

THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

"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."
- 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; Maria Capone; Doug Carver; Alice & Christos Chamis; Albina & Chin Chua; Eva Crowley; Lillian Davids; Bea Davis; Rosemary Donohue; Eileen Dowling; Christine Drap: Irene Dunbar: Jason Ferrigan: Susan Fleming: Adela Florev: Dot 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; Rob McAllister; Peggy McIntyre; Terry Mercaldo; Lee Meyer; Monique Mueller; Nelida Muniz; Kathleen O'Donnell; 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 July 29th to August 4th

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) Josephine Cavalina † Jamie O'Brien Kindem †

Vocations Rick Young †

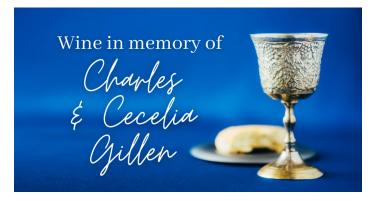
James Joseph McBride

(birthday)

Lavalee Úpham † Michael Harrill †

Stephen Malachy Mandville

(honor)



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Jer 13:1-11 De 32:18-19, 20, 21 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Mt 13:36-43 **Wednesday** Jer 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 Mt 13:44-46

Thursday Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6AB Mt 13:47-53

Friday Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Mt 13:54-58 **Saturday** Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 14:1-12

Sunday Ex 16:2-4, 12-15 Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25, 54 Eph 4:17, 20-24 Jn 6:24-35

Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - June 30

	Budgeted	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$1,036,150	\$1,005,767	(\$30,383)
Christmas Offertory	\$25,000	\$26,699	\$1,699
Easter Offertory	\$16,000	\$14,634	(\$1,366)
Holy Day Collections	\$6,000	\$9,355	\$3,355
Maintenance Offertory	\$42,000	\$42,629	\$629
	\$1,125,150	\$1,099,084	(\$26,066)

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 30th Justice Garden Ministry, 9 am

Aug 1 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am

Aug 1 Children's Playgroup at Piney Woods, 9:30 am

Aug 1 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm

Aug 1 KofC Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm

Aug 1 Yarn Ministry, 7 pm

Aug 3 KofC District Meeting, 9 am

Aug 3 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

Aug 3 First Saturday Rosary, 9:30 am

Aug 3 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm

Aug 3 Rosary-Making, 3:30 pm

Aug 3 Reconciliation, 4 pm

Aug 4 Holy Infant Family Night at Durham Bulls, 5 pm

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



We wish our Knights of Columbus a successful year of ministry! A special congratulations to the Knights who were installed on July 16th:

Jeffrey Spears, Robert Radcliff, John Dieter, John Von Achen, Michael Beben, Dennis Kennedy, Michael Pearl, Maurice Lospinoso II, Mark Mattioli, Peter Barrett, Stephen Gage, Dr. Christopher Woodward, and Reynaldo Ramirez.



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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EARLY BIRD DISCOUNTS FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Register early to save on registration fees! Our lifelong faith formation process aims to foster in our minds and hearts the experience of God's reign in our midst as we form communities of faith, proclaim God's Word, celebrate the Sacraments, and build a just and compassionate society, in which all people share God's gifts.

Faith Development is available to children from age 3 to 12th grade. Learn more about each program & register using the QR code.











ONE DESALES SERVICE WORKS DATE LEFT

Last week, DSW students spent an afternoon sorting donation materials for Welcome Baby in Durham. Teens sorted and labeled 250 maternity gowns and 490 nursing bras, and made 220 Welcome Baby info packets.

Our last date to get involved with DSW is **August 13th**. Use the QR code above to register your teen or to learn more.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUPME INVITE

Join the Durham/Chapel Hill Young Adults GroupMe for events in our area hosted by other parishes like bonfires and ultimate frisbee! This is an easy, no-commitment way to learn more about Catholic events in the area and connect with other Catholics. Use the QR to register.





DURHAM BULLS OUTING

Join other Holy Infant families for a baseball game! The Durham Bulls will take on the Memphis Redbirds on **August 4th** at 5pm.

Purchase a ticket by August 1st using the QR code. Let's go, Bulls!



YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join the young adults of Holy Infant for small group Bible studies every 2nd and 4th Tuesday throughout the fall! Can't commit to all of them? That's fine! The first study will be on **August 27th**.

For this study, we will be diving into the Sunday Gospel, not a series that requires perfect attendance. We'd love to see you when you are available in the Fellowship Hall of the DeSales Center.



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CONSIDER HOSTING A CATHOLIC EXCHANGE STUDENT

Perhaps you or someone you know would like to host a foreign student during an exchange year? Our host families simply open their heart and homes to a student and set another plate at the table. Our students come with their own health insurance and spending money and can attend the host family's local public high school.

Courtney Kobos Smith from CIEE will be in the Family Room off the Narthex after the 8:30 and 11:30 Masses on Sunday, **July 28th** to tell you more. Courtney shares, "We are especially working hard to find homes for some Catholic students from Mexico and Spain, and I look forward to visiting Holy Infant and sharing about the program and these students."

Parishioners, Joe and Marisa Spina, who are hosting a student this fall will also be on hand.

SINGLE/SINGLE AGAIN RETREAT

If you are a single, separated, divorced or widowed person, please join the diocese for their 29th Annual Single/Single Again Beach Retreat, **August 9th-11th**, at Trinity Retreat Center in Salter Path, NC. It is a weekend of prayer, spiritual renewal, and relaxation, and a great opportunity to meet other Catholic singles.

For more information, contact Ginger LaBelle at gingerslabelle@gmail.com.

DON'T BEAR YOUR BURDENS ALONE

Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one lay caring ministry. As a Stephen Ministry parish we equip and empower lay caregivers—called Stephen Ministers—to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are experiencing a difficult time in life, such as grief, divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or relocation.

Perhaps you or someone you know may benefit from having a Stephen Minister. *Reach out to Lynn at the top of the page for more information.*

ABORTION SUPPORT GROUP STARTING THIS FALL WITH PSS

Pregnancy Support Services is launching a post-abortion group this fall. It will begin Thursday, **September 5th** and meet weekly for ten weeks. It will be from 5:30 to 7:30pm each night. The group will follow an in-depth bible study entitled Forgiven and Set Free.



AUGUST GOLF OUTING WITH HIGA

The next HIGA outing is scheduled for **August 10th** at Chapel Ridge Golf Course. \$60 for greens fee and cart, \$4 for range balls, first tee time 12:42. Use the QR to learn more and register.





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



Liturgy & Music

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JOHN FILLS IN FOR MARK

Something strange happens with the scripture readings at Masses this Sunday and for the four weeks following. In this Year B of the liturgical calendar, which began on the first Sunday of Advent last November, we have been hearing continuous passages from the Gospel of Mark at Mass on Sundays. For the next five weeks, however, the Gospel reading comes from John's account. Why is this so?

It is partly for practical reasons. Mark is the shortest of the synoptic Gospels and does not fill up an entire year of Sundays, so passages from John's Gospel are inserted from the 17th to the 21st Sunday.

It is logical to use readings from John since that Gospel does not have its own "Year" and it makes sense to incorporate Chapter 6 of John's Gospel at this point because it fits well into the part of Mark's Gospel we have been hearing in recent weeks which is concerned with Jesus' revelation of himself.

These continuous readings John 6 are commonly called the Bread of Life discourse. They can appear to be repetitive if we hear only catch phrases such as "I am the bread of life" and are not alert to the progression from the first to the final reading in the series.

The chapter begins with Jesus feeding the five thousand (week 1). The next day, the people search for Jesus until they find him. Aware that all they want from him is more food, Jesus tells the people to seek by faith eternal food instead. Jesus offers himself to the world as bread of eternal life: all who believe in him will be raised on the last day (week 2).

In response to the Jews' questioning of how anyone with known earthly parents could be bread from heaven, Jesus reaffirms that he is the living bread from heaven and promises that anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

When Jesus proclaims that the bread that he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, the Jews react angrily. Jesus' response is that they will have no life unless they eat his flesh and drink his blood (week 3).

Jesus goes on to explain that whoever eats his flesh and drinks his blood will have eternal life and remain in him since his flesh is true food and his blood is true drink. Just as Jesus lives because of the Father, those who consume Jesus will live because of him (week 4).

When many of the disciples complain about how hard this teaching is, Jesus addresses their concerns by predicting his ascension and by rebuking their materialism and unbelief. At that point, many of his followers leave, never to return. The twelve apostles however reaffirm their faith in Christ as the "Holy One of God" (week 5).

There is a progression from Jesus' word as bread of life to Jesus' flesh and blood as real food and drink for the life of the world. This is a familiar pattern in the celebration of the Mass: the progression from Word to Eucharist.

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REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

2 Kings 4:42–44 They shall eat and there shall be some left over.

Psalm 145 "The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs."

Ephesians 4:1–6 One body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism John 6:1–15 He distributed as much as they wanted to those who were reclining.

What can I offer this week, without expecting anything in return, that could provide more than it would if I kept it for myself?

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

THE RULE OF LIFE

Today the Church remembers St. Benedict. Benedict is considered one of the founders of the monastic tradition in the Christian tradition. A "rule of life" is essential to any form of monasticism. "The Rule of St. Benedict" was written to help the monks focus on prayer and work in a sacred space and in a set schedule. His rule offered people a balanced and simple strategy to embrace their faith and follow the Lord. Benedict called his method a "rule for beginners" and described it as a "simple handbook to make the very radical demands of the gospel a practical reality in daily life." Benedict gave the Church a basic guide for living the Christian life.

To this day, most religious communities can trace their rhythms and rules to Benedict and his spirit of contemplation, cloister, and service. Following a rule of life is not something that is specific to religious orders. All of us tend to follow certain patterns and paths as we navigate the road of life. We use a set of customs, practices, and guidelines that we have gathered from different sources or used in specific situations. We look to signposts to point us in the right direction. We seek assistance from family and friends to help us on our journey.

As a young man, Francis de Sales developed his own rule of life to give him direction and strengthen his devotion to the Gospel. As he faced the challenges and temptations of college and career, he prepared a plan to live like Jesus. This rule became the basis for his "Spiritual Directory" that helped him unite to God and his neighbor each day. Years later, when he and Jane de Chantal founded the Visitation Order, he took the "Spiritual Directory" and expanded it to guide the sisters in their quest for holiness. The Visitation rules did not emphasize external austerity and penance but interior simplicity and joy. The spirit of the Visitation brought out the best of the monastic tradition by harmonizing head and heart.

While most of us will not be monks or nuns, all of us are called to holiness. We may not have an official rule of life, but we all can find a strategy and standard to guide us on our journey. The spirituality of St. Francis de Sales is a practical plan and an accessible way we can follow the Gospel and the call to conversion. Finding God in the ordinary moments and actions of daily life can lead us to perfection.

During these days of summer, as we find time to rest and relax, perhaps we can find time to consider the rhythms and patterns of our life. How do we structure our lives to respond to God's life? How do we shape our story to be Good News? What is your vision for the future? What will be your rule of life?

