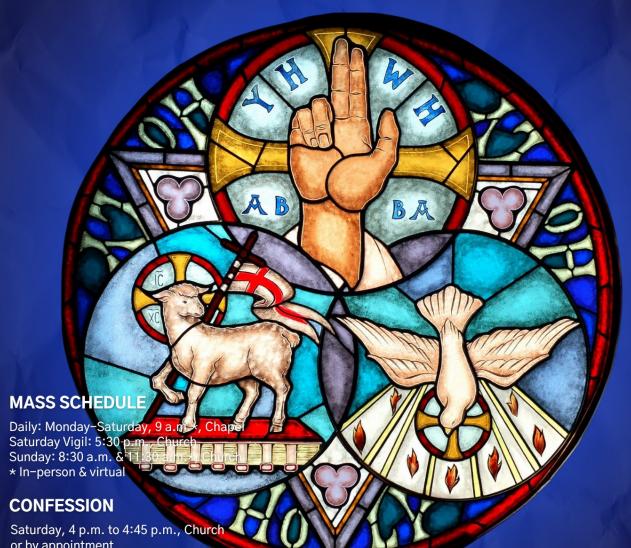


# SPIRIT OF TRUTH



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### 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; Denise Herron; Ruth & Kenneth Jones; Donna LaMountain; Alice Lefebvre; Peggy McIntyre; Terry Mercaldo; Monique Mueller; Nelida Muniz; Kathleen O'Donnell; Johnathan Palermo; Marc Peloquin; Bill Perkins; Helen Pischak; Diane Cursatif-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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

JUNE 15, 2025

### Mass Times & Intentions June 16th—June 22nd

Monday, 9:00 am Vocations

Tuesday, 9:00 am Emmanuel Dela Cruz

(birthday)

Wednesday, 9:00 am Parishioners of Holy Infant

Thursday, 9:00 am
Friday, 9:00 am

George Siler †
Peace in Ukraine

Saturday, 9:00 am Saturday, 5:30 pm

Peace in the Middle East
Andrew & Katilyn Locke

Sunday, 8:30 am
Sunday, 11:30 am

(newlyweds-honor)
Edward Peloquin †
Julia Gafoor (birthday)

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday** 2 Cor 6:1-10 Ps 98:1, 2b, 3ab, 3cd-4 Mt 5:38-42 **Tuesday** 2 Cor 8:1-9 Ps 146:2, 5-6ab, 6c- 7, 8-9a Mt 5:43-48

**Wednesday** 2 Cor 9:6-11 Ps 112:1bc-2, 3-4, 9 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday** 2 Cor 11:1-11 Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mt 6:7-15 **Friday** 2 Cor 11:18, 21-30 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 6:19-23 **Saturday** 2 Cor 12:1-10 Ps 34:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 6:24-34

**Sunday** Gen 14:18-20 Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 1 Cor 11:23-26 Lk 9:11b-17



### Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - May 31

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$1,000,620	\$986,929	(\$13,691)
Christmas Offertory	\$26,000	\$28,032	\$2,032
Easter Offertory	\$16,000	\$13,229	(\$2,771)
Holy Day Collections	\$8,000	\$10,260	\$2,260
Maintenance Offertory	\$42,139	\$36,312	(\$5,827)
	\$1,092,759	\$1,074,762	(\$17,997)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 17 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am

**June 17** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

June 18 DeSales Service Works

June 18 OCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm

June 19 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am

June 19 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm

June 19 Yarn Ministry, 7 pm

**June 21** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

June 21 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm

June 21 Rosary-Making, 3:30 pm June 21 Reconciliation, 4 pm

June 21 Andrew Locke Wedding Reception, 6 pm

June 22 BFW Letter-Writing

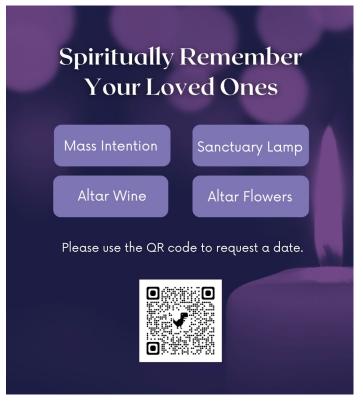
The parish library is open on Sundays from 8 am-4 pm

# **DeSales Center Capital Campaign**

\$2,169,320.61

71% of funds raised for \$3,000,000 goal

# Lamp in Memory of Diane Harris Van Epps



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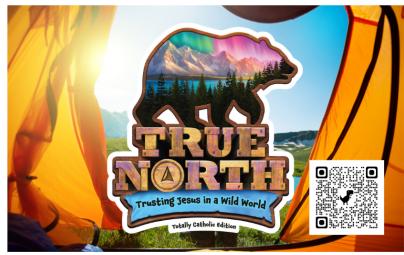
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### **DESALES SERVICE WORKS BEGINS**

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**. Use the QR above to learn more and register. LIVE JESUS!

This coming week our youth and chaperones will be volunteering for the Diaper Bank of North Carolina. The diaper bank provides diapers free of charge to families in need. 0% of safety net programs like WIC and food stamps provide diaper assistance, leaving many families struggling.



### REGISTER FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP

We are so excited to have you at Vacation Bible Camp this summer, as we use Jesus as our true compass to journey through life! We will sing, dance, play games, craft art, and journey through the Bible together over the course of Vacation Bible Camp. Join us **June 29th - July 2nd** from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Use the QR to register.



### **CELEBRATING OUR NEIGHBORS**

Come and celebrate Durham's refugee and immigrant communities at Durham Refugee Day on **June 21**<sup>st</sup> from 3-6 pm at Durham Central Park! Durham Refugee Day is a community-wide event that celebrates the contributions and cultures of our refugee and immigrant neighbors and provides an opportunity to stand in solidarity with these communities.

This is a FREE family-friendly event with live music, community education booths, activities for kids, and food vendors from around the world! Learn more using the QR code above.

### **BFW OFFERING OF LETTERS**

Thank you to all who have participated in our Offering of Letters to national legislators. A DropBox remains in the narthex to collect any final letters. We'll conclude next Sunday, **June 22<sup>nd</sup>**, with a letter-writing opportunity after Mass in the DeSales Center.

To celebrate our advocacy ministry, we're also hosting a Festival of Breads of the World! You're invited to bring a loaf that represents your cultural heritage to the DeSales Center before Mass. After Mass, enjoy samples of the breads while writing letters, as we stand in solidarity with those who struggle with hunger—both locally and globally.

# **Ministries**

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### **DRIVE OUT HUNGER**

On **August 4th** Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh is hosting the 8th Annual "Drive Out Hunger" Golf Outing at Prestonwood Country Club in Cary. Your participation in this premier golf event will help support our five food pantries, which distribute over 5 million pounds of food annually to families across Central and Eastern North Carolina.

With your support, we can continue combating food insecurity in rural and underserved communities, ensuring that thousands of individuals have access to nutritious meals. Learn more using the QR code above.



# **CHURCH YARD SALE**

Mother Teresa Catholic Church is hosting a church-wide yard sale happening on Saturday, **June 21st**, from 8 am - 12 pm at 1125 Mother Teresa Dr, Cary, NC.

Discover treasures at incredibly low prices. Make sure to come prepared with plenty of cash and your truck, as you will surely find many bargains to take home.

### **CATHOLIC IN RECOVERY**

Sharing the Good News of God's Mercy: Catholic in Recovery meets **every Wednesday** at St. Michael the Archangel Roman Catholic Church in Cary, North Carolina.

Catholic in Recovery provides healing from addictions, including alcohol dependency, compulsions, and unhealthy attachments. Family members impacted by a loved one's addiction or alcohol problem are also encouraged to attend. Meetings combine the spiritual principles of 12-step recovery and the sacraments of the Catholic Church. Join others in recovery as we overlap scripture from Sunday's Mass readings, liturgical themes, and recovery topics with honest discussion and prayer. Confidentiality is protected.

Please contact Karen D. for more information or meeting location at CIR@stmcary.org, or text 919-480-2044.

### **CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?**

Email prayerrequest@holyinfantchurch.org and include the following information:

- First name and last initial of the person and the prayer request - Example: Abe L. - healing from a heart attack
- First name and last name of a person who has died
- If you wish the person's name to be anonymous or you don't include the last name initial, we will write it as "Friend".

This ministry is comprised of parishioners who pray for any needs within our parish community. All prayer requests are kept confidential within the network.

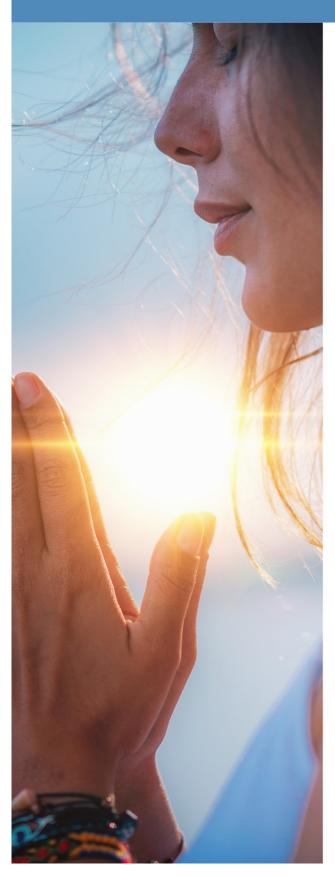
Want to get involved? Contact Lynn Sale!



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



# Oblates of St. Francis de Sales



### **CHECKING IN**

I don't know when "check-ins" became an integral part of a meeting, but I love them. I've always been much more curious about the people working on the project than the project itself. I now have a list of "check-in" prompts.

- Name something new, good, or grateful in your life.
- What is something new you learned?
- What are you reading or listening to?
- What is motivating you today?

During this past Lent, I reviewed my check-in questions and realized I hadn't specifically geared them towards faith, God, or Salesian spirituality. What would those questions even sound like?

In the fall of 2023, we started a new ministry in the Oblates called Live Jesus Ministries. We initiated this ministry following a thorough reflection on the method of discipling we were using at our school, retreat center, and parishes. After a year of research and pilot programs with a few locations, we launched a ministry that trains parishes and schools to build spiritual mentorship and small group discipleship ministries for youth. Since then, we've trained over 100 adult mentors with 15+ locations in the Diocese of Toledo, beginning to implement this relational approach to youth evangelization.

Because Live Jesus Ministries focuses on small group discipleship for youth, we use lots of check-in questions to build comfort through sharing and listening to the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. This method is not new or revolutionary, it's heart-to-heart. I just never made it intentional. Here are some of the questions:

- What word would you use to describe your relationship with God today?
- What is your peak, your pit, and your prayer?
- What is one way you've seen God since we last met?
- What is the number one thing you've been praying about? Why?
- What is something simple, interesting, or new you witnessed about God?

I share these because I've found them fruitful in my life, even though they were designed for teens. Just like the check-ins I use for meetings, I love these questions. Maybe I'll start using them at my meetings and community dinners! Maybe you will too?

May God be Praised!

-Fr. Joe Newman, OSFS

# Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

# **WATER PLEASE, SIR!**

"Jesus stood up and exclaimed, 'Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. As Scripture says: Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me.' He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive. (John 7.37-39)"

Reflecting on this passage (Gospel for the Vigil of Pentecost), I was drawn to a memory from Southwest Asia in 2003 ....Traversing the Iraqi desert, our team arrived at Al Qurnah, the location of the Garden of Eden... well, once upon a time maybe, but no residue of Paradise remained. It was 150 degrees, and the 'rivers' there were reduced to filthy puddles. Garbage, stray dogs, and debris conveyed the town's despair. The war had hit small towns especially hard, with supply chains cut and slim pickings in the markets. We dismounted our Humvees, stretched, set up security, and decided to eat the usual—MRE's (Meal Ready to Eat—precooked, packaged) . We chatted, and I washed my spaghetti in meat sauce down with sun-heated water from a plastic water bottle.

It was then that 9-year-old 'Ammār (meaning virtuous life) walked down the road toward us with his little sister and brother sheltering behind him. With great courtesy, he said: As-salaam 'alaykum seydi (Peace be upon you, Sir). I smiled. His little sister giggled. Wa 'alaykum as-salaam (And peace be upon you as well), I replied. He got to the point. Mae seydi, (Water please, Sir!) Ok, no problem, I gave him two of our 24-ounce bottles. That was the cue for the ambush. More than a hundred children charged us from several directions!

We were deluged. Almost every water bottle we had went into stemming the tide, but it was nowhere near enough water. They begged and tugged at our uniforms, while the kids who had gotten water ran toward their homes. It was their mission to gather water for their families. The parents knew that American soldiers and Marines would give what they could, especially to their children.

The incident highlighted the threats posed by hunger and thirst to Iraqi health and welfare as combat operations ebbed that spring. Commanders began sending trucks of water and food into the villages until we could get the markets' supply chains restored and improve or repair wells. But thirst and hunger remained persistent threats in the weeks that followed.

Considering this, we return to Jesus's words. Water as a symbol for the Holy Spirit is especially helpful because we know water is essential for life. But the metaphorical impact of Jesus's language—using words like "thirst," "drink," or "rivers of living water"—can be diminished in places where water is abundant and taken for granted. Whereas, in Jesus' Palestine and the surrounding deserts, His reference to water or living water would have caught His audience's attention.

In the Holy Quran, water, especially rain, is seen as manifestation of God's mercy and a proof of the resurrection. In the Hebrew Scriptures, water nourishes the human heart.

For us disciples, the Holy Spirit is the living water that nourishes the hearts that thirst for Jesus Christ. St. Francis de Sales wrote that the Holy Spirit was, "as a spring of living water, [which] flows up to every part of our heart to spread his graces in it…" (Treatise 2.11. Mackey, 92).

But only those who thirst for it can appreciate the gift of living water, or so 'Ammār and his posse taught me. I pray for the children in places where they thirst, that they have their thirst satisfied ... but also that we who thirst for life in Christ will be satisfied. As-salaam 'alaykum!