

DO GOOD

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 holyninfantchurch.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; Marc 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; Richard Thomas; Angel David Torres

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS February 24th—March 2nd

Monday, 9 am	<i>Gerald Baptista (birthday)</i>
Tuesday, 9:00 am	<i>Margaret Prevost †</i>
Wednesday, 9:00 am	<i>Vocations</i>
Thursday, 9 :00am	<i>Parishioners of Holy Infant</i>
Friday, 9:00 am	<i>Immigrants & Refugees</i>
Saturday, 9:00 am	<i>Vocations</i>
Saturday, 5:30 pm	<i>Barbara DeMayo †</i>
Sunday, 8:30 am	<i>Elizabeth MacDonough †</i>
Sunday, 11:30 am	<i>Genny Maria Cabrales De Luna †</i>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40
 Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday Sir 4:11-19 Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174,
 175 Mk 9:38-40
Thursday Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mk 9:41-50
Friday Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 Mk 10:1-12
Saturday Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18
 Mk 10:13-16
Sunday Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 1 Cor 15:54-58
 Lk 6:39-45

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 24 LRSS, 9:45 am
Feb 24 LRSS, 7 pm
Feb 25 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am
Feb 25 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Feb 25 Stephen Ministers Meeting, 6:30 pm
Feb 25 Young Adults Bible Study, 7 pm
Feb 27 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am
Feb 27 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
Feb 27 Knights Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm
Mar 1 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Mar 1 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm
Mar 1 Rosary-Making, 3:30 pm
Mar 1 Reconciliation, 4 pm
Mar 2 Family Formation, 9:45 am
Mar 2 Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 9:45 am
Mar 2 Girl Scouts Meeting, 2 pm
Mar 2 JYM, 6:30 pm
Mar 2 TYM, 6:30 pm

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

WAYS TO GIVE



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Visit our website
using the QR code





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5000 Southpark Drive
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AT MASS

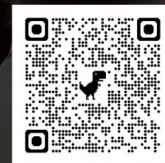
Use an envelope
& the donation basket

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)

Pope to US:

*Migration policies built on force,
not truth, will end badly*



“Christian love is not a concentric expansion of interests that little by little extend to other persons and groups. In other words: the human person is not a mere individual, relatively expansive, with some philanthropic feelings! The true ordo amoris that must be promoted is that which we discover by meditating constantly on the parable of the ‘Good Samaritan,’ that is, by meditating on the love that builds a fraternity open to all, without exception.”

-Pope Francis

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HOMELESS BUT HUMAN - CHRIST IN THE CITY

This powerful documentary captures the transformation of individuals living on the streets that the Christ in the City missionaries encounter and showcases a new approach to the rising crisis of homelessness. The film's videographer spent a year with the missionaries, providing a rare opportunity to see the incredible impact they have on the lives of those they serve.

Through their unique relational approach, Christ in the City is changing lives and offering hope to those who have lost everything. This film is a must-see for anyone who wants to understand the root causes of homelessness and witness the power of human connection in addressing this critical issue. Use the QR to watch!



FEEDING THE FUTURE

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a yearly gathering. It's a movement that's 55 years strong, made up of compassionate people in more than 500 communities across the U.S. The date for the 51st Durham CROP Hunger Walk is **March 23rd!**

The steps we take - and the funds we raise together - will provide life-saving support including emergency food and resources, along with the seeds, tools, and programs that will help families feed themselves in the future.

Here are ways you can help:

- **\$20 provides chickens** for a family, providing a constant supply of eggs
- **\$30 provides a water filter** for a family, allowing them clean access to water for drinking, cooking, and bathing
- **\$60 provides a garden kit** large enough for three families to feed their families and sell their goods for extra income



CRS STORIES OF HOPE - AMINA

Amina Bukar, a mother of five, is a well-respected leader and small business owner in Muna Moforo, Nigeria. In her village nutrition group, she teaches mothers how to prepare nutrient-rich porridge for their children to help them grow strong and healthy. This is important because in Nigeria, more than 25 million people face extreme hunger and lack access to nutritious food. Amina makes regular house visits to families in her community to provide support and knowledge for leading healthy lives.

Amina and her family used to live in their hometown of Marte. She owned a chicken farm and a store. Her husband, Garba, worked for a water and land conservation agency. But in 2014, violence in their community forced them to flee their village.

After arriving in Muna Moforo, Amina and her family had to start life all over again. Amina joined a Catholic Relief Services program that provided food and cooking supplies. This enabled her family to eat healthy meals as they worked to rebuild their lives and find employment.

Amina started a food grinding business to earn income. She also began preparing specialty foods to sell in the market, like hibiscus drinks and gingerbread palm fruit. She earned enough money to support her family's needs and now provides materials to other women to help them start their own businesses.

Learn more about CRS Rice Bowl and read more stories like Amina's using the QR code above.

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GROWING TOGETHER AT HOLY INFANT

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.

Use the QR above to learn more about the renovation project and how you can support this amazing growth opportunity as part of our parish family.

FORMED: LENTEN RESOURCES

Lent is approaching fast! You're invited to prepare for Lent with *How to Lent* on Formed. This four-part video series provides insights into the origins of Lent, why the Church compares Lent to a desert, and how to create a plan that will transform your life beyond Easter Sunday.

Find this and other resources using the QR code.



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.

SUPPORT OUR FRIENDS AT PSS

Pregnancy Support Services is in need of girls' baby clothes size 6-12 months. They are able to accept new or gently used items from all seasons. Donations can be dropped off at their location in Chapel Hill: 1777 Fordham Blvd #203, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

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.

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.



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



Liturgy & Music

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THE LARGER VIEW

One of my favorite lines from the psalms is sung this weekend, from Psalm 103: "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us."

God doesn't see us for our sins, he takes those out of the picture. He recognizes we're not perfect, and that, at least most of us, are struggling to be forgiving, generous, grateful, and kind. He views us through the lens of his beloved sons and daughters, created in his image and likeness. God knows we are created for a purpose and the potential good we can accomplish.

But, then, through what lens do we look at others? Do we picture them in their worst moments? Or do we try to place their transgressions out of sight and see them as God sees them?

We hear in the Gospel to love our enemies, those who would do us harm. This puts us in a vulnerable position, but it's possible to exercise the vulnerability required to love, and at the same time remain in a position to defend ourselves. It's a narrow rope to walk, but then so is the gate to heaven.

Perhaps more often than not, the issue is that we are only seeing our "enemy" from our point of view only from our point of view and not the full picture. The view of God is always larger. It's a great skill to be able to take your mind outside of the conflict and understand your opponent's motives and perspective. You can't control how they will react, and they may try to do you harm, but even this act of trying to understand, to empathize, is an act of love, which is what we're called to.

In life it's easy to make and keep enemies. Making and keeping friends is hard work. But in the end, do we want to be remembered for the numbers of enemies we kept or the friendships we sustained?



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 David and Saul

Psalm 103 "The Lord is kind and merciful."

1 Corinthians 15:45-49 We shall bear the image of the heavenly one.

Luke 6:27-38 The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.

Love your enemies, Jesus teaches his disciples. Bless them when they curse you, give more to them when they take from you, turn the other cheek when they strike you. Luke doesn't tell us how the disciples react, but this is a radical teaching. However, we get to see mercy practiced in the first reading, when David chooses to spare his enemy, Saul, when given the chance to slay him. Listening to today's readings, let us consider why we should choose mercy over getting even.

Which is the most difficult challenge for me: turning the other cheek when I have been hurt or wronged, refraining from judging others, or giving without repayment? How will I change my thinking and my behavior?

Next weekend we celebrate the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, our final Sunday before the beginning of Lent, as Jesus reminds us to examine our own lives before being critical of another.

Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

SPIRITUALITY AND THE ARTS

St. Francis de Sales wrote, “We pray best before beauty.” I think this is true for many reasons: Beauty can capture our attention and move our thoughts and emotions in subtle but powerful ways. It provides moments of transcendence and inspires admiration for the Master Craftsman Himself.

I also think that this insight extends well beyond our specific time set aside for prayer. Being immersed in beauty not only lifts our minds and hearts to God when we experience it; it also shapes our vision of the world in continuous and lasting ways. Even as I write this reflection, I see outside my window the marvel of individual raindrops clinging to the tips of branches on a tree that creates the impression of a crystal-studded spectacle. The wonder inspired by these fine details of nature will, I hope, endure and allow me to perceive and appreciate how God speaks to us constantly through the most minute details of life. This is the dimension of life that beauty and the arts are particularly fit to open up for us.

To appreciate what beauty adds to our lives is to occupy a world in which, in an almost mystical way, everything becomes the voice of God to you. How else could I learn to appreciate the chirping birds in the morning unless I thought it was God’s own melody? Or to hear the far-off sirens during our morning and evening prayers (I live in D.C. after all) and realize that it was God’s gentle way of breaking my distraction and bringing my mind back to Him?

The person whose vision of the world has been shaped by beauty, will, I believe, come to see that there is more to reality than meets the eye, and artists have the privilege of making the invisible tangible for us. When we witness a poignant scene in a movie and hear the violins softly begin to hum, this is more than mere entertainment. This is a way of evincing the power of human love that our senses can’t perceive on their own. For this reason alone, the arts deserve a pride of place in our lives. I have been blessed to experience this quality of the arts in my own life through music and literature—among my favorite pastimes.

If the arts help to make us more human, as I believe they do, then they are even more helpful in living our vocation as children of God. It is no coincidence that the Christian tradition is full of works of art. If we can learn to value a work of art for its own sake, then how much more can we learn to value an act of kindness or a moment of prayer for its own sake?

The experience of the arts aiding my own prayer life has shown me how the arts increase our unity with the whole human family across time by putting us in contact with the ideas and works of men and women across history—perhaps a very tangible way of being “surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses” (Heb. 12:1). Even more critically, though, there have been so many times when a work of art has articulated my own prayer for me. The arts give me a medium to express my own thoughts that I couldn’t formulate on my own. Though I had an inkling of the way that joy and sorrow conspire to a meaningful life, I could have never put it into words with the measured pathos of William Blake’s “Joy.”

It is a privilege to share in the Father’s creativity through our own efforts—one that I surely do not express gratitude for often enough. It is also a privilege to be nourished and uplifted by the expressions of God’s power and wisdom that my brothers and sisters have transmitted into time and space, further gilding the grace-lit way along which we travel home.

-Mr. Matthew Trovato, OSFS