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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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closed Friday

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THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

"Fasting is not a virtue in itself, but only when accompanied by conditions that make it pleasing to God. We must fast with our whole heart, willingly, wholeheartedly, universally, and entirely." - 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 holyininfantchurch.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 Augusta; 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; 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; Diane Curtis-Ratliff; 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

A Prayerful Farewell to Pope Francis

Barry R. Strong, OSFS



On Easter Sunday, in his "Urbi et Orbi" Message, Pope Francis remarked that the day had finally arrived when the song of Alleluia was heard once more in Church, passing from "heart to heart," making "the people of God throughout the world shed tears of joy." Easter is the feast of the triumph of hope. "The resurrection of Jesus," the Holy Father taught, "is indeed the basis of our hope." Quoting the Easter Sequence, he proclaimed: "That is why, today, we can joyfully cry out: 'Christ, my hope, has risen!'"

As of Easter Monday the people of God shed tears of sorrow at the passing of the Bishop of Rome. In this Holy Year he called all the faithful to be pilgrims of hope with the risen Jesus, "witnesses of the victory of love and of the disarmed power of life." Now that his earthly pilgrimage has come to an end, may his own witness empower us to live the joy of the Gospel and recognize Christ both in the brother or sister on the way with us and in the breaking of the bread.

In his Apostolic Letter, *Totum Amoris Est*, Pope Francis praised our St. Francis de Sales for his own passion for the mission of the Church. He wrote: "Francis was impressed and intrigued by the great issues emerging in the world, by the novel ways in which they were being approached, by the new and remarkable interest in spirituality and the unprecedented questions it raised. In a word, he sensed an authentic 'epochal shift' that demanded a response couched in language both old and new." The Holy Father concluded: "That same task awaits us in this, our own age of epochal change. We are challenged to be a Church that is outward-looking and free of all worldliness, even as we live in this world, share people's lives and journey with them in attentive listening and acceptance."

As we pray our farewell to Pope Francis in the days ahead, let us honor him even more by bringing our distinct Salesian passion for the mission of the Church to every encounter we have with a fellow pilgrim of hope. May all cry out: Christ, my hope, has risen!

Live Jesus!

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS May 5th—May 11th

Monday, 9:00 am	<i>Teofilo Bugayong †</i>
Tuesday, 9:00 am	<i>Bill Battis †</i>
Wednesday, 9:00 am	<i>David Fullen (honor)</i>
Thursday, 9:00 am	<i>Matthew Johnson (honor)</i>
Friday, 9:00 am	<i>Patricia Gomez (birthday)</i>
Saturday, 9:00 am	<i>Alfredo Manalac Sr †</i>
Saturday, 5:30 pm	<i>Our Newly Confirmed</i>
Sunday, 8:30 am	<i>Joyce Ammirata †</i>
Sunday, 11:30 am	<i>Thanksgiving for our Mothers</i>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40

Thursday Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

Friday Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

Saturday Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69

Sunday Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 5** FYM Core Team Meeting, 12 pm
- May 5** Caring for Our Common Home, 7 pm
- May 6** Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am
- May 6** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
- May 6** Knights Meeting, 6:30 pm
- May 6** OCIA Training, 7 pm
- May 7** OCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm
- May 8** Marian Prayer, 9:30 am
- May 8** Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
- May 10** Baptism Preparation Workshop, 9 am
- May 10** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
- May 10** Daughters of St Francis De Sales, 10 am
- May 10** Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm
- May 10** Reconciliation, 4 pm
- May 10** Celebration of Confirmation, 5:30 pm
- May 11** Girl Scouts Meeting, 2 pm
- May 11** St Monic Ministry for Praying Parents, 7 pm

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

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 using the QR code




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 5000 Southpark Drive
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AT MASS
 Use an envelope
 & the donation basket

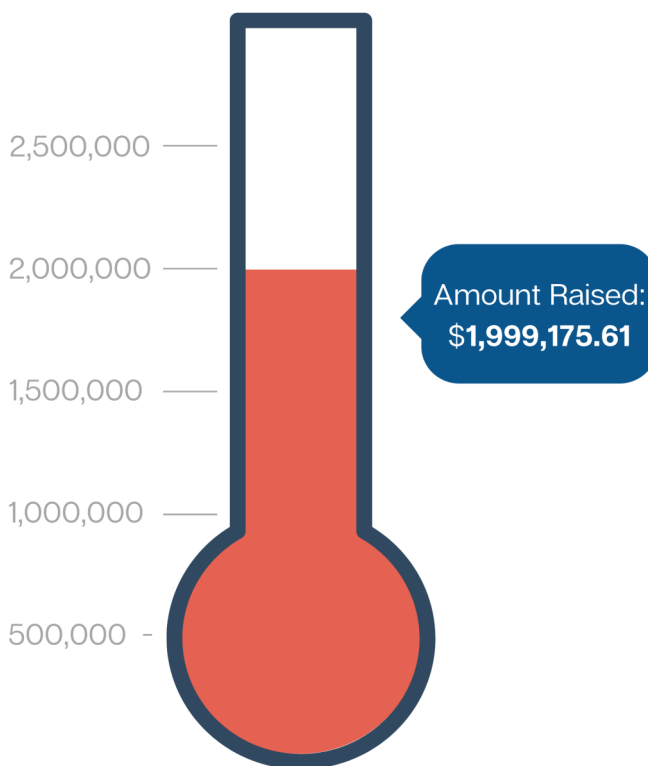
Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - March 31

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$826,220	\$802,141	(\$24,079)
Christmas Offertory	\$26,000	\$27,832	\$1,832
Easter Offertory	\$500	\$703	\$203
Holy Day Collections	\$8,000	\$10,146	\$2,146
Maintenance Offertory	\$34,810	\$30,828	(\$3,982)
	\$895,530	\$871,409	(\$24,121)

DeSales Center Renovation

Capital Campaign

GOAL: \$3,000,000



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Below you'll find bios for the candidates. To learn more about them and their involvement at Holy Infant, please use the QR code. The QR code will also provide you a link to cast your vote. Thank you for supporting this election!



Bryan Bland

I have been a parishioner at Holy Infant since 1995. I did not grow up Catholic, but found my faith at Holy Infant through the RCIA program. I am married with 2 children. My wife and I were married at Holy Infant and both of my children were baptized and completed their confirmation here as well. Over the past 5 years, I have been focusing more on my faith and getting more involved. I am an active Steven Minister, I lead the Greeter Ministry, and am a Eucharistic Minister. Holy Infant plays a large role in not only my time and life, but in my heart.

Bridget Ryan

After living in the Virginia suburbs of Washington, DC, for most of my life, I moved to Durham in 2022. I work as a medical librarian for a pharmaceutical research company. Swimming and walking are my favorite forms of exercise. I am single. In my free time, I love to bake and knit when I'm not reading. When I am reading, I devote time both to secular and spiritual reading. I enjoy historical fiction/mystery/non-fiction and health-sciences non-fiction. I started reading religious books while in college, when I became serious about my faith and wanted to learn more. I've learned many things over the years, so I envision reading spiritual books will be something I continue throughout my lifetime.

Susan Thomas

I was raised in Florida and after graduating from the University of South Florida in 1974 I moved to Durham to work at Duke. I obtained my Nursing degree from UNC and my master's degree from Duke in 1983. I worked as a nurse and advanced practice nurse at Duke, the Durham VA, and as a volunteer with the South Orange Rescue Squad. I then moved to Syracuse, NY, and 5 years later moved to Cleveland, OH where I worked at the Cleveland Clinic and volunteered with the Cleveland Art Museum and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. In 2020, my husband and I retired and moved back to Durham. We have 1 daughter and 3 grandchildren in South Carolina.

Raymond Mazzotta

I relocated to North Carolina in 2018 and live in Cary with my wife and two adult sons. I recently retired from my full time professional career and have been looking for ways to give to the community. During my professional career, I was in leadership roles for over 30 years and also served on numerous non-profit Boards. Two Boards I'd like to mention are the Ohio Physicians' Health Program that assisted healthcare practitioners deal with drug and alcohol addiction and the Central Ohio Lion's Eye Bank which facilitated the harvesting and placement of corneas and giving people the gift of sight. I mention these two for their mission driven culture. One of the strengths that I would bring to the council would be strategic planning. I believe strategy must be aligned with the organizations core mission, vision and values. In addition to bringing strategic thinking, my wife and I have lived in various places around the country and bring the experience of participating in different communities. I know I am not well known, but I feel I would be a valuable addition to the Council. I appreciate your consideration.

Angie Van Epps

I was born in rural in NW Ohio and attended the University of Toledo where I graduated with degrees Bio-Engineering and Chemical Engineering. I love the outdoors and was able to spend a summer working for the National Park Service before starting my engineering career. I lived in Wisconsin and Georgia before moving to Houston where I met my wonderful husband. We married and moved to NC in 2012 and attended several parishes in the area before settling in and finding a home at Holy Infant. We have three amazing grade school aged children that keep our lives interesting.

Paper ballots are available in the Narthex.

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SUMMER ADULT BIBLE STUDY

This summer, take time to pray and reflect on God's Word through Lectio Divina. **Every other Wednesday** in June, July and August, we will gather in the hospitality room of the DeSales Center at 7 pm to discuss the upcoming Sunday gospel. There is no textbook to follow or homework between sessions.

If you have summer travel planned, no worries! Since we will spend time with the upcoming Sunday gospel each week, you can miss sessions without falling behind.



BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

On **June 8th** during the 11:30 Mass, we will recognize graduates with a special blessing. No matter where you are graduating from - high school, community college, or university - your parish wants to recognize this milestone in your life.

Graduates- please use the QR code to let us know you'll be attending.

MOM'S SMALL GROUP CONTINUES

Small Group for Moms with Young Children

This Easter Season, take a moment to deepen your faith and spiritual life, even amid the joyful busyness of motherhood. Join our Small Group, where we'll come together each Monday at 8:00 PM on Zoom, from **April 21st - June 2nd**, to pray and reflect on God's Word through Lectio Divina — an ancient Catholic practice of Scripture meditation and prayer.

Whether you're new to Lectio Divina or have practiced it before, this group offers a simple yet powerful way to experience the richness of the Easter season and grow in your relationship with Christ. Register using the QR code.



KIDS GEAR SWAP

Spring cleaning season is here, and it's the perfect time to refresh your child's wardrobe while sharing gently used items with other families in the community! Holy Infant Church is hosting a Kids' Clothing & Gear Swap on **May 31st**, a true swap event where no money changes hands—just a great way to give and receive.

Starting April 28th, you can drop off your items at the parish office during Office Hours. If you need to arrange a different drop-off time, please contact Michalene using the email above. We will be accepting donations through May 28th.

We are accepting a variety of children's items, including:

- Clothing: Newborn through youth size 18-20, all seasons welcome
- Maternity & Nursing Clothes
- Books
- Toys (clean and functional, small parts should be placed in a labeled Ziplock bag, and instructions are a bonus!)
- Baby Gear (no expired car seats or broken equipment, please)

Please check that:

- Clothing is free of stains, tears, and holes (well-loved is fine!)
- Snaps, buttons, and zippers are functional
- Toys and baby gear are in working condition
- Items are sorted by size and gender, if possible, before drop-off

gym

girls youth ministry



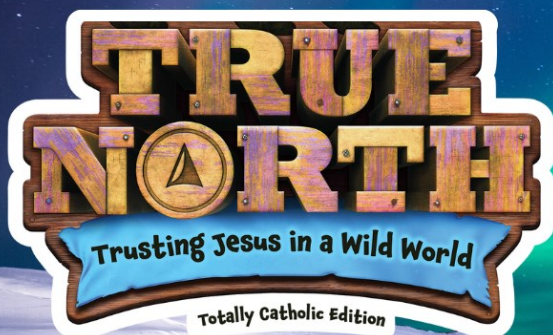
Calling All Girls in Grades 6-10

Are you looking for a community where you can grow in your faith, make new friends, and build meaningful relationships that last?

This summer, Faith Development is offering a series for teen girls to deepen their relationship with God through Scripture study, prayer, and connections with peers.

Girls Youth Ministry will meet on Sunday nights twice a month in May, June, & July.

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FINDING YOUR WAY in a world gone wild.

We have Jesus—our true north!
Give kids a rock-solid foundation
and point them to Jesus.

Vacation Bible Camp 2025
June 29 - July 2nd, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Ministries

Pastoral Associate
Lynn Sale
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SAVE LIVES - GIVE BLOOD

Join us in giving back to the community through the gift of life! Parishioners of Holy Infant are invited to participate in our blood donation drive on **May 17th** from 8 am to 2 pm in the DeSales Center.

Donating blood is a simple yet powerful way to show compassion and support for those facing medical emergencies. Whether you are a regular donor or considering donating for the first time, your contribution is invaluable. Your generosity can change lives. Register using the QR code.



INSIGHTS ON IMMIGRATION POLICY

Do you have strong views on immigration policy? Would you like to better understand the views of others on this emotionally charged topic? Join us on **May 21st** at 7 pm in the DeSales Center for an insightful discussion on immigration policy hosted by Braver Angels. Explore different perspectives, delve into the implications of unauthorized immigration, and engage in constructive dialogue to foster understanding and collaboration.

We are looking for participants who are both in favor of and opposed to the recent resolutions on immigration. Please email Rosemary Ford (rosemaryford1@me.com) to express interest in the discussion.

HOLY INFANT AWARDED 2025 DURHAM COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES AWARD

Holy Infant Catholic Church has been chosen as the recipient of the 2025 Durham County Social Services Award for its exceptional contribution to the Share Your Christmas program last year. The church's unwavering support played a pivotal role in the program's success, with almost 7% of the 1,994 gifts distributed originating from Holy Infant.

The Volunteer Center will recognize Holy Infant Catholic Church and other award recipients at the upcoming Key Volunteer of the Year & Governor's Volunteer Service Awards Celebration. The church's dedication to uplifting the community during the Christmas season exemplifies the spirit of generosity and compassion that makes a lasting difference.

PROVIDING HOPE WITH PSS

Help nourish PSS clients and their babies by providing a meal for one of their H.O.P.E. classes. PSS needs people to sign up for their May-June classes. You can sign up to provide a meal for 10-15 clients while they grow in parenting skills and community. Use the QR to register.



CONTINUING CARE INFO SESSION

Join us for an informative session on Continuing Care Retirement Communities sponsored by the Health Ministry. A representative from the North Carolina Department of Insurance will be leading the program at the DeSales Center on Tuesday, **May 20th**, from 10-11 am. Register using the QR code.



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





JOURNEY THROUGH IRELAND

EXPERIENCE IRISH SPLENDOR

With Collette Travel Agency

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Holy Infant parishioners are in for a treat as they 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.

Learn more using the QR code above!



Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

INHERIT THIS CROSS

Before Oblates take their first vows and receive our profession cross, we are taught why there is no body (no corpus) on this cross. It is to remind us that we are on that cross with Christ. It is our body that touches this cross. When we are baptized, we go through a death to the world and are brought to a new life in Christ. Deciding to take vows in religious life is a further consecration, a further immersion into our baptismal call: to die and rise with Christ. Our vows call us to take up our cross daily for the love of God and for the love of our brothers and sisters.

When I took first vows, I received a cross. It wasn't a new cross, though. I inherited a cross from an Oblate who had lived before me and had passed away. My cross belonged to Fr. Joseph Bowler, OSFS. I never met Fr. Joe, and I still know very little about him, but I know that from the day he took his first profession of vows as an Oblate, Fr. Joe wore this cross all of his life, and when he passed, it was finally removed from around his neck.



Occasionally, when I pray or when I'm going through tough moments in life, I hold my profession cross in my hands. I examine its etchings and patterns. I look at the scrapes, dents, and scratches that are traced on the face of it, and I remind myself that this cross is something that I inherited. It witnesses a life before mine. It is a hopeful reminder that the Christian life, while at times difficult, is possible.

When this cross was removed from around Fr. Joe's neck for the last time, something subtle and symbolic occurred: he was free from the burden of the cross. The cross that he received at his baptism, which he willingly consecrated and took upon himself at his first profession, was lifted from him, and he received the promise that Christ gave to him at baptism: that he would receive the fullness of Christ Himself. I like to imagine that when the profession cross was removed from his body, Christ was there looking at Fr. Joe, loving him, and said, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, rest, and enjoy the banquet that I have prepared for you."

I love that I have inherited this cross, which Fr. Joe wore. It reminds me that this Oblate life, this Christian life, is possible and very much worth those moments when the cross feels heavy and burdensome. The cross that I now wear, he wore for most of his life. This cross has been carried through difficulties and challenges. It has witnessed sickness and suffering, and it was also there for all joys and moments of celebration, too. The fact is that no matter what happened in Fr. Joe's life, in both the good times and the bad, the cross was there to remind him that the hardships of life are not the end. I pray it does the same for me.

Some of us may have inherited a cross from a relative or a friend. It may hang above our bed or around our neck. Yet, all of us who have been baptized in Christ have inherited the cross of Christ. St. Francis de Sales wrote that, "Mount Calvary (the Cross) is the academy of love." Crosses can be seen as burdens, but when we learn to see our crosses as gifts, they become the most effective means of learning what it means to love and to love well.

Let the crosses that we mount on our walls, that we wear around our necks, or carry in our hearts be a call to live according to the love that the cross represents. Take hold of the cross and do not let go. Inherit this symbol and promise of Christ. Let it be a hopeful reminder that one day He will come and lift this cross from around our necks, just like He did for Fr. Joe, and say to us, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. Come, rest, and enjoy the banquet that I have prepared for you."

-Mr. Jonathan Dick, OSFS



DESALES CENTER CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

We at the Parish Council work in good faith to advise and confer with our Pastor regarding parish matters. We work to fulfill the mission of the parish through faithful and thoughtful discourse and collaboration. We have been aware of the plans for updating the DeSales Center for some time and would like to impart our full support for the renovation. We recognize the importance of updating the building codes and regulations, as well as making the improvements necessary to allow our parish to function at its potential and beyond. As we look toward the future, and the future of our growing parish, we are sure you will see the numerous benefits of renovating and enhancing a space so vital to the workings of our parish.

-Parish Pastoral Council Members



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 lift 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.

