

TAKEHEART

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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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



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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; Alice & Christos Chamis; Albina & Chin Chua; Eva Crowley; Lillian Davids; Bea Davis; Rosemary Donohue; Eileen Dowling; Christine Drap; 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; 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 October 28th to November 3rd

Monday, 9:00 am Tuesday, 9:00 am Wednesday, 9:00 am Thursday, 9 am Friday, 8:00 am Friday, 7:00 pm Friday, 7:00 pm Saturday, 9:00 am Saturday, 5:30 pm Sunday, 8:30 am

Sunday, 11:30 am

Lourdes L. Flores † Narcisa Jurado † Ivens Jose de Lima † Teresa Curtas † Vocations

Geraldine Rozniakowski † Parishioners of Holy Infant Souls of the Faithful Departed Nguyen Tran Family †

Brice Menezes † Thomas English †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Eph 2:19-22 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Lk 6:12-16 **Tuesday** Eph 5:21-33 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Lk 13:18-21 **Wednesday** Eph 6:1-9 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 Lk 13:22-30

Thursday Eph 6:10-20 Ps 144:1B, 2, 9-10 Lk 13:31-35 **Friday** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3 Mt 5:1-12a

Saturday Wis 3:1-9 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Rom 6:3-9 Jn 6:37-40

Sunday Dt 6:2-6 Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 Heb 7:23-28 Mk 12:28b-34



Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - September 30

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$259,420	\$255,968	(\$3,452)
Christmas Offertory	\$0	\$0	\$0
Easter Offertory	\$0	\$0	\$0
Holy Day Collections	\$2,000	\$2,329	\$329
Maintenance Offertory	\$10,910	\$10,054	(\$856)
	\$272,330	\$268,351	(\$3,979)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 29 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

Oct 29 Stephen Leaders Meeting, 9:30 am

Oct 30 No Choir Rehearsal

Oct 30 JustFaith Sacred Air, 6:30 pm

Oct 31 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am

Oct 31 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm

Oct 31 Knights Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm

Nov 1 All Saints' Masses, 8 am, 12 pm and 7 pm

Nov 2 All Souls' Mass, 9 am

Nov 2 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

Nov 2 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm

Nov 2 Rosary-Making, 3:30 pm

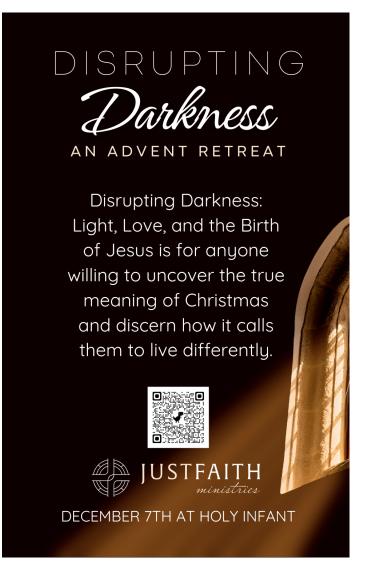
Nov 2 Reconciliation, 4 pm

Nov 3 Family Formation, 9:45 am

Nov 3 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:45 am

Nov 3 JYM, 6:30 pm **Nov 3** TYM, 6:30 pm

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



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WEEKLY PODCAST

This week Michalene heads back to the organ bench to learn a new song, and then we'll reshare our conversation with organist Rudy Lucente as we prepare for his organ dedication recital this Sunday afternoon.



NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

We live in a self-centered culture that all too often leaves us feeling empty and dissatisfied. A fuller view of God and His glory is the perfect antidote, which you will experience in Beholding Your King, a Walking With Purpose Bible Study beginning on November 4th.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

November 10th the Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast from 9am-1pm in the DeSales Center. Each plate is \$10 including pancakes, sausage, fruit, grits and eggs and drinks.

A PRAYER FOR HALLLOWEEN

GOD OF LAUGHTER AND JOY.

WE TURN TO YOU IN THE WAY OF OUR ANCIENT ANCESTORS,
GRATEFUL FOR THE ABUNDANCE OF FOOD AND FESTIVITY THAT
SURROUNDS US THIS TIME OF YEAR.

KEEP ALL CHILDREN SAFE AS THEY EMBARK ON THEIR HALLOWEEN REVELS.

LIGHT THEIR WAY THROUGH THE DARK NIGHT AND ENFOLD THEM IN LOVE.

MAY THE REAL TREAT IN THEIR LIVES BE GRACE THAT MULTIPLIES IN DEPTH AND BREADTH AS THEY GROW OLDER.

WE PRAY THIS WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN HEAVEN.



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ALTAR OF REMEMBRANCE

Parishioners are welcome to bring photos of deceased loved ones for the Altar of Remembrance in the Narthex. The book of the Dead will also be located on the Altar to record loved ones who have passed away in the last year.



FAMILY & POLITICS

Join us on Sunday, **November 10th** from 2-5 pm in the DeSales Center for an insightful Braver Angels workshop on preserving family bonds amidst political differences. The workshop aims to equip participants with strategies to navigate political discussions with loved ones while maintaining harmonious relationships.

The workshop will delve into the unique challenges posed by family disagreements over politics, explore common roles in political conversations, and provide practical tips for engaging in constructive dialogues. Designed for those struggling with political disparities within their families, the event promises a mix of learning and fun activities.



ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints' Day is a solemnity and holy day of obligation on which the church honors the martyrs, the saints, and the confessors, including known and unknown, all who have gained the reward of heaven. Masses will be held on **November 1st** at 8 am, 12 pm and 7 pm so that all parishioners have an opportunity to worship.

ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls' Day is a day of prayer and remembrance for the faithful departed. The parish is invited to a special mass on **November 2nd** at 9 am to remember those who have passed away, especially within the last year.



ANNUAL LITTLE HOLIDAY SALE

The Yarn Ministry will host their 16th annual Little Holiday Sale the weekend of **November 9th-10th** after all Liturgies. The Annual Holiday Sale is a great way to get a start on your Christmas shopping with unique, handmade knit items while supporting ministry work in the Durham area and beyond. Cash and card accepted.



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



Liturgy & Music

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RUNNING THE SAINTLY RACE

During the Mass, at the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer just before we sing "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord..." the Priest proclaims about a paragraph-long text called the Preface (ie, the introduction to the Eucharistic Prayer). In a liturgy packed with so many words, it's understandable that we might not comprehend this moment. The language often sounds archaic, is difficult to follow, and it typically contains some heady theology. But there are certain feasts when it's worth a careful look at the Preface because it provides a compact summary of the theology that underpins the celebration. One of these special feasts is All Saints Day, which we celebrate this Friday, November 1st.

The Preface for All Saints reads: "For you (God) are praised in the company of your Saints and, in crowning their merits, you crown your own gifts. By their way of life you offer us an EXAMPLE, by communion with them you give us COMPANIONSHIP, by their intercession, sure SUPPORT, so that, encouraged by so great a cloud of witnesses, we may RUN as victors in the race before us and win with them the imperishable crown of glory..."

Two points... First, when we say "All Saints" we mean everyone in heaven, both those named by the Church like St Francis de Sales or St Marie Léonie Paradis (just canonized last week), AND all unnamed saints, hopefully many or most of the people we have known! According to the Preface, we celebrate them because they have provided us an example of how to live a life of discipleship, they are companions on our own journeys, and they support us with grace through their prayers to God on our behalf.

Second, we have this allegory of life as a race. What's interesting is the plural usage. We might think of a race having one winner and a bunch of other losers, as Ricky Bobby's dad taught him, "If you're not first, you're last."

But the Preface uses plural language, "we may run as victors in the race before us and win with them..." This goes against our zero-sum, winner-take-all mentality. However, God's love, God's mercy, God's power cannot be measured or partitioned. We aren't competing with one another, and, it seems like if we want to get a head start acting like saints, we might consider living our lives as an example for others, working on the type of friend we are, and praying fervently.

Perhaps the lesson of All Saints is that life is a team sport. How lucky we are to have a community of aspiring saints here at Holy Infant running alongside.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

Jeremiah 31:7–9 The blind and the lame I will bring back: I will console them.

Psalm 126 "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."

Hebrews 5:1–6 You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.

Mark 10:46-52 Master, I want to see.

Jeremiah delivers an oracle of salvation, giving his people hope that there would be an end to their exile. Hebrews points out that God called every high priest for generations, but since he was God's Son, Christ became high priest forever. Glory and wonder culminate in the Gospel, where the blind man Bartimaeus is healed by Jesus and immediately follows him on his way to Jerusalem and the cross. Wherever we are on our personal journey, may we heed the Lord's call and follow him, like the faithful in the final verse of the psalm, who "come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves."

What will I do this week to discern the way for me? What else do I want to see?

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

MARGARET MARY: A PERSISTENT HEART

This week, the Church celebrated the feast day of St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, who promoted and popularized devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Margaret Mary was a French nun who was part of the Salesian family. She was a member of the Visitation Sisters of Holy Mary, the order of women religious founded by St. Francis de Sales and St. Jane de Chantal. In 1672, Christ appeared to Sister Margaret Mary and revealed to her the importance of devotion to His Sacred Heart over a series of visits. Jesus called Margaret Mary "the Beloved Disciple of the Sacred Heart" and the heiress "of all its treasures."

When these visions began, the sisters in her convent did not believe that the Lord had appeared to a simple nun who showed no extraordinary qualities, abilities, or favors. Sister Margaret Mary was mocked by some of her own community members. She began to doubt her goodness and her very vocation.

Her embrace of the Visitation spirit, the teachings of St. Francis and St. Jane, and the example of the sisters who had gone before her helped Margaret Mary realize that God was calling her, an ordinary Visitandine nun, to do extraordinary things.

Perhaps this young sister recalled the advice of St. Francis de Sales to "not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, not even if your whole world seems upset." Maybe it was the example of St. Jane who was tested throughout her life but never allowed her spiritual struggles to discourage her or pull her away from her calling. St. Jane reminded the Visitation nuns that "in prayer one must hold fast and never let go, because the one who gives up loses all. If it seems that no one is listening to you, then cry out even louder. If you are driven out of one door, go back in by the other."

The teachings of her founders, the Salesian spirit of gentleness and optimism, and the Catholic sense of resilience and redemption all contributed to Margaret Mary's spiritual growth and deepening devotion. She was persistent in her belief that God was calling her to bring his message of love and mercy to the world.

As she embraced the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Margaret Mary also embraced her own heart, filled with limitations and fears. She recognized the need to keep close to God and the path he had set her on. Reflecting on this call to intimacy with the Lord, Margaret Mary wrote: "Keep your heart in peace and let nothing trouble you, not even your faults. You must humble yourself and amend them peacefully, without being discouraged or cast down, for God's dwelling is in peace."

St. Margaret Mary never gave up because Jesus never gives up on us. The Sacred Heart of Jesus is a fount of mercy and love. The letter to St. Timothy reminds us that "if we were unfaithful, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself (2 Timothy 2:13)." As we recall St. Margaret Mary this week, may we be inspired to remain faithful, to be at peace, and to stay close to the Heart of Christ.

