

INVITED



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

"Concerning those virtues pertaining to our duties in life, preference must be given to those which are most effective, not those which may be the most showy." - 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 holysinanthurch.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 September 1st—September 7th

Monday, 9:00 am	<i>Teresa Pais Taveira & Vincente Martins †</i>
Tuesday, 9:00 am	<i>Josephine Cavalina †</i>
Wednesday, 9:00 am	<i>Francis Dela Cruz (birthday)</i>
Thursday, 9:00 am	<i>John R Page (honor)</i>
Friday, 9:00 am	<i>Monique Vanstecklenburg †</i>
Saturday, 9:00 am	<i>Cynthia & Alex</i>
Saturday, 5:30 pm	<i>John Spiridigliozzi †</i>
Sunday, 8:30 am	<i>Lee Meyer †</i>
Sunday, 11:30 am	<i>Vocations</i>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 1 Thes 4:13-18 Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13 Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday Col 1:1-8 Ps 52:10, 11 Lk 4:38-44
Thursday Col 1:9-14 Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11
Friday Col 1:15-20 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Lk 5:33-39
Saturday Col 1:21-23 Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8 Lk 6:1-5
Sunday Wis 9:13-18b Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33

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MAIL

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AT MASS

Use an envelope
& the donation basket

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 2 Virtual Centering Prayer, 8 am
Sept 2 Justice Garden Workday, 9 am
Sept 2 Health Ministry Meeting, 10 am
Sept 2 Knights of Columbus Council Meeting, 6:30 pm
Sept 3 FYM Cards & Games, 2 pm
Sept 3 OCIA Inquiry Sessions, 7:30 pm
Sept 4 Marian Prayer, 9:30 am
Sept 4 Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm
Sept 4 New Stephen Minister Training, 6:30 pm
Sept 4 Yarn Ministry, 7 pm
Sept 5 FYM Trivia Night, 6:30 pm
Sept 6 RDU Youth for Christ Assembly, 9 am
Sept 6 Servants of God Prayer Group, 3 pm
Sept 6 Reconciliation, 4 pm

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

VOLUNTEER

for the annual parish celebration

SCAN
ME



Interested in becoming Catholic?

Join us for an inquiry session in September



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

\$2,322,140.00

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

Knights of Columbus

TEE OFF FOR A GREAT CAUSE



JOIN US

FOR THE 1ST ANNUAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS GOLF OUTING
Tuesday, October 21st at the Hillandale Golf Course

We're hitting the greens for a great cause—and we want YOU to be part of it! The Knights of Columbus at Holy Infant Catholic Church invite you to an unforgettable day of golf, fun, food, and fellowship, all while supporting the exciting renovation of the DeSales Center. Whether you're an experienced golfer or just love a good day out, this event is a hole-in-one opportunity to make a difference.



This is a 501c-3 deductible event.

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YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEER EVENT

At Holy Infant, we believe that service is at the heart of our faith. Each month, our Young Adults group comes together to serve the Durham community in meaningful and impactful ways. These opportunities are not only a chance to make a difference, but also a chance to grow in fellowship with one another.

Join us for the next event:

Miracle League Baseball

October 4th | 8:45 am–11:45 am

Registration code: HolyInfantChurch

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.



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.

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.



Ministries

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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.

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.

NATIONAL MASS FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Many Catholic families have experienced violence and abuse at home. You are invited to participate in the National Observance of "Domestic Violence Awareness Month" at the Vigil Mass on Saturday, **October 4th** at 4:30 PM at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C.

Help is available for families suffering abuse.

Learn more using the QR code.



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!*



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.



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



Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

TO BE WITH - REFLECTIONS ON HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

"It's okay.... I'm here for you...you can let it all out." These were the only words I could summon as I held hands with a grieving daughter and walked her through the long hallways of St. Vincent's Hospital after the funeral home had taken her mom's body.

"It doesn't seem fair, does it?" These were my only words to a man who sat and sobbed with me after finding out that he would have a second amputation on his leg.

Words were my medium of care for patients and families during my time in CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education). But what lay behind the words was far more important: presence, attention, care, and compassion. Over the course of 11 weeks as a hospital chaplain, I developed numerous internal and external habits for ministry. I learned to absorb people's pain, grief, and anger, allowing them to pass through my heart into God's heart.

By far, the greatest and most fruitful learning process for me was the experience of true presence. No single word in English can capture in my mind what a profound act it is to "be-with" someone. Both words of that phrase spoke to me during the summer. I valued what it means to BE with someone. While other medical professionals came swiftly in and out of patients' rooms with different tasks and agendas—blood pressure, medication, food, etc.—my only task was to BE with the patient. They were my agenda. I also learned what it means to be WITH another: not to exist side-by-side as two separate silos of existence, but to have our own individual fields of attention, empathy, and care merge into a single sphere of joint presence. This is the mystery of true presence...to "be-with."

Only within this sphere of presence, like a cathedral within time, could I offer words that could touch the soul— and not by the content of my words alone, but by my manner of speaking, looking, and listening. It was as if I intentionally lowered all of my desires to care for the patient before me to the artist's palette of my heart, and attempted to paint compassion with my voice.

Chaplaincy is also a marvelous exercise in faith. It is faith that allows me to believe the value of my presence with patients when, to all appearances, it seems to make no difference in their situation or outlook. Belief that the seeds of compassion that are planted will bear fruit, either in this life or the next, allows us to sow those seeds freely, without need for successful outcomes or positive feedback. Instead, whatever service we offer to others and to the Lord is fruitful simply because we were faithful to the duties entrusted to us.

My final reflection is that the impression I left on patients and families, regardless of the words exchanged, was in itself an attempt to care for them. In the middle of health scares, uncertain futures, poor outlooks, and stressful encounters, a moment of warmth and comfort was precisely what patients and families needed, and this was the gift that God allowed me to bring to these situations. I was reminded of the last line of one of my favorite songs, which captures perfectly the desire I tried to carry out during chaplaincy: "In the end, all I hope for is to be a bit of warmth for you, when there's not a lot of warmth left to go around."

Presence, compassion, and warmth. These were the gifts that CPE gave to me and taught me by experience. Those 11 weeks will remain a sacred time in my memory, when God wore the face of the sick and the sorrowful and opened my eyes to see Him in them.

-Mr. Matthew Trovato, OSFS

