

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: Doris Gierisch: Dot Gregory: Mariorie Goode: Mary Jane Haga: Mary Jane Harvey: Denise Herron; Ruth & Kenneth Jones; Donna LaMountain; Alice Lefebyre: Peggy McIntyre: Terry Mercaldo: Monique Mueller: Nelida Muniz; Kathleen O'Donnell; Johnathan Palermo; Marc Peloguin; Bill Perkins; Helen Pischak; Joe Porcelli; Diane Cursatis-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**

Mass Times & Intentions June 30th — July 6th

Monday, 9:00 am Tuesday, 9:00 am Wednesday, 9:00 am Thursday, 9:00 am Friday, 9:00 am Saturday, 9:00 am Saturday, 5:30 pm Sunday, 8:30 am

Sunday, 11:30 am

Vocations
Parishioners of Holy Infant
Daniel Fitzgerald (birthday)
Peace in the Middle East
Our Nation's Independence
Peace in Ukraine

Vocations Leebo Meyer † Marilyn Kearns †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Gen 18:16-33 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday Gen 19:15-29 Ps 26:2-3, 9-10, 11-12 Mt 8:23-27 **Wednesday** Gen 21:5, 8-20a Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 8:28-34

Thursday Eph 2:19-22 Ps 117:1bc-2 Jn 20:24-29

Friday Gen 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67 Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 Mt 9:9-13

Saturday Gen 27:1-5, 15-29 Ps 135:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6

Mt 9:14-17

Sunday Is 66:10-14c Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 Gal 6:14-18 Lk 10:1-12, 17-20



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 30 Vacation Bible Camp, 5:30 pm

July 1 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am

July 1 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

July 1 Vacation Bible Camp, 5:30 pm

July 1 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 6:30 pm

July 2 Vacation Bible Camp, 5:30 pm

July 2 OCIA Inquiry Session, 7:30 pm

July 3 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am

July 3 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm

July 3 Yarn Ministry, 7 pm

July 5 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

July 5 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm

July 5 Rosary-Making, 3:30 pm

July 5 Reconciliation, 4 pm

July 6 Girls Youth Ministry, 6:30 pm

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

DeSales Center Capital Campaign

\$2,284,570.61

76% of funds raised for \$3,000,000 goal

Interested in Receiving Only 2nd Collection Envelopes?

We're happy to offer the option to receive only the 2nd collection envelopes instead of the full envelope packet. However, in order to set up a separate mailing account for this option, we need at least 40 parishioners to participate.

If you're interested, please contact the parish office to be added to the list. Thank you for helping us be more efficient and environmentally conscious!

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PRAYERS FOR VACATION BIBLE CAMP

Vacation Bible Camp is finally here, and we are beyond excited to kick off Sunday with prayers and blessings for everyone involved. Our dedicated volunteers and staff have worked tirelessly to create a fun and enriching experience for all the children attending.

Our hearts are filled with hope and anticipation for the amazing things that will unfold. We pray for moments of joy, laughter, and spiritual growth as we come together to learn more about God's love and grace.





VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR FAMILIESJoin us at TABLE in Carrboro on **July 23rd** from 4-5 p.m. for a special volunteer opportunity perfect for families with children aged 4 and up. Help us make a difference by packing meals for those in need and spreading positivity throughout our community.

To sign up, email Michalene and let her know you're interested in volunteering. This is a wonderful chance to teach your children the value of helping others and making a positive impact in the world around them.

TABLE delivers healthy food and nutrition education to children in Orange County.

STAY SAFE & COOL

Heat-related illnesses, such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion, and heat stroke, can occur in response to abnormal or prolonged amounts of heat and humidity without relief or adequate fluid intake.

Those at high risk for developing heatrelated illnesses include individuals with asthma, heart disease, those aged 65+, those working or exercising in the heat, pregnant women, infants, and young children.

Here are a few tips to prevent heat-related illnesses.

- Don't wait until you are thirsty to drink!
 Drink plenty of fluids such as water and
 sports drinks during vigorous or outdoor
 activities, especially on hot days. Avoid
 alcohol and fluids with caffeine, such as
 tea, coffee, and cola, as these can lead to
 dehydration.
- Check urine color. Light yellow or clear usually means you are drinking enough water.
- Wear light colored, lightweight, loosefitting clothing on hot days.
- Schedule vigorous activity and sports for cooler times of the day and take rest periods in shady or cool areas.
- Try to spend as much time indoors as possible on very hot and humid days. If your home is not air conditioned, locate places in the community where air conditioning is available. Use fans only if the indoor temperature is less than 90 degrees. In temperatures above 90 degrees, a fan can increase body temperature.

Ministries

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HELP MAKE HOLY INFANT FEEL LIKE HOME

Do you love creating a welcoming atmosphere, connecting with others, or helping behind the scenes to make parish events joyful and meaningful? If so, the Hospitality Ministry would love to have you!

The Hospitality Committee plays a vital role in building and nurturing the vibrant community life we cherish at Holy Infant. Through warm smiles, thoughtful details, and cheerful service, this ministry helps enhance our social, spiritual, and liturgical celebrations throughout the year.

Events include:

- New parishioner registration and orientation gatherings
- Parish picnics
- Holiday celebrations

Whether you're a seasoned planner or just love lending a helping hand, there's a place for you in Hospitality. The time commitment is flexible and depends on the events you're able to support.

Volunteers are always welcome—and needed! Your presence helps make our parish events not just successful, but welcoming, festive, and full of heart.

Come help us make Holy Infant not just a parish, but a family.

To learn more or get involved, please contact Lynn Sale.

HEALING AFTER DIVORCE

After her 30-year marriage ended, one faithful Catholic woman found herself in a dark valley of grief, shame, and spiritual isolation. But in time, God met her there and led her to healing. Now, she's helping others do the same.

The Build a New Life Workshop is a 12-week online healing program for Catholics who are separated or divorced.

The next session begins, **September 11th** at 7 pm ET. Early Bird Discount through July 31st. Scholarships are available. Learn more using the QR code.



BINGO WITH FYM

Adults of all ages are invited to join the Forever Young Ministry for a Bingo & Potluck Night on Friday, **July 18th** at 6 pm in the DeSales Center

Bring a favorite dish to share and get ready for a lively evening of bingo, prizes, and community. This event is open to all ages—families, friends, and newcomers are especially welcome. Come hungry, come ready to play, and come to enjoy the fellowship!

NAVIGATING DEATH

Is there a difference between "brain death" and true death? Do you have a healthcare power of attorney? If you can't speak for yourself, who will? Do you really want to be an organ donor?

Dr. Paul A. Byrne, a Board Certified Neonatologist and Pediatrician, will be speaking on creation, conception, and the continuum of life on earth until death on **July 30th** at 7 pm. Dr Byrne is also a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and Fellowship of Catholic Scholars.

The presentation will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in the Fallon Center.



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



Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

THE JOY OF BEING AN INTERNATIONAL OBLATE

I made my first vows as an Oblate in 1996, and I was ordained a priest in 2004. I am part of the Indian Regon of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales; however, I spent ten years as a pastor in Germany and came to the U.S. one year ago. Currently, I am ministering as the pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Wilmington, DE.

St. Anthony's just celebrated its 100th anniversary, and the Oblates have been serving at the parish since the beginning.

Since I came to the U.S. and beginning my ministry here, I have been overwhelmed by the support of my brother Oblates. Throughout the parish anniversary year, many Oblates have come to special Masses and events around the parish. They are thankful for my role in the parish and my willingness to continue the legacy that was started by some of the first Oblates in America.

I have also been touched by how much the people of Wilmington (and throughout the area) love the Oblates. Everywhere I go, when I let people know I am an Oblate, I am welcomed, embraced, and told how much our community has meant to them over the years. Some people talk about a particular priest or brother, while others tell me about knowing the Oblates in high school or at a parish. For example, when I wore a Salesianum sweatshirt at a workshop last fall, a woman told me her husband was a graduate and freely shared how much he loved the school – and the Oblates.



This experience extends beyond the local community. I have found that when I visit different states and people realize that I am an Oblate, they respond with warmth and love. Men and women tell me they know the Oblates from Sallies, North, Judge, or DeSales University. They are dedicated to their school and their Oblates with an affinity and love that runs deep.

The Oblates in India are still a young congregation. We have been around for a little over thirty years, but people are starting to know us. Our school in Bengaluru is becoming well-known and is already very respected. Our presence in parishes and villages is making a great impact. It is my hope that the Oblates in India continue to grow like they have here in the U.S.

Having worked with the Oblates all over India, in our German-speaking Province, and now in the U.S., I am an Oblate who is comfortable being part of an international order. This week, as I gathered with the Oblates from North America for their annual assembly and convocation, I have felt blessed to be in the U.S. with my brothers. I am proud of the work they have done, and I appreciate the foundation they have provided me and the congregation around the world.

The founder of the Oblates, Blessed Father Louis Brisson, told his first members to be missionaries. Today, I continue this tradition. I see myself not as a missionary, but as a co-worker. A worker in the vineyard, working to spread the Gospel. With my brothers around the world, we work together to "live Jesus."

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

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We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. Many times, our difficulties seem even worse during the summer because everyone else seems to be enjoying life while you are feeling down. When you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone.

Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. It's free. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Ed Blocher, Karen Carr, Deacon Tom Hill, Barbara Ralston, Ann Sotolongo or contact Lynn Sale in the Parish Office.

