

# THE LIVING BREAD

#### 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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Go to holyinfantchurch.org or scan the QR code below



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#### 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 19th to August 25th

Monday, 9:00 am James Bligh †

Tuesday, 9:00 am

Wednesday, 9:00 am

Jennifer DeWolf (birthday)

Holy Family, Saints

& Angels

**Thursday, 9 am** *John Fisher (scholastic* 

success)

Friday, 9:00 am No 9 am Mass

Friday, 11 am
Saturday, 9:00 am
Saturday, 5:30 pm
Sunday, 8:30 am
Funeral Mass—Tom English
Bonifacio De Ausen †
Parishioners of Holy Infant
Wilma Elizabeth Alexander

†

Sunday, 11:30 am Elaine & Frank Marnell

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

holyinfantchurch.org/mass-intentions.

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

holyinfantchurch.org/memorial-donations.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday** Ez 24:15-23 De 32:18-19, 20, 21 Mt 19:16-22 **Tuesday** Ez 28:1-10 De 32:26-27AB, 27 CD-28, 30, 35 CD-36AB Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday** Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-3A, 3B-4, 5, 6 Mt 20:1-16 **Thursday** Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mt 22:1-14

**Friday** Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 22:34-40 **Saturday** Rv 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51

**Sunday** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32 Jn 6:60-69

#### Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - July 31

	Budgeted	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$89,380	\$81,340	(\$8,040)
Christmas Offertory	\$0	\$0	\$0
Easter Offertory	\$0	\$0	\$0
Holy Day Collections	\$0	\$50	\$50
Maintenance Offertory	\$3,860	\$2,902	(\$958)
	\$93,240	\$84,292	(\$8,948)

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Aug 19 FYM Core Team Meeting, 12 pm Aug 20 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am Aug 20 Stephen Leaders Meeting, 9:30 am Aug 20 Mommy & Me—Coffee & Tea, 9:30 am

Aug 21 RCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm

Aug 22 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am

**Aug 22** Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm **Aug 22** KofC Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm

**Aug 24** KofC Planning Meeting, 9 am

Aug 24 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

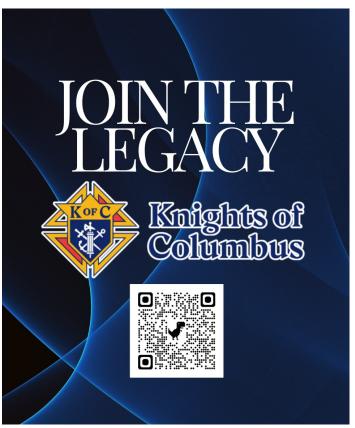
Aug 24 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm

Aug 24 Reconciliation, 4 pm

Aug 25 Little Rock Scripture Study, 9:45 am

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





## Faith Development

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#### **MOMMY & ME - COFFEE & TEA**

Calling all moms! Join us for a morning of relaxation and fellowship at Mommy & Me - Coffee & Tea on **August 20th** at 9:30 am at Bean Traders. This drop-in gathering welcomes moms of all ages to enjoy a cup of coffee or tea while connecting with other moms at Holy Infant. Feel free to bring your little ones along and invite a friend to join the fun.

No registration is required, simply show up and immerse yourself in the uplifting company of fellow moms. Don't miss out on this chance to enjoy a well-deserved break and connect with other moms. See you there!

#### NEW STUDY STARTING SOON

A new bible study group for Young Adults starts up on **September 10th**. This new group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at 7 pm in the DeSales Center Hospitality Room.

The group will review and delve deeper into the Sunday gospel readings. Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on the teachings and messages contained within the scriptures in a supportive and welcoming environment.

#### A PRAYER FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL

Dear Lord,

As our students begin a new school year, I pray that you will keep them in your care. Send your Spirit to open their minds to all that is true and beautiful and good Help them to see the gifts and talents you have given them and to use them well. Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom. Help them to be kind to others and lead others to be kind to them. Give their teachers patience and understanding and help them teach what is just and true. Send your angels to guide and guard our children and to keep them from all harm. Open their young hearts to your presence and enfold them in your peace and protection. Hold them in the palm of your hand and bring them home safely at day's end. Amen.





#### DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR FAITH DEVELOPMENT

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.

### **Ministries**

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#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Holy Infant Parish is gearing up for its highly anticipated annual celebration on **October 5th**, marking a significant milestone as the community commemorates its 50th anniversary. Volunteers play a crucial role in making this celebration a success, and those interested in contributing are encouraged to reach out to Stacy (stacyp@holyinfantchurch.org) to get involved.

Save the date for this special event and join Holy Infant in celebrating five decades of faith, community, and fellowship.



#### 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.

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.

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



# HOW ARE WE CALLED TO RESPOND TO THE CLIMATE CRISIS?

Sacred Air: Climate and Energy, the second program in JustFaith Ministries' Ecojustice Series, explores the impact of the climate crisis and equips people of faith to respond.

To discern ways to restore the health of our planet and those who live on it, small groups learn about the causes and effects of the climate crisis. Topics include:

- · greenhouse gases,
- air pollution,
- fossil fuels,
- renewable energy,
- · the Paris Agreement,
- environmental racism.

Through prayer and spiritual practices, participants notice the breath of God that flows through them, granting them the life and energy to address this difficult topic with passion and resilience. Participants can expect to leave Sacred Air: Climate and Energy better equipped to address the climate crisis, both by mobilizing their communities and by making personal choices that honor God's creation.

Sacred Air: Climate & Energy is an eight-session small group program beginning **September 25th**. Learn more using the QR code above.



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



## Liturgy & Music

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#### LITURGY IS A WINDOW

It is easy to think of liturgy as something that we do: praying, singing, reading, making gestures, and engaging with symbols. Preparing these things is the work of the parish liturgy committee and pastor. But the liturgical activities in which the Church is engaged are in fact the actions of Christ: Christ is the true celebrant of the liturgy.

God acts in the liturgy. In the waters of baptism, God plunges us into the saving mystery of Jesus' death and resurrection. As we eat and drink at the Lord's table, God joins us to Christ and we share in the great Passover from death to eternal life and in the banquet of heaven. As the celebrant anoints with holy oil, God seals the confirmand with the gift of the Holy Spirit or raises up the person who is sick.

What a pity, then, that so often we concentrate on the window itself instead of looking through it. The liturgy is boring, teenagers say. The liturgy committee decides to respond by having a 'youth Mass' with praise music and special lighting effects. This solution is a case of looking at the glass and the window frame instead of the view. When parishioners complain about minor rubrical infringements, they are concerned with smudges on the window.

Of course, the window itself is neither irrelevant nor unimportant. A dirty or foggy window will distort or obscure the view. The reform of the liturgy promoted by the Second Vatican Council was intended to clean the windows after centuries of grime. It was for this very reason that the Council highlighted the importance of the sacramental signs – baptizing by immersion, taking and breaking real bread, receiving communion from the cup, proclaiming the word of God – not as an end in themselves, but as a means of realizing what the liturgy actually does.

When liturgy committees evaluate the effectiveness of their preparation for a feast or season, their questions should not center on the drama, decoration, or liturgical forms but rather on their transparency. The hangings and symbols prepared by the liturgical artists are not designed to draw attention to themselves but rather are works of art that lead to the discovery of new spiritual depths. Ministers reviewing their liturgical roles should not just ask whether they performed their tasks correctly but seek to understand how their words and actions served to open up the reality of God's saving work.

Liturgical innovation does not necessarily lead to a renewed spiritual experience. The unfamiliar often catches our attention and distracts us from what is really taking place. Liturgical rites belong to the Church. Liturgy is the corporate worship of the whole body of Christ, united around the globe and down through the centuries.

Preparing creative and vibrant liturgy is about ensuring that the preaching, praying, music, gestures, environment, symbols, and ministers of the liturgy all enable the people of God assembled for worship to see beyond the liturgical forms and to participate fully, consciously, and actively in the saving mystery that lies beyond them.

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## Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

#### **RELIGIOUS LIFE IS ALIVE**

We are all aware that the number of men and women entering religious life has dropped dramatically over the past fifty years. Significant changes in society have led to changes in schools, parishes, hospitals, and social services once filled with religious sisters, brothers, and priests. Today, these institutions and apostolates are being increasingly staffed, served, and led by laymen and women. For many religious communities, there seems to be a drought in the number of people pursuing a religious vocation today. Some people wonder if religious life will become extinct.

For the past three weeks, I was privileged to be a part of two events that broadened my view of religious life in our country and our world. I participated in both the Oblate General Chapter (a gathering of Oblate leaders from around the world) and the Conference of Major Superiors of Men (a convention of religious priests and brothers from around the USA). At both events, I had the opportunity to interact with men of all ages, cultures, and countries who have given their lives to God and the Church. At each gathering, I got to know young men who had committed themselves to live an increasingly countercultural way of life. Even though most religious communities are much smaller than in the past, most are still moving forward. One young Franciscan told me that even though there are only a few men in formation (training) in his community, his order celebrates each vocation, each friar who joins.

My interaction with young men studying to be priests and brothers put a face on recent statistics that show there is a small but steady stream of millennial and Generation Z men (and women) who still choose religious life. Young adults choosing religious life today are facing challenges that many older religious never had. They are facing a secular society where organized religion and religious life are seen as out of touch or even irrelevant. Meeting young people who are willing to be witnesses to the Gospel in the world today renewed my own call to live as a religious. I was not only impressed but inspired in my own journey. Seeing young Oblates from around the world gave me hope that the Oblate way of life will continue and the vision of Fr. Brisson and the spirit of St. Francis de Sales is alive in the 21st century.

