

# BLESSED IN HIS ARMS

## 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

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Thursday,  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;  
closed Friday

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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

*"Make friends with the angels, who though invisible are always with you. Often invoke them, constantly praise them, and make good use of their help and assistance in all your temporal and spiritual affairs. - St. Francis de Sales*



PARISH STAFF

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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 [holysinfectchurch.org](http://holysinfectchurch.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; Adela Florey; 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 Mercado; 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 October 7th to October 13th

|                           |                                |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Monday, 9:00 am</b>    | <i>Renee Whitmore †</i>        |
| <b>Tuesday, 9:00 am</b>   | <i>Peter Menezes †</i>         |
| <b>Wednesday, 9:00 am</b> | <i>Leonard Vogel †</i>         |
| <b>Thursday, 9 am</b>     | <i>Joseph Rozniakowski †</i>   |
| <b>Friday, 9:00 am</b>    | <i>Betty Ryan †</i>            |
| <b>Saturday, 9:00 am</b>  | <i>Blessed Louis Brisson †</i> |
| <b>Saturday, 5:30 pm</b>  | <i>Helen Opiteck †</i>         |
| <b>Sunday, 8:30 am</b>    | <i>Jerry Sedlak (honor)</i>    |
| <b>Sunday, 11:30 am</b>   | <i>Fran Hamacher †</i>         |

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK


**Monday** Gal 1:6-12 Ps 111:1B-2, 7-8, 9 and 10C  
Lk 10:25-37  
**Tuesday** Gal 1:13-24 Ps 139:1B-3, 13-14AB, 14C-15  
Lk 10:38-42  
**Wednesday** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Lk 11:1-4  
**Thursday** Gal 3:1-5 Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 Lk 11:5-13  
**Friday** Gal 3:7-14 Ps 111:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 11:15-26  
**Saturday** Gal 3:22-29 Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 11:27-28  
**Sunday** Wis 7:7-11 Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Heb 4:12-13  
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27


## WAYS TO GIVE



**ONLINE**

Visit our website  
using the QR code





**MAIL**

5000 Southpark Drive  
Durham, NC 27713

**AT MASS**

Use an envelope  
& the donation basket

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

|                       | Needed    | Received  | Difference |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| First Offertory       | \$174,400 | \$156,729 | (\$17,671) |
| Christmas Offertory   | \$0       | \$0       | \$0        |
| Easter Offertory      | \$0       | \$0       | \$0        |
| Holy Day Collections  | \$2,284   | \$2,000   | \$284      |
| Maintenance Offertory | \$7,360   | \$6,349   | (\$1,011)  |
|                       | \$183,760 | \$165,362 | (\$18,398) |

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Oct 7** LRSS Bible Study, 9:45 am  
**Oct 7** LRSS Bible Study, 7 pm  
**Oct 8** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am  
**Oct 8** Stephen Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm  
**Oct 8** Young Adult Bible Study, 7 pm  
**Oct 9** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:30 pm  
**Oct 9** JustFaith, 6:30 pm  
**Oct 9** Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm  
**Oct 10** Marian Prayer, 9:30 am  
**Oct 10** Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm  
**Oct 12** CGS Assistant Training, 9 am  
**Oct 12** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am  
**Oct 12** Couples for Christ, 9 am  
**Oct 12** Daughters of St. Francis de Sales, 10 am  
**Oct 12** Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm  
**Oct 12** Reconciliation, 4 pm  
**Oct 12** TYM Lock In, 5:30 pm  
**Oct 13** Family Formation, 9:45 am  
**Oct 13** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:45 am  
**Oct 13** Baptism Cade MacKenzie Perro, 11:30 am  
**Oct 13** JYM, 6:30 pm  
**Oct 13** St. Monica Ministry for Praying Parents, 7 pm

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

## Spiritually Remember Your Loved Ones

Mass Intention

Altar Wine

Sanctuary Lamp

Altar Flowers

Please use the QR code to request a date.



# Faith Development

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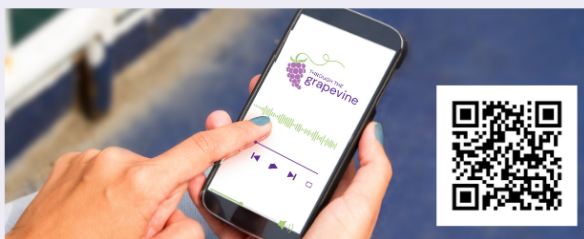
# LIFE TEEN

## Leading Teens Closer to Christ

Holy Infant offers TWO opportunities for students grades 6th-12th to attend Life Teen Camp. Use the QR code to express interest in attending & get more information. *Financial aid is available!*

Holy Infant will be returning to Camp Hidden Lake **July 21-25**, 2025 in Dahlonega, GA. This camp is for incoming 6th graders through outgoing 8th graders. Teens will hear from Catholic speakers, participate in small faith groups, meet other Catholic teenagers from around the country, and enjoy many traditional camp activities such as lake time and ropes courses. The cost will be approximately \$750.

New this year: Holy Infant will also be attending Camp Covecrest, Camp Hidden Lake's sister camp for high schoolers! This camp is for rising 10th graders through outgoing 12th graders and will enjoy many of the same activities that Camp Hidden Lake offers at a high school level. We will be attending Camp Covecrest **July 21-26**, 2025 and the cost will be approximately \$750.



## WEEKLY PODCAST

This week as we celebrate our parish's founding, we're pleased to reshare the two-part oral history project from last year, now put together into one dramatic and action-packed episode! Next week we'll get a report from our very own oblate correspondent in Rome covering the latest synod meeting, Brother Mickey McGrath.

## ANTHEM - JYM FALL RETREAT

Holy Infant JYM Invites Middle Schoolers to "Anthem" Fall Retreat at Bond Park in Cary on **October 26th**. Inspired by the Summer Olympics and St. Paul's race of faith exhortation, this action-packed retreat promises fun and spiritual growth.

- Date: October 26th, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Open to Holy Infant Middle Schoolers
- Cost: \$30, lunch included
- Register using the QR code by October 10th



## TYM LOCK IN

Join your TYM friends on **October 12th** for a night of games and community building. Pack your pajamas and toothbrush, we'll manage the rest! We will begin by attending the 5:30 pm Mass together. For more details, reach out to Anna using the contact information at the top of this page.

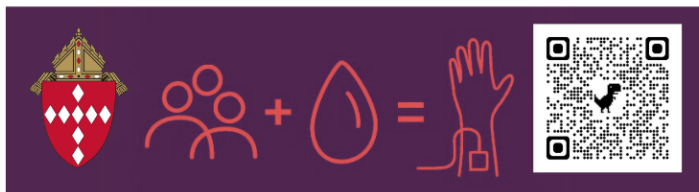


# Ministries

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## REGISTER FOR THE BLOOD DRIVE

Join Holy Infant in the "100 Challenge" as we aim to collect 100 units of blood in partnership with the Red Cross for the upcoming Diocesan Centennial Celebration. The Diocese of Raleigh has issued a "100 Challenge" to local parishes, and we are excited to participate.

Our blood drive will occur on **October 19th** from 8 am - 2 pm at the DeSales Center. Please register early to secure a donation slot and help us reach our goal

## VACCINATION CLINIC

On **October 19th/20th** in the Family Room following 5:30 Mass, Holy Infant will host a vaccine clinic for both regular flu and high-dose flu shots and COVID vaccine boosters for eligible people. No appointment is necessary. Please bring your insurance card if are able.



## EVERY SACRED MASS JOURNALS

The Every Sacred Sunday Mass journal is a Catholic prayer resource that helps you intentionally prepare for Mass and record the ways God is speaking to you through scripture. It contains the full Mass readings for every Sunday and Solemnity with space for notes and has dated, color-coded tabs that follow the liturgical year. Use this QR Code to order with Holy Infant's bulk order to save \$12.

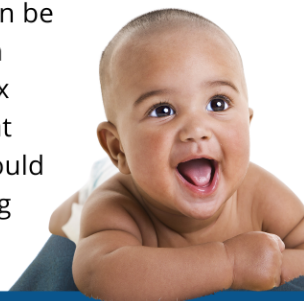
## SUPPORT LIFE LOCALLY

Parishioners are invited to purchase one (NEW) item from one of the lists below to celebrate the Sanctity of LIFE at Holy Infant. These donations will support the ministries of Pregnancy Support Services and Room at the Inn, a maternity home for homeless women and their children in Greensboro. Gift cards to Walmart will be used to purchase food and baby items for the two ministries (Please staple receipt to the gift card if this is chosen). The purchased items will be brought back UNWRAPPED, to any mass you attend on Respect Life Weekend, **October 12th/13th**. Gifts will be collected in the Narthex as you enter for Mass.

### Ministry Needs List

- Diapers – Size 3
- Baby Wipes
- 6-12 months girl's onesies (long and short sleeves)
- Toilet Paper
- 3-6 and 6-12 boys long sleeve onesies
- Paper towels
- White towels and washcloths
- Gently used maternity clothes-all sizes
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Dental Floss
- Laundry Detergent (Unscented or Baby)
- Gift Cards to Walmart

If you are unable to bring your gift on Respect Life Weekend, October 12th/13th, it can be dropped off in the Respect Life bin (near the coffee bar) in the narthex during the week of the collection at normal office hours. Gift cards should be taken to the parish office during normal business hours.



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



## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

By Kevin E. Mackin, OFM

This time of year, people in various places may notice something odd. A procession of animals, everything from dogs and cats to hamsters and even horses, is led to churches for a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets. This custom is conducted in remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures.

Francis, whose feast day is October 4th, loved the larks flying about his hilltop town. He and his early brothers, staying in a small hovel, allowed themselves to be displaced by a donkey. Francis wrote a Canticle of the Creatures, an ode to God's living things. "All praise to you, Oh Lord, for all these brother and sister creatures." And there was testimony in the cause for Saint Clare of Assisi's canonization that referred to her little cat!

That there are today over 62 million cats in the U.S. attests to the continuing affection we have for our furry, feathered or finned friends. We've even had a cat called Socks in the White House. Other popular presidential pets range from Abraham Lincoln's Fido to Lyndon Johnson's beagles, named Him and Her.

For single householders, a pet can be a true companion. Many people arrive home from work to find a furry friend overjoyed at their return. Many a senior has a lap filled with a purring fellow creature.

The bond between person and pet is like no other relationship, because the communication between fellow creatures is at its most basic. Eye-to-eye, a man and his dog, or a woman and her cat, are two creatures of love.

The Blessing of Pets usually goes like this: "Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his



brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

As the prayer is offered, the pet is gently sprinkled with holy water. Believe it or not, most pets receive this sacramental spritz with dignity, though I must admit I have seen some cats flatten their ears a bit as the drops of water lightly pelt them.

But the owner is happy, and who knows what spiritual benefits may result?

Usually the Blessing of Pets is held outdoors. But I remember it rained one year, and all were invited inside St. Stephen's Church in Manhattan. It was quite a sight to see pairs of creatures—one human, one animal—sitting in the pews. The pastor joined right in with his beagle. Noah's Ark was never like this!

Some people criticize the amount and cost of care given to pets. People are more important, they say. Care for poor people instead of poodles. And certainly our needy fellow humans should not be neglected.

However, I believe every creature is important. The love we give to a pet, and receive from a pet, can draw us more deeply into the larger circle of life, into the wonder of our common relationship to our Creator.

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**Next weekend we celebrate the Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time** when we learn that it's easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.



# Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

## RESPECT

You might be familiar with the song that Aretha Franklin made popular in the late 1960s and 1970s, "Respect." Part of the lyrics are:

**"R-E-S-P-E-C-T. Find out what it means to me.  
R-E-S-P-E-C-T... I got to have (just a little bit).  
A little respect (just a little bit)."**

© Cotillion Music, 1967.

These lyrics have been on my mind much recently because it seems we have lost the art of showing respect to someone when we disagree with them. Our founder, Bl. Louis Brisson, OSFS, put it this way: "Respect must permeate our bearing at every moment: respect towards boys, girls, men, and women. Then we will be everywhere what God wants us to be." (Chapter 1888: 39)

I spent a year on the Pine Ridge Reservation of the Lakota Sioux in South Dakota. I taught Religion and Music, drove a school bus, and worked our weekly Bingo Game for people to win prizes of food and clothing. Early in the semester, Richard, a sixth grader, raised his hand and asked me: "Paul, do you try to speak like us because you're trying to get to know us or because you want to make fun of us?" It was a very insightful question. I responded, "Oh, Richard, I would never try to make fun of you. I respect you too much to do that." He turned around to his peers and said, "He's OK. Let's work with him." That was an important lesson for me about the need for showing respect to others.

A little respect goes a long way. Much respect goes even longer and is what Aretha called for in her song. Fr. Brisson connected respect with doing God's Will. When we show respect to a person "we will be everywhere what God wants us to be." But that's not always easy, is it? And yet, when we show respect, even to someone who is disrespecting us, when we remember not to speak to someone in that disrespectful tone, healing can come, common ground can be discovered, and we can take a discussion and a relationship to a new level.

Sometimes we need the insight of a student like Richard and ask the hard questions. At others we need the directness of my grandfather to put a discussion on hold and give us time to reflect on what we are doing and how we are doing it. At all times we need to let "respect... permeate our bearing at every moment." No matter what we think of another person, she or he is a child of God, like we are. Whether they show us respect or not, it's up to us to "Let us always be polite. Let us give everyone great respect because the proper respect for our neighbor is the basic rule of love." Maybe "R-E-S-P-E-C-T" can be the ear worm that reminds you and me to live Bl. Louis' words at all times.

Fr. Paul Colloton, OSFS, D.Min.

