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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

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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
- † 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 November 18th—November 24th

Samantha Galindo Monday, 9:00 am

(birthday)

The family of Joseph & Tuesday, 9:00 am

Eileen Pidel

Wednesday, 9:00 am Mary Eleanor Hurt † Thursday, 9 am

Diego E. Solorzano

(birthday)

Friday, 9:00 am Angeli Novio (birthday)

Saturday, 9:00 am No Mass Saturday, 5:30 pm Joseph Pidel

Sunday, 8:30 am Youth & Young Adults of our

parish

Sunday, 11:30 am Shannon Thornburg

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Rv 1:1-4. 2:1-5 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 18:35-43 **Tuesday** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Rv 3:1-6, 14-22 Lk 19:1-10 **Wednesday** Rv 4:1-11 Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 19:11-28 **Thursday** Rv 5:1-10 Ps 149:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6A and 9B Lk 19:41-44

Friday Rv 10:8-11 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Lk 19:45-48

Saturday Rv 11:4-12 Ps 144:1, 2, 9-10 Lk 20:27-40 **Sunday** Dn 7:13-14 Ps 93:1, 1-2, 5 Rv 1:5-8 Jn 18:33b-37



Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - October 31

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$357,520	\$337,261	(\$20,259
Christmas Offertory	\$0	\$0	\$0
Easter Offertory	\$0	\$0	\$0
Holy Day Collections	\$2,000	\$2,670	\$670
Maintenance Offertory	\$15,110	\$13,916	(\$1,194)
	\$374,630	\$353,847	(\$20,783)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 18 FYM Core Team Meeting, 9:45 am

Nov 18 From Ancient Prejudices... 6 pm

Nov 18 Walking With Purpose, 7 pm

Nov 19 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

Nov 19 Mommy & Me Coffee & Tea, 9:30 am

Nov 20 Family Formation, 6:30 pm

Nov 20 JustFaith Sacred Air, 6:30 pm

Nov 20 RCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm

Nov 21 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am

Nov 21 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm

Nov 21 Knights Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm

Nov 21 Yarn Ministry, 7 pm

Nov 22 Mass of Thanksgiving for Music Ministers, 6:15 pm

Nov 23 No 9 am Mass

Nov 23 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

Nov 23 Funeral Mass—Ivv Anthony, 11 am

Nov 23 Reconciliation, 4 pm

Nov 24 Girl Scouts Meeting, 2 pm

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

Christmas Flowers

Help make our worship space beautiful for our celebration of the Lord's birth and throughout the Christmas season. A donation of \$15.00 in memory of living or deceased relatives and friends is suggested, but more or less is certainly welcomed and gratefully received.

Names must be submitted by December 2nd to be included in the bulletin.

> Questions? Contact Lea Chiquito at LeaC@holyinfantchurch.org or 919-973-0009.





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SHARE YOUR CHRISTMAS BEGINS

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. Selections can be made using the QR code above.

We are also seeking volunteers to help coordinate the collection and dropoff of this year's gifts. You can use the QR to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

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, NJ.



REGISTER FOR THIS YEAR'S ADVENT RETREAT

"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.

JUSTFAITH SERIES STARTING SOON

You'd never know it from Christmas pageants and drive through nativities, but the Christmas story was dangerous and subversive in its time, threatening an Empire that oppressed women, poor communities, and religious outsiders. This same story is equally countercultural today. *Disrupting Darkness:* Light, Love, and the Birth of Jesus is for anyone willing to uncover the true meaning of Christmas and discern how it calls them to live differently.

Join us for this new JustFaith series starting **December 11th.** Learn more using the QR code.





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.

Ministries

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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.

Travelers will also have the opportunity to visit a traditional Irish farm, explore a historic whiskey distillery, and spend a night in a centuries-old castle. One of the highlights of the trip will be traveling along the scenic Dingle Peninsula, known for its stunning coastal views and charming villages.



DIOCESE CENTENNIAL RAFFLE

Join the Centennial Raffle for a chance to win exclusive trips from across our diocese and experience the best each deanery has to offer.

Each prize package includes top-notch accommodations, dining, and unforgettable activities. Visit the diocese site using the QR code for all 8 prize details and to purchase tickets.

\$10/Ticket or 3 for \$20.



HARVEST SEASON FOR OUR GARDEN

The Food Justice Garden Ministry provides fresh, organically grown vegetables to organizations and churches that assist the needy with food, such as Parkwood Community Food Hub, Feed My Sheep, and End Hunger Durham. Volunteers are dutifully preparing the soil for next season and wrapping up this year's harvest. Our team of gardeners welcomes parishioners of all ages to help serve in this vital ministry.

How you can help:

- Put those garden workdays on your calendar! Come out to help weed, water, and harvest on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9 to 11 am
- Bring kitchen scraps from fruits and vegetables and rinsed eggshells to the compost bin in the garden to help us further enrich the soil

HELP IS AVAILABLE

The joy of the Holidays, especially Christmas can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time, but help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and support you through the holidays and as long as your need persists.

Find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with Lynn Sale (contact information above).



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



Liturgy & Music

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LEADING THE CENTENNIAL MASS CHOIR

On Friday, November 8th I had the privilege of codirecting the music for the centennial anniversary celebration Mass for the Diocese of Raleigh at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, along with my friend, Jim Wahl, music director at St Francis in Raleigh. As we celebrate the anniversary in parishes this week, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on that experience.

Helping to lead music at a Mass like this is an exciting opportunity because you know it has the potential to make a big impact upon the faithful and we're given generous resources to to expand the scope of what is typical. But it also comes with its stresses and challenges, such as the limitations of the worship space, competing ideas about the music from various constituencies, and forming a team out of over 60 individuals with only a day of rehearsals. Luckily Jim and I, along with Cathedral organist David Eaton, have worked together many times in the past, so we hit the ground running, while having fun at the same time.

One of the best parts of the process is conceiving of the possibilities, and figuring out how it will come together. For this Mass, we knew that Bishop Luis had commissioned former diocesan music director Michael Accurso to compose a special hymn, which turned out to be a spectacular setting of the Te Deum prayer. We also knew we would need a 20+ minute piece for the procession, which included not only clergy, but representatives from all of the cultural groups and organizations of the diocese. Bishop Luis gave us our mandate that the music reflect the diversity of our diocese, be joyful, and encourage the singing of the faithful. Finally, Jim and I both value stretching ourselves and the ensemble a bit beyond our comfort zone, so we were definitely ambitious and took some risks with the selections and the scope of the music.

The most exciting time is when we finally gather all of the musicians, including a choir of 45 singers from all corners of the diocese, and an orchestra of 20 professionals. We really don't know what we have until we hear the choir and the orchestra and the organ for the first time all together. Sometimes it doesn't work out as well as we hope, especially if you're trying to be a bit ambitious, but in this case, I think it all came together better and quicker than any of us could have expected.

The most rewarding part of the experience is noticing the obvious joy that all of the musicians, volunteers and professionals alike, are having making music together. It's truly rewarding when we all come together, becoming greater than our sum as individuals, working for a higher purpose. At the end of his compositions, Bach regularly inscribed "S. D. G." for "Soli Deo Gloria" or "To God alone, the glory". I think that's the common thread that tied all of us involved in the music for this centennial Mass together, and it was a glorious experience.



WEEKLY READING REFLECTIONS

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7 The Lord will bring salvation.
Psalm 117 - "Go out to all the world"
Acts 13:46-49 That we may be instruments of salvation.
Matthew 28:16-20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.

In celebration of the Centennial Anniversary of the Diocese, this week's readings reflect our call to mission; to draw others to Christ in our words, deeds, and actions. We are encouraged to go out to all the world and spread the Good News!

Next weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, where we see that Jesus was bringing about a new type of Kingdom; one that reigns forever in justice and mercy.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales



PRAY FOR US

We call the event, "Brisson and Bourbon." The Fathers' Club at St. Francis de Sales School is named after the founder of the Oblates, Blessed Louis Brisson, OSFS. We call the club simply - Brisson. For example, an email from the Fathers' Club reads, "Open House is in need of help! Brisson will be cooking hotdogs for all the visitors." It is like our founder is walking the earth again!

While I was chaplain of Brisson, one of the dads asked me, "What is Brisson?" I responded by creating an event, "Brisson and Bourbon." During the event, dads gather with a libation to hear the story of the foundation of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales. I tell them of the joint work of Blessed Louis Brisson and the Good Mother, Mother Mary de Sales Chappuis, VHM. It's a popular gathering, and we host it at the Oblate House.

This year I added a request at the end of the story, "Will you pray for us?" I gave the president of Brisson one of our profession cross boxes. These boxes contain a profession cross, daily prayer booklet, and vocation prayer card. Some background - our profession cross is handed down from Oblate to Oblate. We wear this cross our entire Oblate lives, and we receive it when we take our first vows. I asked Brisson to pray for the next Oblate who will wear the cross. When I handed the box to the president of Brisson, his face was one of honor and awe. They are now praying for the next young man who will wear that profession cross.

Requesting prayers should be easy, but I find it difficult. I am accustomed to people asking me to pray, and these requests are heartfelt. However, when it comes to me asking for prayers, I often shy away. I struggle asking for help, inviting others to assist me, or sharing my hopes. I keep having to go back to Francis de Sales who often begins his prayers by asking for help. In our daily prayers we say, "Oh God, come to my assistance." It is good to ask for prayers!

As I relate this story, I know we do not have profession cross boxes at all of our ministries across North America. However, I ask that our readers pray for the next Oblate who will wear our cross.

May God be Praised!

-Fr. Ioe Newman, OSFS

Preparing for Advent

Advent is the beginning of the Catholic Church's liturgical year, consisting of the first four Sundays and subsequent weekdays before Christmas. The word "Advent" comes from the Latin "adventus," which means "a coming or approach." It is a time of preparation intended to direct the Church toward the Second Coming of Christ as we also remember the Nativity of our Lord.

This year, Advent begins on Sunday, December 1st, and ends on Tuesday, December 24th.

December 3rd

During the Advent Penance Service, we recognize our individual sinfulness and the harm it does to the whole community, and so, pray for one another as well as for ourselves. Several priests will be available to celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation at 6:30 pm in the church.

December 7th

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December 7th/8th

You are invited to "Share Your Christmas" and select a person from our Durham Community to provide gifts, a coat and/or a grocery gift card. Gifts should be dropped off at the church during Mass. *Learn more on the Ministry page*.

December 13th

The parish Christmas Party will be hosted at 6:30 pm in the DeSales Center. Save the date - more information to come soon!

December 24th

Join us for a Mass at 4 pm, a special Children's Christmas Eve Mass, 7 pm, or 10 pm. Invite your friends and neighbors - everyone is welcome!

December 25th

All are invited to celebrate the birth of Christ on Christmas Day at 10 am in the church.





Office of the Bishop

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November 17, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a blessed day in the life of our Diocese as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Catholic faith being lived and proclaimed in Eastern North Carolina!

I am so thankful that God called me to Raleigh and allowed me to serve as your Bishop. Today, as we gather together for our Centennial Sunday celebration, we give thanks to God for the precious gift of our faith and, in a special way, for the blessings He has bestowed upon us throughout these 100 years.

We remember the beloved priests, family members and friends who have served and pray for their eternal peace. We honor all those who built, in stone and in spirit, the foundations of our Church and those who continue to strengthen and sustain its work in our diocese. I also offer sincere thanks to my current, brother priests, and to all of you for the countless ways you support and assist them.

On this anniversary, let us do as Jesus commands in today's Gospel to, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you."

Let us rededicate ourselves to reaching out in love to those who used to come to Church but are unable to now due to physical limitations; to those who have become lukewarm in their faith or have alienated themselves from the Church; and especially to those who cannot defend or protect themselves, most especially the unborn. Like so many before us over these past 100 years, we may not always witness the immediate and visible results of our faithful prayers but we are assured that the Lord is with us, "always, until the end of the age."

Under the patronage of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception may our Lord Jesus continue to bless us and protect us always.

In Christ,

† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L. Bishop of Raleigh

Office of the Bishop

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17 de noviembre del 2024

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡Es una gran bendición en la vida de nuestra Diócesis celebrar el centenario de la fe católica vivida y proclamada en el este de Carolina del Norte!

Doy gracias a Dios por llamarme a Raleigh y permitirme servir como su Obispo. Hoy, al reunirnos para la celebración de nuestro Domingo del Centenario, damos gracias a Dios por el precioso don de nuestra fe y, de manera especial, por las bendiciones que nos ha concedido a lo largo de estos 100 años.

Recordamos con aprecio a los sacerdotes, familiares y amigos que nos han servido y rezamos por su paz eterna. Honramos a todos aquellos que construyeron, material y espiritualmente, los cimientos de nuestra Iglesia y a los que siguen fortaleciendo y sosteniendo con su labor en nuestra diócesis. También ofrezco mi sincero agradecimiento a mis actuales hermanos sacerdotes y a todos uds. por las innumerables formas en las que nos apoyan y ayudan.

En este aniversario, hagamos como nos manda Jesús en el Evangelio de hoy: "Vayan, pues y hagan que todos los pueblos sean mis discípulos. Bautícenlos en el nombre del Padre y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo y enséñenles a cumplir todo lo que yo les he encomendado a ustedes."

Volvamos a tender la mano con amor a los que solían venir a la Iglesia y ahora no pueden por limitaciones físicas; a los que se han vuelto tibios en su fe o se han alejado de la Iglesia; y especialmente a los que no pueden defenderse o protegerse, sobre todo los no nacidos. Como las generaciones pasadas en estos últimos 100 años, puede que no siempre seamos testigos de los resultados inmediatos y visibles de nuestras oraciones, pero tenemos la seguridad de que el Señor está con nosotros, "todos los días, hasta el fin de los tiempos."

Bajo el patrocinio de Nuestra Señora de la Inmaculada Concepción, que nuestro Señor Jesús continúe bendiciéndonos y protegiéndonos siempre.

En Cristo,

† Luis Rafael Zarama, J.C.L. Obispo de Raleigh