

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: Charlotte Banks; 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: Fran Hadden: Mary Jane Haga: Mary Jane Harvey; Denise Herron; Patti Holland; Ruth & Kenneth Jones: Donna LaMountain: Alice Lefebvre: Peggy McIntyre: Terry Mercaldo; Katie Mostellar; Monique Mueller; Nelida Muniz; Kathleen O'Donnell; Dr. Robert Panoff; Johnathan Palermo; Marc Peloquin; 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 July 21st — July 27th

Monday, 9:00 am Susan Furlong (thanksgiving)

Tuesday, 9:00 am Immigrants in America

Wednesday, 9:00 am Bob Curran †

Thursday, 9:00 am

Jamie O'Brien Kindem †

Friday, 9:00 am Vocations

Saturday, 9:00 am James Joseph McBride

(birthday)

Saturday, 5:30 pm Genny Maria Cabrales De

Luna †

Sunday, 8:30 am

Jeff Rice †

Helen Boes †

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Ex 32:15-24, 30-34 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28 Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9 Mt 13:44-46 **Thursday** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11 Mt 13:47-53

Friday Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37 Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab Mt 13:54-58

Saturday Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12 **Sunday** Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23 Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

DeSales Center Capital Campaign

\$2,313,890.61

78% of funds raised for \$3,000,000 goal

Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - June 30

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$1,090,000	\$1,071,868	(\$18,132)
Christmas Offertory	\$26,000	\$28,052	\$2,052
Easter Offertory	\$16,000	\$13,254	(\$2,052)
Holy Day Collections	\$8,000	\$10,360	\$2,360
Maintenance Offertory	\$45,939	\$39,291	(\$6,648)
	\$1,185,939	\$1,162,825	(\$23,114)

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 29 Virtual Center Prayer, 8 am

July 29 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

July 31 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am

July 31 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm

July 31 Knights Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm

August 2 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am

August 2 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm

August 2 Reconciliation, 4 pm

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

How to Fulfill Your Pledge

We are so grateful for your generous commitment to the DeSales Center Renovation "We Remember You" campaign. Your pledge renews a space vital for prayer, formation, and fellowship in our parish community.

We're happy to provide several convenient ways for you to complete your commitment, whether one-time or over time.





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DSW JULY HIGHLIGHTS

Holy Infant Catholic Church's DeSales Service Works (DSW) program served at Urban Ministries Durham and Welcome Baby during the month of July. Rooted in the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales, DSW provides hands-on ways for teens to engage with our neighbors and support local community organizations.

Use the QR above to get involved in other DSW service opportunities in August!

SPEAK UP FOR OUR GLOBAL FAMILY

Congress is considering cutting critical humanitarian aid funding that helps people around the world survive crises, recover from disasters, and build better futures. Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is urging people of faith to speak out against these proposed cuts.

CRS has created a simple form you can use to contact your senators and urge them to protect this life-saving funding. It takes less than two minutes to fill out, but the impact could last a lifetime for families facing hunger, conflict, and displacement.





PITCH IN FOR CHARITY

Mark your calendars for Thursday, August 14th at 6:35 p.m., and enjoy a night at the ballpark as the Durham Bulls take on the Nashville Sounds, all while supporting a great cause!

This summer, Holy Infant parishioners and friends are invited to attend the game and support the important work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh. For every ticket sold through this special promotion, \$5 will be donated to Catholic Charities, helping them continue their mission of serving the most vulnerable individuals and families across central and eastern North Carolina.

Your night of baseball fun will help support:

- Disaster Services
- Food Pantry Services
- Immigration Legal Services

Catholic Charities provides help, creates hope, and serves all people, regardless of faith or background. This is a simple and joyful way to be part of that mission.

Use the QR to purchase tickets.

Ministries

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FYM MUSEUM DAY TRIP

Join FYM for on **August 20**th for a special summer outing as we travel to Smithfield, NC, to explore the life and legacy of one of Hollywood's golden age stars—Ava Gardner.

Your \$10 ticket includes admission to over 5,000 square feet of exhibit space. The museum features rare movie posters, costumes, jewelry, photographs, awards, and more. After the museum tour, we'll enjoy lunch together in charming downtown Smithfield.

Space is limited. Reserve your spot using the QR code.

BECOME A STEPHEN MINISTER

"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ" Galatians 6:2

Have you been told that you are a compassionate, caring person? If so, then Stephen Ministry may be the place for you to serve. Stephen Ministry is a one-to-one caring ministry that provides compassionate companionship for those who are going through challenging times, such as illness or loss.

There will be a new 50-hour training course offered at Holy Infant for new Stephen Ministers beginning Thursday, **August 28th**. Applications are now being accepted. The deadline for completed applications is August 4th.

Contact Lynn Sale for more information.

STRENGTHEN YOUR RELATIONSHP

Married and engaged couples, as well as those who minister to them, are invited to take part in a powerful online learning opportunity designed to enrich and strengthen the marital bond. The Faith & Flourishing in Marriage Workshop will be held via Zoom on Saturday, **August 2nd** from 8:45 am to 5:15 pm.

With content grounded in time-tested psychological, behavioral, social, and spiritual principles, this program offers practical tools that can help couples build long-lasting, resilient marriages—without the stress or stigma that can come with traditional counseling. Led by renowned faculty from Duke University—Dr. Harold G. Koenig, M.D., and Charmin M. Koenig, RN, RT—the workshop explores key aspects of marriage through a full day of engaging presentations, discussions, and reflection.

The health of a society depends on the health of families—and strong families are built on strong marriages. Whether you're newly engaged or decades into your vocation, this workshop offers new insights, encouragement, and tools that can help your relationship grow in faith, love, and understanding. Learn more using the QR.

CHERISH LIFE AT EVERY STAGE

At Holy Infant Catholic Church, we believe in the sacredness and dignity of all human life—from conception to natural death. The Respect Life Ministry invites parishioners to put this belief into compassionate action by working on behalf of those most vulnerable in our society. No special skills are needed—just a heart for life and a willingness to help however you can.

If you feel called to be a voice for the voiceless and a source of hope for the vulnerable, we invite you to join us. Together, we can build a culture of life grounded in mercy, compassion, and faith. For more information or to get involved, please contact Diane Gerding (dgerding71@gmail.com).



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



Oblates of St. Francis de Sales



THE PATH

There is a split path from the Novitiate house to the chapel. Every day, I would walk the path from the house to the chapel for morning meditation and Mass. If you've ever spent time with me, you would know I am not one to arrive early. I am not chronically late, I am just on time. To mark the beginning of morning meditation, a bell would chime. It was important to be in your chair prior to the ringing of the bell. The path gave me a choice every morning.

The path from the Novitiate house to the chapel is in the form of a heart. You can go right or left, but not straight through the middle. Every morning, I would look at the path and have to choose – Should I stay on the path and take a few more steps to the chapel, or should I cut through the grass down the middle? Like most things in the Novitiate, the path taught a lesson. Slow down, don't rush, the journey is important, trace the heart with your feet, don't just think about the end point... and other lessons I didn't learn (Read my other reflections for evidence!).

We start a new Novitiate in August with a new Novice Master, Fr. Tom Helfrich OSFS. I recently heard a story about Tom being asked at a dinner: "When did you decide to become an Oblate?" Tom looked across the table and responded, "Today." Tom's been an Oblate for longer than I've been alive. He makes the choice daily.

Please hold in your prayers Fr. Tom and the next generation of Oblates who decide each day to walk the heart-shaped path, to trace the heart with their feet. St. Francis de Sales reminds us that great occasions for serving God come seldom, but little ones surround us daily. The path of the heart is slow and winding, filled with these little opportunities to serve—and remains the surest way.



Information on pricing and registration information can be found using the QR code.

Scholarships are available!

Early Bird discount until August 15th!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Ages 3-6

Family Formation

K to 6th Grade

JYM

6th to 8th Grade

TYM

9th to 12th Grade



REGISTER USING THE QR CODE