

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; 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 August 5th to August 11th

Monday, 9:00 am Tuesday, 9:00 am Wednesday, 9:00 am Thursday, 9 am Friday, 9:00 am

Saturday, 9:00 am

Fran Hamacher †
Parishioners of Holy Infant
Robert Henry Wilson †
Angelina Fazio †

Mauveline Duncan (honor) Novio Family (thanksgiving)

Saturday, 5:30 pm

Maria & Kyle Heuser
(1st anniversary)

Sunday, 8:30 am
Sunday, 11:30 am

Sunday, 10 am

Sheri Lynn Applegate †
Sandy Powers †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday Jer 31:1-7 Jer 31:10, 11-12AB, 13 Mt 15:21-28

Thursday Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mt 16:13-23

Friday Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 De 32:35CD-36AB, 39ABCD, 41 Mt 16:24-28

Saturday 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 Jn 12:24-26

Sunday 1 Kgs 19:4-8 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 4:30-5:2 Jn 6:41-51



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

Aug 6 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

Aug 6 Knights of Columbus Council Meeting, 6:30 pm

Aug 7 RCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm

Aug 8 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am

Aug 8 Playgroup at Piney Woods Park, 9:30 am

Aug 8 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm

Aug 8 Sleep in Heavenly Peace Meeting, 7 pm

Aug 9 Youth Ministry Outing, 8 pm **Aug 10** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

Aug 10 Daughters of St. Francis de Sales, 10 am

Aug 10 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm

Aug 10 Reconciliation, 4 pm

Aug 11 St Monica Ministry for Praying Parents, 7 pm

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



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YOUNG ADULTS 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.

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.



TEENS MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER AT DESALES SERVICE WORKS

On July 10th and 18th, teams of dedicated teens from our community worked together in the Food Pantry and Welcome Baby projects as part of the DeSales Service Works Days (DSW) held throughout the summer. The collective spirit of the event was captured through a shared reflection on what made this experience unique.

"Witnessing firsthand the impact you make in the community is what made my experience special," shared Jackson Stoj, one of the teens. The most memorable moments for him at the Food Pantry were "handing out the food to the community," and at Welcome Baby, it was "volunteering with church friends." These events gave him insight into caring for those in need.

The Welcome Baby project, like all DSW events, emphasized the importance of community and solidarity. The teens' enthusiasm and dedication were evident as they worked together to support families in need. Their efforts exemplify the core values of service and compassion that our community holds dear at Holy Infant Catholic Church.

DSW will volunteer at Urban Ministries on **August 13th**. Stay tuned for more inspiring DSW stories!

-Henri Febre



REGISTER FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT 2024

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.



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BRIDGING THE POLITICAL DIVIDE

For people of faith, civil discourse begins in recognizing the image of God in our conversation partners. Holy Infant is hosting a workshop on **September 8th** in the DeSales Center 2-4:30 pm. Often, we forget that we are speaking with and about other children of God. This workshop is an immersion experience where participants begin to remember the brother and sisterhood of all mankind.

Designed to help conservative and liberal Americans rebuild trust and engage in productive conversation, Red/Blue Workshops brings together six to eight "red" (conservative-leaning) and six to eight "blue" (progressive-leaning) participants in structured and moderated discussions. These discussions focus on reducing stereotyped thinking, clarifying disagreements, listening and learning rather than declaring and debating, and building the relationships needed to find common ground.

These workshops are an opportunity for participants to make their voices heard, and to listen to others—all in a respectful environment.

Braver Angels values and pledge:

- As individuals, we try to understand the other side's point of view, even if we don't agree with it.
- In our communities, we engage those we disagree with, looking for common ground and ways to work together.
- In politics, we support principles that bring us together rather than divide us.

Register for the workshop at Holy Infant on September 8th, or the worship at St. Thomas More on September 7th using the QR code.





JUSTFAITH MINISTRY SMALL GROUP

Do you have a passion for eco-justice? Sacred Air: Climate & Energy is an eight-session small group program beginning **September 25th** that explores the impact of the climate crisis on God's creation and God's people. In order to discern ways to restore the health of our planet and those who live on it, your small group will learn about causes and effects of the climate crisis. Learn more using the QR code above.

UMD AUGUST SHELTER DINNER

We recently learned that there is a greater need for meals in the Durham community. Therefore, we have been asked to provide enough food for 200 of our neighbors in downtown Durham for our next UMD Shelter Dinner on Sunday, **August 18th**.

The menu will feature submarine sandwiches, side dishes, and dessert. You can volunteer to provide food items or to help prepare and serve the meal through the online sign-up sheet. All donations make a positive difference and will help us meet this increased need.

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.



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



Liturgy & Music

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TAKING TIME TO PRAISE GOD

When I think of summer, I think of fabulous foods. Watermelon sliced thick and seeds to spit. Burgers sizzling on the grill. Juicy, seasonal tomatoes waiting to compete with ketchup as a condiment. Shucked corn (Silver Queen from New Jersey where I grew up!) boiled quick or roasted a la Minnesota (my new home) on a campfire grate.

Summer is a great time to expand your family's use of prayer in everyday life. Gratitude is a great starting point. If you don't already, start saying a table grace, such as our beloved "Bless us, O Lord." Try saying it more frequently, such as before breakfast or lunch, or when you are eating out. If you already recite grace, try something more spontaneous. Can each person share one thing they are grateful for this day, an activity, a food, a person? Can we praise for his amazing works? Lines from the psalms offer an entry point: "Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy!" (Psalm 96:12) Amen! Learn a fun sung grace like Johnny Appleseed! Singing praise in our family can help us become more comfortable with singing our praises in the sanctuary.

How about bedtime? Without school mornings looming, we can relax and spend a little more time ending our day in prayer together. This might be a great time to learn, "Now I lay me down to sleep," the Hail Mary, or another traditional prayer. Try adding a simple litany after your prayer: "God bless Grandma, God Bless Rover," and more. Offer prayers of petition: "Who needs our prayers right now?" This spontaneous offering of our needs to God reminds us of the Prayer of the Faithful from the Sunday Eucharist. In this summer time, our families can practice living more fully Paul's exhortation: "in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God" (Philippians 4:6).

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REFLECTING ON THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16:2–4, 12–15 I will rain down bread from heaven for you.

Psalm 78 "The Lord gave them bread from heaven." Ephesians 4:17, 20–24 Put on the new self that has been created in God's way.

John 6:24–35 Whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.

In Moses' time, the LORD God sent bread from heaven in the form of manna, which sustained the Chosen People on their lengthy and difficult journey across the desert. Centuries later, God sent the Son, the Bread of Life, who nourishes us now on our journey to God's kingdom. On our journeys, may we keep in mind that we are called to leave behind our old corrupted, sinful self and "put on the new self," as Saint Paul wrote, our true self that is founded in Jesus. What have I grumbled about this week on my journey through life?

How can the Bread of Life sustain me through a difficulty or hardship like that?

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales



I LOOK TO THE MOUNTAINS

Mountains are frequently mentioned in the Bible. One biblical scholar says that mountains and hills are mentioned 500 times. Mountains are certainly part of the landscape of the Middle East, but they also contain great symbolism. Mountains and hills in biblical times literally helped the people feel closer to God. The ancient world believed that God dwelled in the heavens (the sky) and a mountain was an obvious way to reach the Lord. Even in the New Testament, Jesus is transfigured on a mountaintop and reminds us that He is divine.

During the last two weeks, I have been in Annecy, France for the General Chapter of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. The Chapter is an international meeting of Oblates where we take time to discuss the needs of our congregation, address issues concerning the universal church, and spend time enjoying the company of our confreres from around the world. We also get to enjoy the beautiful town of Annecy - the home of Francis de Sales when he was Bishop of nearby Geneva. Because of the political implications of the Protestant Reformation, Bishop Francis was never permitted into the city of Geneva. However, being banned from one town revealed the beauty of another to Francis and the members of his diocese. Annecy was (and is) a little town nestled in the heart of the French Alps, along the shores of Lake Annecy. The town sits below the towering and snowcapped Annecy Mountains.

As the Oblates drove into Annecy (and the whole Chablais region), from the city of Geneva, we were all impressed by the mountains. They are breathtaking. They draw us closer to God because they remind us of the beauty and wonder of creation. They are part of the miracle that is the natural world. My walks through Annecy helped me realize why St. Francis de Sales used the images of nature to explain the love and closeness of God.

During these days of summer vacation and warm weather, we are invited to look around and see the Lord who made heaven and earth. Whether you can vacation in the mountains or in other places of God's wonderful world, may we take some time today to appreciate His presence, His help, and His closeness in all creation.

-Fr. Jack Kolodziej, OSFS