

LEAP FOR JOY

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



DESALES CENTER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In 2016, Holy Infant laid out a two-phase plan to prepare for our parish's future. With 850 families at the time, the plan was to provide parish facilities that would adequately meet the existing and future needs of our parishioners. Phase 1 of the plan was to build a new worship space which was completed in 2021 and has no debt remaining associated with the facility. The construction included the new church, chapel, and columbarium.

Now with nearly 1200 families and growing, the need to proceed with Phase 2 of the campus improvement plan to renovate and upgrade the old worship space (now known as the DeSales Center) into a facility to enhance our education, meeting, and ministry fellowship spaces has never been more apparent.



DeSales Center Renovations

- Engineers report identified several building systems needing replacement including: HVAC, lighting, roofing, ceilings, insulation and ADA restrooms.
- Reconfigure and renovated CGS rooms with new flooring and wall finish
- Reconfigure and renovate Fellowship Hall with new flooring, lighting, wall finish and new platform
- Expand and renovate restrooms to modern building codes

Estimated Cost: \$2,045,000

DeSales Center Upgrade Additions

- Add 3 Flex Rooms to support growing needs or education and other ministries
- Double the kitchen size with all new cabinets, solid surface countertops, appliances, flooring and new cooking, food prep, clean-up and storage areas
- Add a Welcome Lobby with a left to move the stairs inside out of the weather
- Add unisex restrooms in the lobby
- Add a covered Arcade between the Lobby and the Church

Estimated Cost: \$1,798,000

Sitework and Administrative

- Pave the gravel parking lot
- Professional fees
- Permits and Insurance
- Contingency

Estimated Cost: \$1,449,800

Total Campaign Goal: \$3,000,000



Sign Up to Pledge Online

Learn more about the project and register your pledge towards the renovation using the QR code.



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS February 17th—February 23rd

Monday, 9 am	<i>Casimira Garcia (birthday)</i>
Tuesday, 9:00 am	<i>Dominico Hoc Tran †</i>
Wednesday, 9:00 am	<i>Pat McGinn †</i>
Thursday, 9 :00am	<i>Mary Bernard †</i>
Friday, 9:00 am	<i>Pat McGinn †</i>
Saturday, 9:00 am	<i>Prela Selca †</i>
Saturday, 5:30 pm	<i>Jo Ann Smigla †</i>
Sunday, 8:30 am	<i>Angel & Araceli Novio (anniversary)</i>
Sunday, 11:30 am	<i>Pat McGinn †</i>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Gen 4:1-15, 25 Ps 50:1+8, 16bc-17, 20-21
Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10 Ps 29:1a+2, 3ac-4,
3b+9c-10 Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday Gen 8:6-13, 20-22 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15,
18-19 Mk 8:22-26
Thursday Gen 9:1-13 Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29+22-23
Mk 8:27-33
Friday Gen 11:1-9 Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Mk 8:34 – 9:1
Saturday 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19
Sunday 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8,
10, 12-13 1 Cor 15:45-49 Lk 6:27-38

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 17 LRSS, 9:45 am
Feb 17 Capital Campaign Reception, 2 pm
Feb 17 LRSS, 7 pm
Feb 18 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am
Feb 18 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Feb 18 Capital Campaign Reception, 7 pm
Feb 19 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 4:30 pm
Feb 19 Family Formation, 6:30 pm
Feb 19 OCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm
Feb 20 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am
Feb 20 Stephen Leadership Meeting, 10:30 am
Feb 20 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
Feb 20 Yarn Ministry, 7 pm
Feb 21 Sip & Paint with Br. Mickey, 7 pm
Feb 22 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Feb 22 Intarsia Open House, 12 pm
Feb 22 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm
Feb 22 Reconciliation, 4 pm
Feb 23 Children's Choir, 10:15 am

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

WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE

Visit our website
using the QR code





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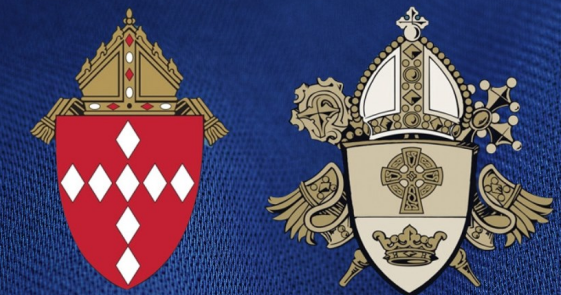
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AT MASS

Use an envelope
& the donation basket

Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - January 31

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$649,640	\$625,658	(\$23,982)
Christmas Offertory	\$26,000	\$27,457	\$1,457
Easter Offertory	\$0	\$143	\$143
Holy Day Collections	\$8,000	\$9,767	\$1,767
Maintenance Offertory	\$27,310	\$23,823	(\$3,487)
	\$710,950	\$686,848	(\$24,102)



N.C. Bishops Issue Joint Statement on Immigration



The issue of immigration policy and enforcement is both complicated and emotional.

While we agree that there is room for disagreement and discussion with respect to immigration policy, we wish to remind our more than one million Catholic faithful in North Carolina of the stated positions of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, formed by Catholic social teaching, and encourage personal reflection and formation on these issues.

SERVING THOSE IN NEED

Refugee And Immigrant Lives Are At Stake

The Holy Infant Refugee Resettlement Team is dedicated to providing aid and support to refugee families in need. A series of recent executive orders issued by our new administration not only significantly impacted those being served here in the U.S. and around the world, but also our ability to serve them.

These orders cut off promised federal funding, effective immediately, for the most basic assistance for families acutely suffering and in need of food, shelter, medical care, and more. This includes many refugee families who we have already welcomed here in our communities.

Despite these obstacles, we remain committed to making a positive impact in the lives of those affected. We are working closely with local agencies, such as World Relief and Church World Service, to explore alternative avenues of assistance and support.

If you share our passion for helping refugee families and would like to get involved, we invite you to reach out to us at the Parish Office.



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WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

If we work together, we can end world hunger. That's why we're participating in the CROP Hunger Walk to support CWS and help families who are struggling with hunger. Please join us with your steps and your donations. Together we will provide more meals for the growing number of people in our community who need them and create greater food security in communities around the world.

Please support our team today! Use the QR to register or donate.



PUT YOUR BEST SMILE FORWARD

February is National Children's Dental Health month. Developing good habits at an early age along with regular dental checkups helps children get a good start on a lifetime of healthy teeth and gums.

Children are encouraged to visit the Holy Infant Health Ministry in the narthex after masses **February 22nd-23rd** to learn about healthy brushing habits.

Parents can learn more from the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry using the QR code.



MISSION OF CRS RICE BOWL

CRS Rice Bowl is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Rooted in the history of the Eucharistic Congress, CRS Rice Bowl invites Catholics and faith communities in the United States to encounter God and our global family throughout Lent by practicing the pillars of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Lenten alms donated through CRS Rice Bowl support the work of CRS in more than 120 different countries each year. Twenty-five percent of donations to CRS Rice Bowl stay in the local diocese, supporting hunger and poverty alleviation efforts. Since its inception in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised more than \$350 million.

Lenten alms go to alleviate hunger and poverty in communities around the world and in the U.S. Seventy-five percent of gifts support CRS' international humanitarian programs. Some examples include:

- **Agriculture projects help farmers improve harvests**
- **Water and sanitation projects bring clean water to communities**
- **Microfinance projects support small businesses**
- **Mother and child health projects offer health and nutrition services**
- **Education projects provide resources and training**

The other 25% of gifts remain in each U.S. diocese where they are given to hunger and poverty alleviation efforts in those communities. Each diocese uses this differently.

Learn more using the QR code below.





As we enter the season of Lent, it is a time for reflection and renewal – a time to draw closer to Christ and bring positive change to the world around us. Lent calls for introspection and repentance, urging us to shift our focus from self-gratification to selflessness.

In the spirit of creating a more impactful Lenten experience, consider participating in Greener Lent. This initiative challenges us to weave ecological consciousness into our spiritual journey by committing to daily prayer, stricter fasting, and redirecting the funds saved from reducing meat and cheese consumption toward aiding the less fortunate.

By embracing Greener Lent, we not only honor the call of Church leaders to care for God's creation but also make a tangible impact in alleviating the environmental crisis that disproportionately affects the most vulnerable communities worldwide. Let us make this Lent a transformative period in which our actions echo our commitment to faith, service, and stewardship of the Earth.

Get involved with Greener Lent using the QR code.

Greener Lent encourages participants to do the following:

- **Intensify prayers**, especially for the poor whose livelihoods are being destroyed by the climate crisis and that we may follow Christ more closely.
- **Sacrificially reduce the amount of meat eaten** by choosing a fasting level which expands the established days of abstinence for Catholics during Lent, and provides a Biblically based penance for all Christians. Reducing or eliminating meat significantly impacts the participants carbon footprint during Lent.
- **Give alms to the poor** who have suffered the worst effects of the climate crisis.



LENT STARTS ON MARCH 5TH

MAKE A COMMITMENT TO CHANGE

Ministries

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“VIVE JESU” INTARSIA OPEN HOUSE

Join Holy Infant for an Intarsia Artwork Open House on **February 22nd** from 12-3 pm, where you can witness the breathtaking "Vive Jesu" (Live Jesus) intarsia masterpiece crafted by the talented Joe Carr. Intarsia, an intricate art form using carefully cut and sculpted wooden pieces, showcases the beauty of 29 different wood species without the use of dyes or paints.

This exceptional work of art comprises an astonishing 3,200 pieces intricately assembled to bring the image to life, capturing the essence of Live Jesus through the natural colors and grains of the wood. Live Jesus is depicted by various ministries at Holy Infant. Carr dedicated over 5000 hours over 21 months to meticulously craft this stunning piece, a true testament to his craftsmanship and passion for the art of intarsia.

Don't miss the opportunity to witness this remarkable creation first-hand at our Open House and immerse yourself in the awe-inspiring world of intarsia art.

UMD SHELTER DINNER

Our next Dinner will be on Sunday, **February 16th**. The menu will feature spaghetti, side dishes, and dessert. You can volunteer to provide food items or to help prepare and serve the meal using the QR code.

Please deliver food donations to the church Narthex by 1 pm on February 16th.



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

More than 46,000 organ transplants were performed in the United States last year. The need is great as nearly 120,000 people are currently in need of healthy organs. Every ten minutes a new name is added to the list; while on average twenty people die each day waiting for an organ to become available.

This Sunday **February 16th**, the Knights of Columbus will be handing out information on how you can register to become an organ donor. Kindly consider "Giving the Gift of Life!"



BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER

Have you been told that you are a compassionate, caring person? If so, Stephen Ministry may be the place for you to serve. Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one ministry that provides compassionate companionship for those who are going through challenging times, such as illness or loss.

A new 50-hour training course will be offered at Holy Infant for new Stephen Ministers beginning Thursday, August 28th. Applications are now being accepted. Information Meetings about the training will be held Tuesday, April 29th in the evening or Sunday, June 1st, between Masses.

Contact Lynn Sale, Pastoral Associate, using the contact information above.



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



LENTEN MISSION CONCERT



Join Holy Infant for a special Lenten Mission Concert on March 10th at 7 pm to experience the uplifting music of Dana Catherine. Hailing from North Carolina, Dana is a talented singer/songwriter, speaker, and former youth minister who travels the country spreading God's love through her music.

Dana's journey with faith began in her Catholic upbringing but truly flourished during her college years at UNC Chapel Hill. Through her ups and downs, Dana discovered the joy and peace that only Christ can bring. Now, she shares her "prayer songs" to inspire others to surrender their hearts to God.

Dana's music speaks to the vulnerabilities and strengths of the human spirit. Witness her energetic tracks and soulful ballads at the upcoming concert, and be moved by the message of hope and surrender in every note.

Listen to Dana's Music



Dana Catherine

Lenten Mission Concert

March 10th

7 pm in the Church



Liturgy & Music

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SERMON ON THE PLANE: THE SETTING

by Dave Barnhart

Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said...

In this weekend's Gospel from Luke, what time of day is it? Probably mid-morning. Jesus has spent all night praying, and made his important choice of apostles at dawn. Then he comes down the mountain to a "large area of level ground," and a huge crowd of disciples and people seeking healing gather around.

This monologue is often called "The Sermon on the Plain," in contrast with Matthew's "Sermon on the Mount," but I suspect these are both true descriptions. People in Jesus's day did not have microphones and loudspeakers, but they understood acoustics and the practice of speaking to large crowds. The Greeks had built amphitheaters all over their empire three hundred years earlier, so everyone knew that the optimal arrangement for public speaking is a bowl-shaped hollow.

If Jesus is on top of a mountain, speaking down to a crowd, his words will be lost in the wind. But you can find bowl-shaped places today around Galilee that are perfect for speaking to large groups. One famous Bible story has Jesus preaching from a boat to a crowd on the shore. I've seen the traditional place with my own eyes and heard it with my own ears. It makes perfect sense if you are familiar with how sound can carry over the water, especially if there is a wall or natural amphitheater behind you to reflect the sound. In both the Sermon on the Mount and the Sermon on the Plain, I suspect Jesus found an optimal natural amphitheater, where he could speak up to the gathered crowds—not down to them.

This is why it says he "raised his eyes to his disciples." He was literally looking up at them.

I think this visual image is important, because it is a sharp contrast to the way modern public speaking happens. Our pulpits and stages are usually above the gathered audience, and the speaker is literally speaking down to us. This is only practical in modern buildings with electronic amplification. In old churches and cathedrals, they used domes or vaults of stone to create an artificial amphitheater over the heads of the congregation.

So in the great outdoors? I picture Jesus speaking up to his disciples and the gathered crowds. He looks tiny down there, one person among our many. He looks so... human. Like anyone else. Like one of us. So when he opens his mouth and the first words are "Happy are you who are poor," I get chill bumps.

Incarnate One, thank you for coming down to our level and being one of us.

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Jeremiah warms us up for the Gospel today by speaking of whom God blesses and whom God curses. Using imagery from nature, he drives home his message: trust in the LORD. Jesus' message echoes Jeremiah's, blessing those whom society treats as outcasts and warning those who have it made by social standards. During this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us put our hope in he who has power over death itself, a hope rejected by those who live life, as Paul wrote, "for this life only."

What about my life is Jesus calling me to change so that I may be blessed? If I have plenty of money, food, and happiness, what can I do to be blessed?

Next weekend we celebrate the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time when Jesus shares one of his most challenging teachings, to love our enemies and turn the other cheek.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES AND DON BOSCO: EVANGELIZERS

St. Francis de Sales lived two hundred years before Don Bosco but was admired tremendously by him. Why? Because of his zeal for souls! Don Bosco made De Sales' motto his own – *Da Mihi Animas Caetera Tolle* – Give me souls, take away the rest. It was the tremendous passion for helping people love Jesus deeply, avoid sin and acquire virtue, and set their eyes firmly fixed on Heaven that was the great gift that both Saints brought to the Church. They were zealous evangelizers.

The Feast of St. Francis de Sales is coming up on January 24. The Feast of Don Bosco is coming up on January 31. Francis was a holy bishop who won people of all ages over toward Jesus and the Catholic faith during the time of the Reformation in Europe. Bosco was a holy priest who spent his life working with boys and young men to win them over toward becoming men of virtue and faith who would live productive lives as good Christians and good citizens. Both men were given a charism by the Holy Spirit and commissioned by God to spread it. They opened their hearts to receive the gifts of kindness, joy, optimism, teaching, preaching, love of the Sacraments and Our Lady – and a tenacious drive for the work of evangelization.

Regarding evangelization, one thing that stood out about St. Francis de Sales was his ability to take risks in order to save souls and to preach, teach and convert people for Christ. He spent his entire life as a priest and a bishop reaching out to others instead of waiting for people to come to him, walking through the country villages and dialoging with people who were skeptical and confused about religion – particularly Catholicism. Francis de Sales was a creative evangelizer with a missionary heart! He did things that were truly novel compared to his contemporary clergymen:

- He wrote booklets and pamphlets and distributed them door-to-door
- He spent long hours giving spiritual direction and advice
- He opened up his parish church for Q&A time on Sunday afternoons

Don Bosco gathered young people informally on weekends and created an environment of faith and fun. Through his presence with them, his care and compassion for their situation of poverty and their need for formation arose and he got busy educating and evangelizing them:

- He provided an oratory with an open door where they felt at home
- He gave catechism lessons and Sacraments to boys who otherwise would not go to church or attend their parishes
- He provided job and work skills training so they could get jobs and be employed
- He identified and invited the boys who showed leadership potential to get involved in leading his ministry

In the Church today we are very much in need of zealous evangelization. Fear prevents risk. Laziness and telling God "get someone else" isn't going to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. You and I need to step up as evangelizers. Imagine how our Church can move forward today and how we can promote lives of faith and virtue amongst the people we encounter. It could happen – if each and every one of us considered ourselves zealous evangelizers who are willing to go out and live our baptismal call to be missionaries of Jesus Christ and the Gospel. It could happen. And it starts with us accepting our own call to holiness and nourishing our relationship with God so that we might share his love with others.

-Fr. Steve Ryan, SDB