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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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9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;
closed Friday

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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 **primary** source for the most complete and up-to-date information about the parish. Visit holysinphantchurch.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; 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; Marjorie 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; 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 August 18th – August 24th

Monday, 11:00 am	<i>Funeral, Jean Straub Blumhagen</i>
Tuesday, 9:00 am	<i>John Fisher</i>
Wednesday, 9:00 am	<i>Louis & Zelig Martin †</i>
Thursday, 9:00 am	<i>Immigrants in America</i>
Friday, 9:00 am	<i>Caitlin Fitzgerald (birthday)</i>
Saturday, 9:00 am	<i>Immigrants in America</i>
Saturday, 5:30 pm	<i>Amanda Jane Painter †</i>
Sunday, 8:30 am	<i>Fr Richard DeLillio, OSFS †</i>
Sunday, 11:30 am	<i>Phyllis Russo (birthday)</i>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK


Monday 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10
Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-3, 4-6 Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab
Mt 23:27-32
Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17
Mt 24:42-51
Friday 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12
Mk 6:17-29
Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Mt 25:14-30
Sunday Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11
Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a Lk 14:1, 7-14


WAYS TO GIVE



ONLINE

Visit our website
using the QR code





MAIL

5000 Southpark Drive
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AT MASS

Use an envelope
& the donation basket

UPCOMING EVENTS

Aug 25 No 9 am Mass
Aug 26 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am
Aug 26 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Aug 26 Stephen Ministry Meeting, 6:30 pm
Aug 27 Bible Study, 7 pm
Aug 28 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am
Aug 28 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
Aug 28 Knights Planning Meeting, 6:30 pm
Aug 28 New Stephen Ministers Training, 6:30 pm
Aug 29 August Couples for Christ, 6:30 pm
Aug 30 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Aug 30 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm
Aug 30 Reconciliation, 4 pm

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



2026 Mass Intentions **ARE OPEN!**

Schedule online
or in the parish office.



VOLUNTEER

for the annual parish celebration

SCAN ME



Stewardship of Treasure | July 1 - July 31

	Needed	Received	Difference
First Offertory	\$93,726	\$79,880	(\$13,846)
Christmas Offertory			
Easter Offertory			
Holy Day Collections		\$50	\$50
Maintenance Offertory	\$3,920	\$2,855	(\$1,065)
	\$97,646	\$82,785	(\$14,861)

DeSales Center Capital Campaign

\$2,315,140.00

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

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REGISTER NOW



FAITH DEVELOPMENT REGISTRATION CLOSES SOON

Our lifelong faith formation process aims to foster in our minds and hearts the experience of God's reign in our midst as we form communities of faith, proclaim God's Word, celebrate the Sacraments, and build a just and compassionate society in which all people share God's gifts.

We are committed to whole community catechesis and faith formation that brings students ages 3 through high school together to explore some aspect of our Catholic faith through prayer, service activities, learning sessions, and community building.

Registration ends September 1st.

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Youth Mental Health First Aid is designed to teach parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring individuals how to help an adolescent (ages 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addiction challenge or is in crisis.

Youth Mental Health First Aid will be conducted at Holy Infant in the DeSales Center on Saturday, **September 20th** from 9 am-4 pm. Marianne Mitchell, Ed.D, an educational psychologist and Mental Health ministry Coordinator at St. Thomas More will be conducting the program.

Be sure to sign up by September 14th!



SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING RENEWAL

Each year from **July 15th to September 15th** it is time for Safe Environment Training renewal. If you have taken the INITIAL SAFE ENVIRONMENT COURSE, you will get an email reminding you to renew.

If this is your first time taking the Diocese of Raleigh Safe Environment Training, please use the QR code to choose a session for Initial Safe Environment Training (parish-based or via live webinar).



CGS DAY OF DISCOVERY

Holy Infant will be hosting a Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Day of Discovery on **September 8th**, from 6:30 - 8 pm in the Desales Center. This day of discovery is for any adults who are interested in learning more about our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program, being trained as an assistant, or who may be interested in being formally trained as a CGS catechist.

Our Day of Discovery will include:

- Discussion about how CGS helps the very young child enter into a personal relationship with Jesus.
- Exploration of a 'working' Atrium.
- Time to work with and explore materials used in the Atrium.

If you are unable to attend our Day of Discovery but would like to learn more about our Atrium, please contact Michalene.

Ministries

Pastoral Associate

Lynn Sale

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MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

The Catholic Community of St. Thomas More will have a bilingual Mass of Remembrance for those who have lost a loved one to suicide, Tuesday, **September 9th**, at 12 pm in the church.

The loss of a loved one to suicide is an experience marked by profound grief, confusion, and often a sense of isolation. For those left behind, the journey through mourning is both deeply personal and universally human. A Mass of Remembrance is a sacred opportunity for families, friends, and communities to gather, honor the memory of those lost, and seek comfort through faith, ritual, and shared presence.

If you would like to bring a single-stem flower (i.e., white carnation), there will be a time to place them in a vase as a prayer of intercession to the Blessed Virgin.

CATHOLICS FOR ABOLITION

Catholics for Abolition in North Carolina (CANC) looks forward to sharing what will be an unforgettable evening with you. Sr. Helen Prejean, known around the world for her tireless work against the death penalty, will be joining us LIVE through Zoom to a gathered audience.

Please join this CANC event being held at St. Francis of Assisi on Wednesday, **September 17th**, from 7-8 pm. For more info and to RSVP: director@catholicsforabolitionnc.org.

FOREVER YOUNG MINISTRY

FYM plans and implements social, spiritual, and service activities to foster fellowship and spiritual growth among parishioners aged 55 and over. Summer FYM activities included an afternoon of Cards & Games (monthly), E-book Training at the local library, Durham Bulls Game, and a trip to the Ava Gardner Museum in Smithfield. If you would like to be kept informed of FYM activities, contact Lynn Sale in the Parish Office.



LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY

Through a masterful mix of poetry and prose, the book of Isaiah gives prophetic witness to the complex story of God's judgment against Israel and the enduring promise of divine redemption. Both unsettling and inspiring, Isaiah continues to enrich readers with its powerful condemnation of corruption and an uncompromising call for social justice. Part One of our study covers Isaiah 1-39, including many of the prophet's most memorable passages. The study will continue with Isaiah, Part 2, in Spring 2026.

This class will meet weekly, **September 8th - October 20th**, on Mondays at 9:45 am (after morning Mass) in the Hospitality Room of the DeSales Center or at 7 pm virtually via Zoom.

Materials for this study can be picked up at the Welcome Desk after Masses on August 30th and 31st. For more information about this Bible Study, contact Anna Lee.



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



Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

THE GRACE OF AUGUST

August has been described as a slow month. Business leaders see it as a period of decreased activity and reduced sales. Some call these lazy, hazy days a “weak” time of year where work is suspended, and decisions are put on hold. Author Victoria Erickson called August “the slow, gentle month that stretches out across the span of the year. It yawns and lingers on.” It is as if Father Time takes a vacation before the world starts up again in September.

History shows a different side of this penultimate summer month. Its reputation for being quiet, slow, and peaceful is betrayed by the facts of the last century. While the “Great War” officially began in July of 1914, the fighting and casualties really ramped up in August. Author Barbara Tuchman wrote about this first month of the war in her best-seller: “The Guns of August” (1962).

Almost thirty years later, the guns were destroying a new generation. August continued to be a period of pain, suffering, and death for millions of people as nations became entangled in the Second World War. The martyrdom of St. Maximilian Kolbe (1941) and St. Edith Stein (1942) in Auschwitz occurred in the eighth month. In August 1943, eleven Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth were executed by the Gestapo in Poland. The war only came to an end when two nuclear bombs were dropped on Japan in August 1945, killing and maiming hundreds of thousands of people.

Even amidst the hatred and carnage of the first fifty years of the twentieth century, death did not have the last word. The second half of the century began with a sign of great hope - the declaration of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary as a dogma of the Church. Theologians and historians see this announcement as a direct response to the death and despair that much of the world experienced after the war.

The Assumption emphasized the dignity of the human body, the promise of the resurrection, and the sanctity of all human life. The horrors of war, the atrocities of the Holocaust, and the devastation of atomic weapons were still being felt by most people when Pope Pius XII told modern society that, like Mary, our lives and our world can be filled with grace.

As we celebrate the Assumption, we pray that guns and war will give way to the “grace of August.” St. Francis de Sales would agree. He taught that human nature is fundamentally good. Though our world is deeply divided and impacted by sin, it can be redeemed and transformed by the power of God's grace and a sincere desire to live a devout life. May this great feast and these final weeks of August be reminders of the beauty and goodness of our world and our faith. In the Catholic liturgy for the Assumption, the praise of the nation for the widow Judith are applied to the Virgin Mary: “Thou art the glory of Jerusalem, thou art the joy of Israel, thou art the honor of our people (Judith 15).” The Assumption is a reminder that we are all called to glory...on earth as it is in heaven.

-Fr. Jack Kolodziej, OSFS



YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER EVENTS

AUGUST



NOTE IN THE POCKET
August 23rd, 9 am -12 pm

OCTOBER



MIRACLE LEAGUE BASEBALL
October 4th,
8:45 am -11:45 am

NOVEMBER



**FOOD BANK OF CENTRAL
& EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA**
November 22nd, 9 am -12 pm

* SEPTEMBER EVENT TBA

