Golf Association meets monthly 9 months out of the year, bringing parish members, with an interest in golf, together regularly to share the game and Christian fellowship. All are welcome - men and women, young and old, all skill levels!

HIGA's next outing is **July 13th** at Umstead Golf Course in Durham. Use the QR to learn more about HIGA ministry and to get more information on upcoming outings.



PSS NEEDS BABY BOY CLOTHES

Pregnancy Support Services needs help to replenish their stock of summer baby boy clothes! They are especially in need of sizes 6-12 months but could use other sizes as well.

If you have any gently used baby clothes you no longer need, consider donating them to PSS to help support the work of their ministry.

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FALL BLOOD DRIVE

We have months until the **October 19th** blood drive at Holy Infant, but planning is important when registering as a donor. Different types of blood donations require longer periods between donations.

Several things keep people from donating including a recent illness, some medications, low iron or recently traveling outside of the US. Learn more about donating using the QR code. Donate blood. Save lives.



DIRECTORY PICKUP IN THE OFFICE

Directories have been available for pickup at weekend masses for the past three weeks. Moving forward, directories should be picked up in the office during business hours.



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



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SOWING GOOD SEEDS

Whether we realize it or not, we spend our days planting seeds in this world. As we learn in the parable of the mustard seed this weekend, it's the way of things that over time the small and unnoticed becomes large and consequential. What kinds of mustard seeds are we spreading each day?

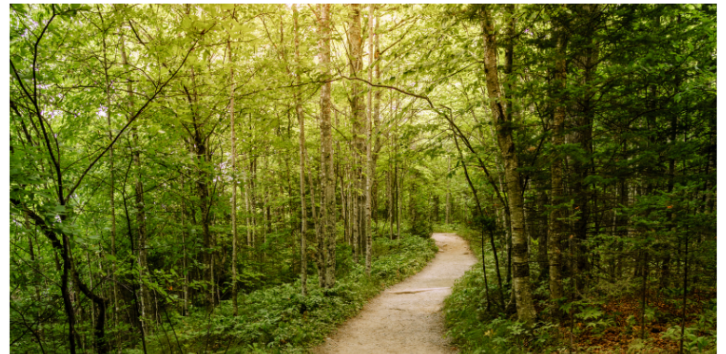
Those of us who are blessed with the responsibility of being husbands and fathers should especially consider this question. What kinds of seeds are we spreading each day when we interact with our wives or children? It's easy after a long day to come home and be detached from one another, or to have a short temper and have a harsh word that we don't really mean. These small seeds can blossom into some large, ugly trees that are difficult to deal with. Rather, within our families we should keep in mind the model of the giant mustard tree as a place of comfort and refuge. If we can be mindful to plant good seeds, something as simple as a smile, a nod of acknowledgement, or a word of encouragement or love, we can help our families become mustard trees. Even better, we can be an example for others to do the same. This is how the kingdom of God is built.

On a larger scale, the Church is God's family, and as baptized members, we're all stewards of this family. What kinds of mustard seeds are we sowing when we gather together as the Body of Christ? Again, are we indifferent, detached, closed-off, or short-tempered? Or can we open ourselves to others, be welcoming and understanding, even to strangers?

Think even, what kinds of seeds are we planting in our workplace? On social media?

There are too many bad seeds being spread about the earth these days. Let's all take responsibility for ourselves,

understand the reality of how things begin small, and be mindful to spread seeds that will grow into a more just, loving world.



REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 17:22-24 I have lifted high the lowly tree.

Psalms 92 "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you."

2 Corinthians 5:6-10 Whether we are at home or away, we aspire to please the Lord.

Mark 4:26-34 It is the smallest of all seeds, and becomes the largest of plants.

Ezekiel sets the tone for today's selections from God's word when he relates God's promise to grow a majestic tree that will stand out among all the rest. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the well-known parable of the mustard seed, a tiny seed that produces a huge plant. The fruit of the natural world—of God's wondrous creation—continues to provide for us, even as its miraculous growth entralls and delights us.

How do I walk by faith, showing my trust in God and things I cannot see? Can I recall a recent occasion in which I chose to put my trust in God?

SING IT AGAIN, SAM

This weekend we sang "Good, Good Father" by Pat Barrett and Chris Tomlin. Use the QR code to listen and sing it again.



Next weekend we celebrate the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time when we're reminded of Christ's power of death and fear.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

PEARL OF GREAT PRICE

As I continue my Oblate formation I am continually surprised how certain pearls of wisdom that I have heard and believed for years suddenly stand out with a new depth and relevance. God is the expert at using anything He can to put a spotlight on exactly what we need to realize at our particular place in our journey. Recently, one of those “pearls” of wisdom is in fact the parable of the Pearl of Great Price. Like all the parables, this short wise saying subtly shakes the ground beneath our preconceived worldviews. Nothing but the Gospel can so flip our systems of value on their heads. This parable is one of the shortest in the Gospels, with only one sentence: “The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it” (Mt. 13:45-46).

One reason the parable resonates so deeply with me is because its narrative and my interpretation of it have mirrored my spiritual journey during the last several years, as the parables are meant to do.

The nuance and subtlety in such a short passage allow for multivalent interpretation. At the outset, one is tempted to equate the object in the parable with the Kingdom in a one-to-one pattern, which can be said of other parables: Kingdom = mustard seed, Kingdom = treasure, Kingdom = leaven, etc. This parable, however, disrupts that pattern. The author does not write that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a pearl; rather, he says that the Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls.



Here arises the first lesson derived from the parable that has influenced my spiritual life: The Kingdom of God is not just the end result that one achieves after sufficient striving and searching. The very process of searching and seeking that constitutes so much of our spiritual lives is part of being in the Kingdom. The only requirement is simply to realize that the Kingdom is present. Once you become aware of it, the Kingdom is yours to embrace. Over time, stepping into the Kingdom becomes a habit of spontaneously dropping down to the spiritual level of our being and gazing at the world with a consciousness that is keenly aware of the presence of God, without that awareness hindering our attention to the world around us.

What, then, to say about the pearl itself? I offer my thoughts only as a personal interpretation, which might just as well differ from many other readings. The pearl may represent that transforming union with Christ that is the end goal of the spiritual life. The loftiness of such a goal in no way eclipses or detracts from the beauty of the spiritual adventure by which it is attained.

Another feature of the short story has struck me as worthy of ongoing consideration: There is no price tag attached to the pearl; that is, there is no objective value placed on it. Instead, the price that the merchant is willing to pay becomes the worth of the pearl for him. What will this consistent companionship with the Lord be worth to us if it is ever attained? It will be precious to us in proportion to what and how much we are willing to give for it.

The wisdom gained from the increasing awareness that “the Kingdom of God is at hand,” as demonstrated by this reflection, has been the most pivotal aspect of my desire to pursue religious life as an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales. And so the same question continues to echo down the centuries to every Christian: What price would you pay to obtain this pearl?

-Mr. Matthew Trovato, OSFS