

THOUGHTS FROM SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY

"The just person is like a tree planted near running water, which bears fruit in its season. So too when charity waters one's soul, it produces virtuous works there, but each in its season." - 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; 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 Mercaldo; Monique Mueller; Nelida Muniz; Kathleen O'Donnell; Johnathan Palermo; 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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY 25TH, 2025

Mass Times & Intentions May 26th—June 1st

Monday, 9:00 am Lee Meyer † Tuesday, 9:00 am **Vocations** Wednesday, 9:00 am Louise Peloquin † Peace in Ukraine Thursday, 9:00 am Saturday, 9:00 am Peace in the Middle East Saturday, 5:30 pm Francis D. Burke, Jr. † **Sunday**, 8:30 am Doug Carver † Sunday, 11:30 am Edson Amado †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b Jn 15:26 – 16:4a

Tuesday Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22 – 18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn 16:12-15

Thursday Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 Lk 24:46-53

Friday Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 16:20-23

Saturday Zep 3:14-18a or

Rom 12:9-16 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Lk 1:39-56 **Sunday** Acts 7:55-60 Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9 Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20 Jn 17:20-26



Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - April 30

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$913,420	\$886,387	(\$27,033)
Christmas Offertory	\$26,000	\$27,932	\$1,932
Easter Offertory	\$15,500	\$13,129	(\$2,371)
Holy Day Collections	\$8,000	\$10,211	\$2,211
Maintenance Offertory	\$38,439	\$33,813	(\$4,626)
	\$1,001,359	\$971,472	(\$29,887)

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 27 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am May 27 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am May 27 Stephen Ministers Meeting, 6:30 pm

May 27 OCIA Training, 7 pm

May 29 Kids Gear Swap Set Up, 9 am
May 29 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am
May 29 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
May 29 FYM at Glass Jug Beer Lab, 6 pm
May 29 Knights Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm

May 31 Kids Gear Swap, 8 am

May 31 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

May 31 Wedding—Mike Smith & Emily Tracey, 2 pm

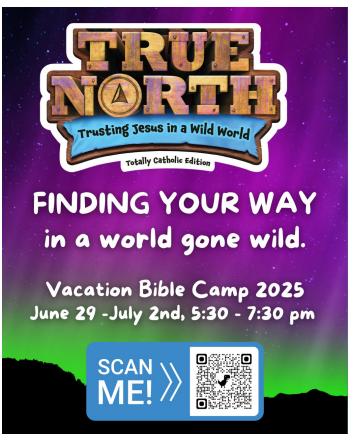
May 31 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm

May 31 Rite of Entrance, 5:30 pm

June 1 Stephen Ministry Training Info Session, 9:45 am

June 1 Young Couple's Social, 12:30 pm June 1 Girls Youth Ministry, 6:30 pm

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



DeSales Center Capital Campaign

\$2,069,475.61

69% of funds raised for \$3,000,000 goal



A SHEPHERD FOR THE MARGINALIZED

On May 8th, 2025, the Catholic Church witnessed a historic moment as Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost of Chicago was elected Pope Leo XIV—the first American to ascend to the papacy. His election signals a renewed commitment to the Church's mission of compassion, justice, and care for our common home.

A Life Dedicated to the Poor

Pope Leo XIV's journey began in the heart of Chicago, but his missionary spirit led him to the remote regions of Peru. There, he served for decades, often traveling by horse to reach isolated communities, embodying the Gospel's call to serve "the least of these" (Matthew 25:40). His work in Peru wasn't just about spiritual guidance; it was a testament to standing in solidarity with the marginalized and advocating for their rights and dignity.

Championing the Cause of Immigrants

In an era marked by divisive rhetoric on immigration, Pope Leo XIV has consistently voiced his support for migrants and refugees. He has been openly critical of policies that undermine the dignity of those seeking refuge, emphasizing the Church's role as a sanctuary for all. His stance resonates deeply with organizations like the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, which lauded his commitment to prioritizing the voices and needs of migrants.

Stewardship of Our Common Home

Echoing the environmental concerns of his predecessor, Pope Francis, Leo XIV has underscored the intrinsic link between caring for the Earth and caring for the poor. He recognizes that environmental degradation disproportionately affects the most vulnerable and has pledged to continue the Church's advocacy for sustainable and equitable environmental practices.

As members of Holy Infant Catholic Church, Pope Leo XIV's papacy invites us to reflect on our own commitments to social justice, hospitality, and environmental stewardship. His life and teachings serve as a clarion call to deepen our outreach to the marginalized, welcome the stranger, and care for the world entrusted to us.

Let us embrace this moment with renewed vigor, drawing inspiration from Pope Leo XIV's unwavering dedication to embodying Christ's love in action.

LIVE JESUS!



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PROP DONATIONS NEEDED FOR VBC

We are looking for the following items to borrow for our Set for Vacation Bible Camp:

- Christmas Trees
- Camping Tent
- Camp Chairs
- Fishing Poles

Items can be dropped off beginning June 2nd and will be available for pickup following VBC Bible Camp on July 3rd. All items will be tagged to ensure they return to their owners! Please contact Michalene if you have items we can borrow.

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.



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.



KIDS GEAR SWAP NEXT WEEKEND

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** from 8-11 am, a true swap event where no money changes hands—just a great way to give and receive.

On swap day, donors get early access from 8–9 am to shop for items before doors open to the public at 9 am. All attendees will receive a brown paper bag at the door to fill with goodies for their families.

Any remaining clothing and gear will be donated to a local charity. If you'd like to claim any of your donated items before they are donated, please let us know before the event.

This event is a great way to refresh your child's wardrobe for free while helping out fellow parents and reducing waste.

DSW REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Teens are invited to join us for a transformative experience with DeSales Service Works (DSW) retreats on June 18th, July 16th, July 24th, and August 6th. DSW, a Catholic service organization in Camden, NJ, inspires us at Holy Infant to serve our community using Salesian spirituality. Our youth and adult chaperones are invited to partake in service, prayer, and reflection to spread Christ's love. Use the QR to learn more and register.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Applications are invited for the Knights of Columbus Bishop McGuinness Assembly Scholarship, awarded annually in the amount of \$1,500 and is renewable for a maximum of four consecutive years for a total of \$6,000.

To be considered, applicants must:

- 1.Be a member "in good standing" of a Catholic Church located in the greater Raleigh region;
- 2. Be admitted to or enrolled in a "regionally accredited" Catholic college or university in the USA for the academic year 2025-2026; and
- 3. Submit a Letter of Application and required documentation on or before the July 1, 2025 deadline.

Find the application and learn more using the QR above.

STEPHEN MINISTRY TRAINING

Join the Stephen Ministry leaders for an Info Meeting on Sunday, **June 1st**, 9:45–11:15 am in the Church Family Room (between Masses). A new 50-hour training course will be offered at Holy Infant for new Stephen Ministers beginning August 28th. Applications are now being accepted.

Contact Lynn Sale to learn more.

SUICIDE INTERVENTION WORKSHOP

A two-day Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) Workshop will be held on **May 29th-30th**, from 9:30 am to 5:30 pm at the Southwest Regional Library. This in-person, evidence-based workshop equips adults —regardless of professional background—with the skills to recognize when someone may be thinking about suicide and how to confidently intervene to help keep them safe.

Open to adults from all backgrounds—no mental health experience needed



OFFERING OF LETTERS

Raise your voice to oppose funding cuts to SNAP and Medicaid. With food prices rising and now expected to get even higher, urge Congress to oppose proposed budget cuts that would significantly reduce funding for SNAP and Medicaid. Write your letters at home and drop them in the designated drop box at the Narthex during any Mass leading up to **June 22nd**.

On June 22nd, all deposited letters will be included in the Offertory procession during Mass. Following Masses, join us at the DeSales Center for a "Festival of Breads of the World" where you can sample various cultural breads brought in by parishioners.



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



Oblates of St. Francis de Sales



HERE AND THERE

Here, We Long Constantly For God. There, God Waits Patiently For Us.

Sweden has a legend that they believe deeply. "When God gives us a soul, he kisses us. We never forget that kiss. And we always long for another. It is that longing that keeps us wanting more of that kiss. We ache for God to do it again."

Deep down we long for what God has promised to give whether a new kind of existence; a new home with a body that never suffers want or need; "...for we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed we have a building from God, a house not made by human hands, eternal in the heavens. Meanwhile, we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling..." (2 Corinthians: 5:1-2).

God wants to welcome all into His kingdom, but we need to begin working toward that here during our earthly lives. What we do in the here and now matters beyond the here and now. We waste so much in this world on fleeting pleasures, and we often forget where our eternal home is.

Our life pursuits must not be for food that rots and spoils but for food that endures to eternity (John 6:27). Such an attitude, or way of life, could be called "living life before we enter eternity." In this place, our hearts and minds prepare for the next world, even as we bodily exist in this world.

Tecumseh, a Shawnee chief, said it this way: "Live your life so that the fear of death can never enter your heart. Love your life, perfect your life, beautify all things in your life. Seek to make your life long and its purpose in the service of your people. Respect all people." Living before eternity means not storing up treasures on earth. We prepare for the moment when Christ calls us to cross the bridge from here to there. St. Paul writes: "We need faith because with faith, death is joyful, even triumphant."

Remember: "Gazing into the mirror of the eternal, we see our sinfulness, and as we gaze upon our sinfulness, we see God and find our true selves!"

-Fr. Richard De Lillio, OSFS