

# THY GOD IS ONE GOD

## 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

*"To live according to the Spirit is to love according to the Spirit." - St. Francis de Sales*



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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 [holyininfantchurch.org](http://holyininfantchurch.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**

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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; 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 November 4th—November 10th

<b>Monday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Thmad Steitler †</i>
<b>Tuesday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Laurel DeWolf (birthday)</i>
<b>Wednesday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Phelan Family (honor)</i>
<b>Thursday, 9 am</b>	<i>Rosita Hernandez Bonsol †</i>
<b>Friday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Mureal Carlson Isley (honor)</i>
<b>Saturday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Patricia Torpie †</i>
<b>Saturday, 5:30 pm</b>	<i>Bruce Smith †</i>
<b>Sunday, 8:30 am</b>	<i>Iven Jose de Lima †</i>
<b>Sunday, 11:30 am</b>	<i>Joseph Enright †</i>

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK


**Monday** Phil 2:1-4 Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3 Lk 14:12-14  
**Tuesday** Phil 2:5-11 Ps 22:26B-27, 28-30AB, 30E, 31-32 Lk 14:15-24  
**Wednesday** Phil 2:12-18 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 14:25-33  
**Thursday** Phil 3:3-8a Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Lk 15:1-10  
**Friday** Phil 3:17-4:1 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5 Lk 16:1-8  
**Saturday** Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17 Jn 2:13-22  
**Sunday** 1 Kgs 17:10-16 Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 Heb 9:24-28 Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Nov 4** Walking with Purpose, 7 pm  
**Nov 5** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am  
**Nov 6** FYM Games & Cards, 2 pm  
**Nov 6** Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:30 pm  
**Nov 6** KofC Meeting, 6:30 pm  
**Nov 6** Sacred Air, 6:30 pm  
**Nov 6** Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm  
**Nov 6** RCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm  
**Nov 7** Marian Prayer, 9:30 am  
**Nov 7** Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm  
**Nov 7** Yarn Ministry, 7 pm  
**Nov 9** Little Holiday Sale  
**Nov 9** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am  
**Nov 9** Daughters of St. Francis de Sales, 10 am  
**Nov 9** Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm  
**Nov 9** Reconciliation, 4 pm  
**Nov 10** Little Holiday Sale  
**Nov 10** Baptism of Margaret Sutton, 8:30 am  
**Nov 10** KofC Pancake Breakfast, 9 am  
**Nov 10** Children's Choir, 10:15 am  
**Nov 10** Family & Politics, 2 pm  
**Nov 10** St. Monica Ministry for Praying Parents, 7 pm


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


## WAYS TO GIVE



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**MAIL**

5000 Southpark Drive  
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**AT MASS**

Use an envelope  
& the donation basket

### 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)

## NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

will be celebrated in  
our country **November  
4th-10th**. Please ask Our  
Lord for more dedicated,  
holy priests, deacons,  
and consecrated men  
and women.

May they be inspired by  
Jesus Christ, supported  
by our faith community,  
and respond generously  
to God's gift of vocation.



# Faith Development

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Our JYM Retreat was so much fun! Thank you to all the volunteers and staff who supported this event.



## 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.



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## DISRUPTING DARKNESS

"Disrupting Darkness: An Advent Retreat" is set to illuminate minds and souls on Saturday, **December 7th**. The retreat will host separate sessions for men and women (Men from 9 am to 1 pm and Women from 12 pm to 4 pm), providing a space for introspection and growth. Registration is \$10 and includes lunch for both groups.

This enlightening retreat delves into the contradiction of darkness and light, particularly based on John 1:5. Through meditation, contemplation, and small group discussions, individuals will be encouraged to invite God into the dark spots of their lives and create anew in each of us. This retreat is for anyone who is in an Advent season of life, who is holding onto hope and trusting that something new is on the horizon.



## YOUNG ADULTS BRUNCH NEXT WEEK

Following the Celebration of Youth & Young Adults on **November 17th** at the 11:30 Mass, Young Adults are invited to the DeSales Center for a special brunch. We hope you'll join us for an opportunity of fellowship together in celebration of contributions our YA parishioners make at Holy Infant. Contact Anna for more details.

## WNC HURRICANE HELENE COLLECTION UPDATE

In a heartwarming display of generosity, parishioners at Holy Infant have come together to donate over \$22,000 towards Hurricane Helene relief efforts. Out of the total amount, \$5,000 has been directly contributed to St. Eugene to aid in their local cleanup endeavors in Asheville.

The remaining funds are being distributed through the Diocese of Charlotte and Catholic Charities of Charlotte to support those affected by the hurricane.

We are amazed by the giving hearts of our parishioners at Holy Infant! The community's generosity and compassion have made a significant impact on the ongoing relief efforts, providing much-needed support to those rebuilding their lives after the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene. The contributions serve as a testament to the power of collective action and the spirit of compassion that resides within the parishioners at Holy Infant.



# Ministries

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## FROM ANCIENT PREJUDICES TO MODERN CHALLENGES

In the spirit of the Second Vatican Council's *Nostra Aetate*, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church joins in solidarity with Beth El Synagogue to welcome Mr. Brendan Murphy to Holy Infant **November 17th/18th** to share a two-day class lecture presentation exploring the history of Jewish-Christian relations. Please join us in building relationships together that honor God's enduring covenant with our Jewish sisters and brothers in our present day as we learn how to overcome the continuing legacy of anti-Judaism.



## 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.



## JOURNEY THROUGH IRELAND

Holy Infant parishioners are in for a treat as they are invited to embark on a special excursion throughout Ireland from **October 24th to 31st, 2025**. This exciting trip will take participants on a whirlwind tour of Ireland's most iconic destinations, including Dublin, Blarney Castle, Dingle Peninsula, and the breathtaking Cliffs of Moher.

## EMPOWERED FOR HEALTHIER JOINTS

The Osteoarthritis Prevention Study (TOPS) is making waves at UNC-Chapel Hill with a mission to combat knee osteoarthritis (OA) through the promotion of healthy lifestyles. By emphasizing physical activity, nutrition, and weight management, the study aims to reduce OA risk and enhance joint health.

Join the Forever Young Ministry and Health Ministry on **November 14th** at 9:45 am in the DeSales Center to learn more about OA and the benefits of exercise. We hope to empower those at risk for OA with the necessary tools and support for a life free of joint pain.

## BRAVER ANGELS WORKSHOP

Join us on Sunday, **November 10th** from 2-5 pm in the DeSales Center for an insightful Braver Angels workshop, Family & Politics, on preserving family bonds amidst political differences. 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.



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



# Liturgy & Music

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## I'M SHRINKING

I am shrinking, in height that is, not in weight... although that would be nice! But I am definitely shrinking. I notice that my pants should probably be raised a bit and if I ever buy a new pair they should be a half to a full inch shorter. I know this happens to older people, my dad for example, who was a police officer, was a tall strong man but I noticed in the later part of his life that he began to shrink. Of course, he was getting old by then. It's funny although I am now 81, I don't think of myself as old, but I am still shrinking.

What I hope is that even as I shrink in height I will not shrink in heart. It can happen you know. I see it from time to time when I lose patience with some of my 7th and 8th-grade Latin students. I see it when I jump too quickly to judge another person even before I have all the facts. These and similar signs indicate that the heart can shrink too! I don't like that. I don't want my heart to shrink as my height does, even if so little.

In my spiritual reading the other day I came across a prayer that Fr. Louis Brisson, OSFS, founder of the Oblates, gave to the first Oblates during a retreat he preached for them. I think I ought to begin praying this a bit more often so my heart doesn't shrink like my height. You may want to do the same if you have started to shrink or maybe put this prayer aside until that day comes. The prayer goes like this:

*May Our Lord, who has brought us together, bless us, and may He give us that great heart that He gave to Solomon; that heart which rises above even itself; that embraces the totality of the Divine Will; that embraces every neighbor; every eventuality; everything that God permits. This great profound tremendous heart...as wide as the sea...and I add: "Dear Lord let my heart not shrink - no matter what!"*

St. Francis de Sales reminds us: "Our words must come

from the heart, not the mouth. The tongue speaks only to the ears. The heart speaks to the heart."  
Let's make sure our hearts never shrink.

-Fr. David Whalen, OSFS



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

*Deuteronomy 6:2-6 Hear, O Israel! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.*

*Psalms 18 "I love you, Lord, my strength."*

*Hebrews 7:23-28 Because he remains forever, he has a priesthood that does not pass away.*

*Mark 12:28b-34 Love the Lord your God. Love your neighbor.*

Having just given the people the ten commandments, Moses extols them as a blessing, a way to grow and prosper and eventually reach the promised land. There they can declare their love for the Lord, as we do in the responsorial psalm. After hearing Hebrews praise Jesus as a high priest who has been made perfect forever, we hear him reveal the greatest commandment, which directs our love on two paths, toward God and toward neighbor.

Listening to God's word, let us note the wonderful consequences of taking God's commands to heart.

How do I show my love for God and my love for neighbor? When have I felt myself giving that love with all my being?

**Next weekend** we celebrate the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time when we consider how we invite God into and offer even what feels small and insignificant.



# Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

## READY - SET - WORRY

A few weeks after my ordination I was gifted with a trip to visit Rome with my Oblate classmate, Fr. Tim McIntire, OSFS. Fr. Tim's sister and brother-in-law joined us as we made our way through the Eternal City. This trip remains a great blessing in my life.

As newly ordained priests, Fr. Tim and I were encouraged to schedule a time to preside at Mass at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City. Through the help of a few contacts, we received permission to celebrate Mass at the John Paul II side altar. We were thrilled! During our planning, I chose to be the concelebrant and preach while Fr. Tim agreed to be the main celebrant. When the time came, we went into the sacristy to vest. With so many Masses occurring at the side altars at St. Peter's, the sacristy was bustling. The sacristan spoke to us in Italian. There was some initial confusion because he thought I was Fr. Tim's altar server. Once we got that straightened out, we processed with a real altar server across St. Peter's to the John Paul II side altar.

When retelling this story, Fr. Tim always says, "It may have been the worst Mass that I ever celebrated!" I think he is exaggerating, but there was one incident I still remember. To give some background, there are parts of the Eucharistic Prayer when the concelebrant may be invited to lead. Fr. Tim was meant to invite me as the concelebrant to step to the middle of the altar and lead portions of the Eucharistic Prayer. However, Fr. Tim completely forgot to include me as the concelebrant! Fr. Tim was so remorseful for this oversight that he has apologized to me from that day on. I was so delighted because I knew I could remind him of that oversight for the rest of our lives together.

I tell you this story because I can relate to Fr. Tim. We hear in the Gospels that we need to be vigilant, awake, and alert. From St. Francis de Sales we hear that true devotion is connected to good works that are ready and prompt. On that day at St. Peter's we were all of those things: ready, vigilant, and prompt. However, at some point, we tipped from alertness to worry and anxiety. This tipping point happens all the time for me. I work to be careful and well-planned, but I tip to being impatient and short. I become closed off to God's presence and Will in the moment. Maybe you can relate. Instead of anxiety or worry, maybe you are prone to fear or anger.

In St. Francis' Spiritual Directory, there is a helpful insight that I have been trying in my life. During our Preparation of the Day, we are instructed to imagine our daily activities and discern a plan of action to best avoid any faults during the day. What is our plan to remain connected to God's Will throughout the day? The insight comes during the final steps of our preparation. After all of our imagining and planning, we recall that our day will not match our plans, and we are not God. We make an act of giving God our souls, lives, hearts, memories, understandings, and wills. I remake this morning offering every time I hit the tipping point during the day. I have to do this again and again and again.

*I commend to you, O gracious Lord,  
my soul, my life, my heart, my memory, my understanding, and my will.  
Grant that with and in all these, I may serve you, love you, please, and honor you forever.*

May God be praised!

-Fr. Joe Newman, OSFS