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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 <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
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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 November 11th—November 17th

Monday, 9:00 am Tuesday, 9:00 am Wednesday, 9:00 am Applelaney Norwood (honor) Susan & Malachy Mandeville Patricia Anne Noriega

(birthday) Pat Nagle †

Marcell Gardner (honor)

Thursday, 9 am Friday, 9:00 am Saturday, 9:00 am Saturday, 5:30 pm Sunday, 8:30 am Sunday, 11:30 am

No Mass
Joe Thomas †
Rice Family (honor)
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Deceased Members †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Ti 1:1-9 Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 17:1-6 **Tuesday** Ti 2:1-8, 11-14 Ps 37:3-4, 18 and 23, 27 and 29 Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday Ti 3:1-7 Ps 23:1b-3a, 3bc-4, 5, 6 Lk 17:11-19 **Thursday** Phlm 7-20 Ps 146:7, 8-9A, 9BC-10 Lk 17:20-25

Friday 2 Jn 4-9 Ps 119:1, 2, 10, 11, 17, 18 Lk 17:26-37 **Saturday** 3 Jn 5-8 Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 18:1-8 **Sunday** Dn 12:1-3 Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 Heb 10:11-14, 18 Mk 13:24-32



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

Nov 11 Walking with Purpose, 7 pm

Nov 12 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

Nov 12 Stephen Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm

Nov 12 Young Adults Bible Study, 7 pm

Nov 13 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:30 pm

Nov 13 Sacred Air, 6:30 pm

Nov 13 Young Adults Rosary, 7 pm

 $\bf Nov~13$ Choir Rehearsal, 7 pm

Nov 14 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am

Nov 14 Osteoarthritis Information Session, 9:45 am

Nov 14 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm

Nov 15 Young Adults Bowling, 8 pm

Nov 16 Share Your Christmas Signup Opens

Nov 16 Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build, 8 am

Nov 16 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

Nov 16 Funeral Mass—Walter Frank Lupa, 11 am

Nov 16 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm

Nov 16 Rosary-Making, 3:30 pm

Nov 16 Reconciliation, 4 pm

Nov 17 UMD Shelter Dinner

Nov 17 Family Formation: Mercy Sunday, 9:45 am

Nov 17 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:45 am

Nov 17 Building Communities of Salt & Light, 9:45 am

Nov 17 Liturgical Commission Meeting, 10 am

Nov 17 Celebration of Youth & Young Adults, 11:30 am

Nov 17 Young Adult Brunch, 12:30 pm

Nov 17 From Ancient Prejudice to Modern Challenges, 3 pm

Nov 17 TYM/JYM, 6:30 pm

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



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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.



SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT SIGNUP OPENS NEXT WEEKEND

You are invited to buy a present, a coat, and/or a grocery card for members of the Durham County community. Gift tags may be selected online or by phone and will be available for selection starting on **November 16th**.

Thank you for sharing with our neighbors during the Christmas season! Live Jesus!

In addition to Share Your Christmas, the Yarn Ministry will collect socks and underwear to donate to the homeless at Immaculate Conception Parish in Camden, NI.

YOUNG ADULTS BRUNCH

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.



EVERYTHING BUT THE TURKEY KITS

Durham Community Food Pantry (DCFP) is collecting kits for families in need to host Thanksgiving dinner. Kits can be dropped off at DCFP until **November 19th** between 9 am-2 pm

KITS SHOULD INCLUDE:

- 2 cans of corn
- 2 cans of green beans
- 2 cans of white potatoes or 1 box of mashed potatoes
- 1 can of sweet potatoes/yams
- 1 can of cranberry sauce or jelly
- 1 can of pie filling
- 1 box of jiffy mix
- 1 jar/packet of gravy
- 1 box/bag of stuffing mix
- 1 shelf-stable pie crust.

Durham Community Food Pantry 2020 Chapel Hill Rd #30 Durham, NC 27707

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FROM ANCIENT PREJUDICES TO **MODERN CHALLENGES**

In the spirit of the Second Vatican Council's Nostra Aetate, Immaculate Conception and Holy Infant join 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.

EMPOWERED FOR HEALTHIER JOINTS

Join the Forever Young Ministry and Health Ministry on November 14th at 9:45 am in the DeSales Center to learn more about Osteoarthritis (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.

TAKE CHARGE OF TOMORROW

Join Holy Infant's Health Ministry in recognizing November as Diabetes Awareness Month. Diabetes is a disease that occurs when your blood glucose is too high. When not managed, diabetes can damage the eyes, kidneys, nerves, and heart, and is linked to some types of cancer.

Manage or prevent diabetes by:

- Managing your A1C blood glucose, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels
- Take care of your mental health
- Make lifestyle changes to build healthy habits
- Take your medications on time

NOVEMBER UMD SHELTER DINNER

Many thanks to all those who donated food for the UMD Shelter Dinner ministry, which provided a hot meal to more than 200 of our neighbors in September. Thank you also to the wonderful crew of volunteers who prepared and served the meals at the Shelter. Our next Dinner will be on **November 17th**.

Please deliver food donations to the church Narthex by 1 pm on Sunday, November 17th. This will be our last Shelter Dinner for 2024.





JOURNEY THROUGH IRELAND

Holy Infant parishioners 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.

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE BUILD

The next Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) public bed build is November 16th from 8:30 am-12 pm here at Holy Infant. There is no experience needed to help build beds. There will be many SHP members who can help you get comfortable with the tools. Use the QR code to register.



Build Days are meant for communities to come together to serve. Don't be intimidated by the noise, the sawdust, or the fact that you've never touched a power tool before. SHP is simply looking for willing hearts.



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



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MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

by Elizabeth Harrington

November is traditionally associated in the Catholic Church with remembrance of the dead.

Bringing to mind deceased family and friends can be very painful, especially if the bereavement is relatively recent. Liturgical remembrance, however, is not just about looking back to the past but also looking ahead to the future in trust and hope. Just as our loved one shared in Christ's death in baptism, we believe that he or she will share in Christ's resurrection and enjoy eternal life in God's presence.

On November 2nd, we celebrated the feast of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, or All Souls' Day as it was previously known. On the day after All Saints, the Church reminds us of those who have not yet achieved the goal of their pilgrimage, the Kingdom of Heaven. As part of the communion of saints, they need our prayers. This feast is an opportunity for us to pray in unity for our relatives and friends and for those who have no one to pray for them.

The tradition of recalling and interceding for the dead is a long-established practice in the Church. In earlier centuries, large tablets or "diptychs" were inscribed with the names of the dead who were to be remembered at the Mass and the deacon would read out the names during the liturgy.

There is something poignant and personal about writing down the names of our deceased loved ones and asking the community to remember them in prayer. Many parishes have a Book of Remembrance in which parishioners are invited to write the names of relatives and friends who have died in the last year. The book can be gave be given a place of honour during Mass as a reminder to pray for those who have died.

Various local customs have become attached to the celebration of All Souls' over the years. In the Middle Ages, many believed that the souls in purgatory appeared on this day, in the form of witches, goblins, and so on, to those who had wronged them during their lives on earth, and special foods were prepared to feed and appease the spirits. Some ethnic groups continue this tradition today.

Three sets of Mass texts (entrance antiphon, collect, prayer over the offerings, communion antiphon, and prayer after communion) are given for the celebration of the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. The prayers in the first set are a strong plea for consolation and hope; those in the second set contain images of the purgation of souls, but through gentle terms like washing, cleansing, purification; the third set emphasises the victory of Jesus over sin and death.

Every celebration of Mass includes prayers for the dead. A particular feast like All Souls gives a special focus to the basic Christian instinct and traditional Catholic practice of remaining in communion with those who have "fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection".

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find new strength. (Collect 1)

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Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

WELCOME - WELCOME - WELCOME

How often do we make good resolutions in prayer not to become upset about future situations...then we quickly forget all about those resolutions when the time comes!

Maybe you were already three sentences into an argument before you even realized you were angry or defensive? Or you felt a lump in your throat, but didn't understand why you felt so hurt? This is part of the growing pains in the spiritual life, it seems to me. Our upsets in life "trap" us before we can recall our good resolutions not to give in.

The question of what to do with upsetting emotions is a major part of allowing our spiritual life to permeate the rest of our lives. Day-to-day life brings with it its own roller coaster of highs and lows. Every minor upset, regardless of how trivial it seems, gives us a window into our true value system, whether we like it or not. This is the insight given by Fr. Thomas Keating, founder of Contemplative Outreach. One of his associates, Mary Mrozowski, took this insight, together with wisdom from the spiritual classic, Abandonment to Divine Providence, and developed a prayer practice that has been a major help in my spiritual life in recent years. It is called the Welcoming Prayer.

As with most profound insights, it is simple to understand but will take a lifetime to master. This prayer has three basic steps to it: (1) Focus and Sink In, (2) Welcome, and (3) Let Go. Taken together, these simple steps chart a course through not away from our troubled states towards an awareness of abiding peace that resides much deeper than our emotions.

- 1. **Focus and Sink In**: The key to catching yourself before you go over the waterfall of upset is bringing your attention to how your body is responding when the storm clouds of upstate emotions are forming. If a callous remark makes you feel a sense of tightness in your chest or clench your fists, bring your full attention to the sensation, rather than letting your mind wander towards analyzing the upset. As Christians, we know how tightly our bodies and souls are joined together. What's going on in our spirit is bound to resonate with the rest of us!
- 2. **Welcome**: Once you have become aware of how your body is reacting to the situation, the key to this process is the gentle inward gesture of welcoming the feeling. This is the subtle genius of the practice. Our instinct is to push away unpleasant feelings. Instead, by accepting the present moment in all its messiness, you have taken away its power to profoundly disturb you. It is very important to clarify here that what we are accepting is the emotion, not the situation. The goal is not to roll over and submit to every insult or remain passive in the sight of injustice, but only after welcoming and accepting reality as it is can we be effective in addressing it. Sometimes we are called to improve or correct a situation, but only after we have embraced it. Welcoming enables us to echo the words of the spiritual writer Gerald May: "This moment can be endured."
- 3. **Let Go**: It is important not to jump to this last step too quickly. Only after we have fully welcomed the present moment can we let go of it by giving it confidently to God.

Often I find that naming the feeling is very helpful: "God, I give you my anxiety" or "Lord, I give you my sadness." As a whole, this prayer is a powerful tool for humility. We learn more about ourselves and the attachments we still have. But most importantly, it is a prayer of profound trust in God. At the bottom of every situation is the presence of God. The Welcoming Prayer, along with any other tool we can use to remind ourselves of His presence, even in the most troubling moments, is a tremendous gift to us on the journey. Let us pray for the freedom of spirit to say to each moment: "Welcome...welcome...welcome."