

SPIRIT OF THE LORD

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

"God takes pleasure to see you take your little steps; and like a good father who holds his child by the hand, He will accommodate His steps to yours and will be content to go no faster than you. Why do you worry?" - 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 holynfantchurch.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; Adela Florey; Dot Gregory; Marjorie Goode; Mary Jane Haga; Mary Jane Harvey; Jane Helmer; Denise Herron; Ruth & Kenneth Jones; Aileen Koch; Donna LaMountain; Alice Lefebvre; Peggy McIntyre; Terry Mercado; 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 Stavelly; Katherine Strubing; Marisa Suarez; Mary Sunderland; Richard Thomas; Angel David Torres

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS January 27th—February 2nd

Monday, 9 am	<i>Rose & Nicholas Viggiano †</i>
Tuesday, 9:00 am	<i>Norman Parks †</i>
Wednesday, 9:00 am	<i>Lorraine Battis (birthday)</i>
Thursday, 9:00 am	<i>Kevin Kondas (birthday)</i>
Friday, 9:00 am	<i>Mary Kennery (birthday)</i>
Saturday, 9:00 am	No Mass
Saturday, 5:30 pm	<i>Parishioners of Holy Infant</i>
Sunday, 8:30 am	<i>Will Sargent †</i>
Sunday, 11:30 am	<i>Genny Maria Cabrales De</i>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 Mk 6:7-13

Friday Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc Mk 6:14-29

Saturday Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mk 6:30-34

Sunday Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan 27 LRSS, 9:45 am

Jan 27 Capital Campaign Team Training, 7 pm

Jan 27 LRSS Zoom, 7 pm

Jan 28 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am

Jan 28 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

Jan 28 Families Moving Forward, 5 pm

Jan 28 Stephen Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm

Jan 28 Young Adults Bible Study, 7 pm

Jan 30 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am

Jan 30 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm

Jan 30 DCIA Annual Assembly, 4 pm

Jan 30 Knights Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm

Feb 1 St. Thomas More Confirmation Retreat, 9 am

Feb 1 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

Feb 1 Funeral Mass—Pat McGinn, 11 am

Feb 1 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm

Feb 1 Rosary-Making, 3:30 pm

Feb 1 Reconciliation, 4 pm

Feb 1 Elisabeth Von Trapp Concert, 7 pm

Feb 2 Blessing of “Live Jesus” Intarsia, 9:45 am

Feb 2 Family Formation, 9:45 am

Feb 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:45 am

Feb 2 Baptism of Lydia Catherine Woodward, 11:30 am

Feb 2 JYM, 6:30 pm

Feb 2 TYM, 6:30 pm

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

WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE

Visit our website
using the QR code





MAIL

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AT MASS

Use an envelope
& the donation basket

Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - December 31

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$554,810	\$533,171	(\$21,639)
Christmas Offertory	\$25,000	\$26,997	\$1,997
Easter Offertory	\$0	\$25	\$25
Holy Day Collections	\$6,000	\$6,733	\$733
Maintenance Offertory	\$23,310	\$20,220	(\$3,090)
	\$609,120	\$587,146	(\$21,974)

Support DPS Students at An Evening to Shine



OUR DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENTS SHINE.

February 11th, 7 pm
Durham Performing Arts Center

Featuring DPS Students in choir, dance,
theater, fine arts and more!

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SIP & PAINT WITH BR. MICKEY

Join us for a guided painting class while sipping on your favorite beverage with Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS, on **February 21st** at 7 pm. The cost per ticket is \$15 and includes all needed art supplies and hors d'oeuvres. *This event is BYOB.*

The deadline to purchase tickets is February 17th. Use the QR to purchase tickets.



VOLUNTER IN OUR JUSTICE GARDEN

Despite the chill in the air, our dedicated volunteers at Justice Garden are hard at work planting and harvesting an array of winter veggies, from turnip greens to carrots. But we need your help!

Join us Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9-11 am, we would greatly appreciate your assistance. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a newbie, everyone is welcome to join us in cultivating the earth and fostering community spirit.

To learn more about volunteering opportunities, please reach out to Bobbi Gallagher at 919-225-2457. Your contribution, no matter how small, can make a huge impact in feeding our community and promoting sustainable living.

VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR

Join Fr Michael Schuetz, Director of Vocations, at a special Holy Hour to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life from the men and women of our diocese. We know that God is calling more men and women to these vocations.

The Holy Hour will be hosted at St. Thomas More in Chapel Hill on **February 7th** from 7-8pm. It is a great way for us to pray for these men and women that they will have the strength to respond courageously to God's invitation to serve our church as priests and religious.

HOMESCHOOL GET TOGETHER

Calling all homeschooled teens! St. Thomas More is hosting a meetup on **January 31st** at 10am in the St. Martin Room (located in the Community Parish Center). Parents are welcome to attend!

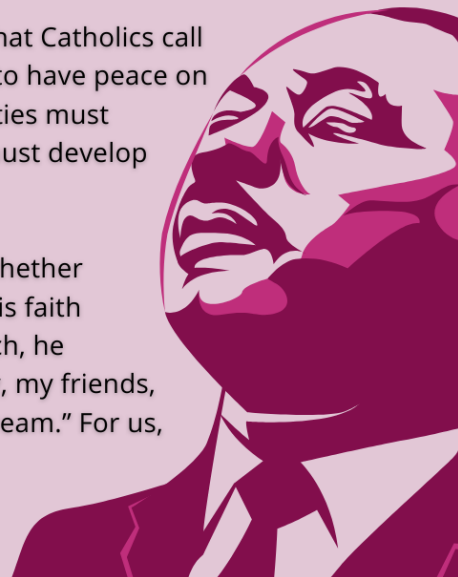
Please RSVP Rachel Reder, rachadr@yahoo.com or 919-451-4219

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. AND CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

When Dr. King said, "rich and poor are tied together," he was talking about what Catholics call solidarity. In the same vein, he said in his 1967 Christmas Sermon, "If we are to have peace on earth, our loyalties must become ecumenical rather than sectional. Our loyalties must transcend our race, our tribe, our class, and our nation; and this means we must develop a world perspective."

Dr. King faced enormous opposition and was sometimes discouraged as to whether his social teaching would ever be embraced and lived in America. However, his faith in God kept him from giving up in despair. In his 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech, he declared what was true for him until the day he was killed: "I say to you today, my friends, that in spite of the difficulties and frustrations of the moment, I still have a dream." For us, his faith as well as his work continue to be guiding lights.

By KAREN LEE-THORP, FOR THE KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER OC



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MARRIAGE CELEBRATION

ATTENTION ALL MARRIED COUPLES!

Holy Infant is hosting a celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage, and you are cordially invited to renew your marriage vows during a special liturgy on **February 15th** at the 5:30 pm Mass. Following the Mass, registered couples may join us at the DeSales Center for a reception filled with food, music, and dancing! *Couples are asked to bring heavy hors d'oeuvres and no desserts. Couples may also bring beer, wine or soft drinks - water will be provided.*

Whether you're newlyweds or have been together for decades, this event is designed for you. It's a fantastic opportunity to strengthen your bond with your spouse and connect with other couples in our parish community. This event is for adults only, please make other arrangements for your children.

This unforgettable evening is free of charge, but space is limited, so be sure to register.

Registration closes February 7th.

When registering, please share your and your spouse's names and the number of years you've been married.



DON'T MISS ELISABETH VON TRAPP

For Elisabeth Von Trapp, "the sounds of music" are part of her earliest memories. Elisabeth is the granddaughter of the legendary Maria and Baron Von Trapp, whose story inspired The Sound of Music. Singing professionally since childhood, Elisabeth has enthralled audiences from European cathedrals to the Kennedy Center. See Elisabeth LIVE at Holy Infant on **February 1st** at 7 pm in the church.

While a ticket is not required to attend this concert, there will be a goodwill collection.



UMD SHELTER DINNER THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone's generosity the sign-up list for donating food for January's dinner at Urban Ministries of Durham was completely filled! Our next dinner will be on Sunday, **February 16th**.



FEBRUARY BLOOD DRIVE

Holy Infant is excited to announce our upcoming blood drive on **February 8th**, from 8 am to 2 pm at the DeSales Center. This event is a crucial opportunity to give back to the community and save lives.

To ensure a smooth process, we ask all participants to register ahead of time. Registering in advance allows us to organize the necessary staff and resources to make this event a success. Register using the QR code.

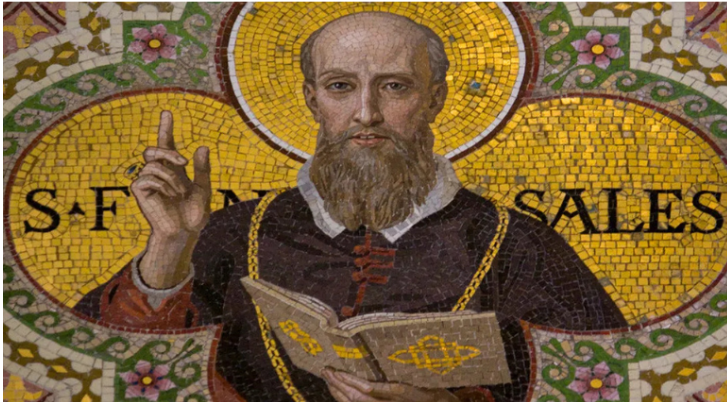


**CHECK OUT OUR PARISH CALENDAR FOR MORE
UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY INFANT**



Liturgy & Music

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WHY I LOVE ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

As a keen observer of human nature, Francis saw that people tend to imagine doing great things for God, while missing all the little, everyday ways they can please him. See if any of these sound familiar: “putting up with people’s moods and troublesome behavior, gaining victory over our own moods and passions, renouncing petty preferences, honestly acknowledging our faults, keeping our souls in peace.”

Even though Francis wrote hundreds of years ago, some of his advice seems especially insightful today. For example, he said to “accept the duties which come upon you quietly, and try to fulfill them methodically, one after another.” If you attempt to do everything at once, “you will probably be overwhelmed and accomplish nothing.” You’d think that Francis is addressing our twenty-first century penchant for over-scheduling, multitasking, and stressing out about all that we have to do!

Also relevant and especially insightful is Francis’ belief that “apart from sin, anxiety is the greatest evil that can happen to a soul.” When our hearts are troubled, he explained, we lose our peace and calm judgment and become more susceptible to temptation. We are like birds caught in nets, fluttering about wildly trying to escape and entangling ourselves even more. As he told someone,

“What are you anxious about? All that matters is that [God] is with you, and you with him.” Since I tend to be a worrier, I like to imagine Francis saying those words and reassuring me by his own peaceful, gentle nature that it is possible to be worry free.

Francis believed that “holy, sacred friendships” focused on the Lord are important, because they provide support for the spiritual journey. And so, I count this saint among my special friends. I hope he will become your friend as well.

He is a cheerleader who tells us that we can be close to the Lord and that our many responsibilities to family, parish, and workplace are not obstacles, but paths to God. He encourages us not to waste time looking back in regret over our past sins or looking too far forward and fretting about the future. He reminds us instead to focus on what’s right in front of us—the very next thing that God is calling us to do.

Along the way, we can practice those little virtues that Francis recommended: patience, forbearance, humility, simplicity, and joy. As these soften our hearts, we will be able to truly “Live Jesus!”

Patricia Mitchell, The Word Among Us.



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

These are the readings that will be read at Holy Infant this weekend as we celebrate the Feast of St. Francis de Sales.

The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales are the Order of priests that founded and have served at Holy Infant Catholic Church in Durham, NC.

Proverbs 16:16-23, 32

Psalms 34

James 3:13-18

Matthew 5:13-19

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales



WHAT GOD WANTS US TO BE

The Visitation Sisters gifted us all coffee mugs this year! They are identical and quote the passage from Esther 4:14, "Perhaps you were born for such a time as this." This empowering quote is matched by the inspirational message on the other side, "The world needs who God made you to be." Of course, I love this gift as Francis de Sales picks up on this same message when he writes, "Let us be what God wants us to be...Even if we were the most perfect creatures under heaven, what good would that do us if we were not as God's will would have us be?"

I find humor in that we all have identical mugs that express the uniqueness of God's creation of us. Even this morning I put my mug down next to Fr. Ron's, and I could not tell whose was whose! When the mugs were stacked next to one another, they were indistinguishable. Indistinguishable mugs used by distinguishable men. How can one not smile at that?

As I preview this new season of Ordinary Time and the upcoming year, months, and days, I admit that I just stack them next to one another. Similar to the mugs, days become indistinguishable. Weeks and months, I cannot tell them apart. Our founder, Blessed Louis Brisson warns about this happening in our ministry. It is a spiritual trap when our moments become "just another." Just another Mass. Just another funeral. Just another class. Just another day. Just another DeSales Weekly article... It becomes hard to believe the mugs. Were we born for "such a time as this?"

While I was writing this reflection, my close friend just became the grandmother of a new baby girl. The infant was named after her grandmother. Immediately after the birth, my friend sent me this text, "It is going to take a while for me to find the words. This experience was life changing!" The thing is... she is a mother of five and this is her fifth grandchild. Her awe, wonder, and amazement with the birth of her fifth grandchild shattered my routine of "just another."

Paul uses similar imagery of childbirth when writing about all of creation and us, "We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit" (Romans 8:22-23). God continues to do something new in our universe, world, and lives. "Just another" is a myth. There is something new here, and God has not finished creating. I think the Book of Esther was right, "Perhaps you were born for such a time as this."

May God be praised.
-Fr. Joe Newman, OSFS