

# BEAR THE CROSS



## 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

## PARISH CENTER OFFICE

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## OFFICE HOURS

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9 a.m. to 4 p.m.;  
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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 [holyininfantchurch.org](http://holyininfantchurch.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 8th—September 14th

<b>Monday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Fr. Peter Fiore OFM †</i>
<b>Tuesday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Mary Terra &amp; David Long †</i>
<b>Wednesday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Jurrie LLaga †</i>
<b>Thursday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Les Simmon (honor)</i>
<b>Friday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Clopas &amp; Mary Thaddaeus †</i>
<b>Saturday, 9:00 am</b>	<i>Remembrance of Children Lost to Abortion</i>
<b>Saturday, 5:30 pm</b>	<i>John Fisher</i>
<b>Sunday, 8:30 am</b>	<i>Ashok Menezes</i>
<b>Sunday, 11:30 am</b>	<i>Emily &amp; Dominic Zappia †</i>

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30 Ps 13:6ab, 6c  
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
**Tuesday** Col 2:6-15 Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11 Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday** Col 3:1-11 Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab  
Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday** Col 3:12-17 Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 6:27-38  
**Friday** 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14 Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11  
Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday** 1 Tm 1:15-17 Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7  
Lk 6:43-49  
**Sunday** Nm 21:4b-9 Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38  
Phil 2:6-11 Jn 3:13-17

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept 8** Little Rock Scripture Study, 9:45 am  
**Sept 8** CGS Day of Discover, 6:30 pm  
**Sept 9** Virtual Centering Prayer, 9 am  
**Sept 9** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am  
**Sept 9** Stephen Ministers Meeting, 6:30 pm  
**Sept 10** Family Formation, 6:30 pm  
**Sept 10** Care for Our Common Home, 7 pm  
**Sept 11** Marian Prayer, 9:30 am  
**Sept 11** Eucharistic Adoration, 12 pm  
**Sept 11** New Stephen Ministers Training, 6:30 pm  
**Sept 13** Baptism Preparation Workshop, 9 am  
**Sept 13** Justice Garden Workday, 9 am  
**Sept 13** Rosary for Life, 9:30 am  
**Sept 13** Daughters of St Francis de Sales, 10 am  
**Sept 13** CFC RDU Chapter Assembly, 12:30 pm  
**Sept 13** Servants of God Prayer Group, 3:30 pm  
**Sept 13** Reconciliation, 4 pm  
**Sept 13** Baptism of Francelisse Belen, 5:30 pm  
**Sept 14** Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, 9 am  
**Sept 14** Baptism of Leo Grey Goldin, 11:30 am  
**Sept 14** St Monica Ministry for Praying Parents, 7 pm

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

### WAYS TO GIVE



**ONLINE**

Visit our website  
using the QR code



**MAIL**

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**AT MASS**

Use an envelope  
& the donation basket

### 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)
	<b>\$97,646</b>	<b>\$82,785</b>	<b>(\$14,861)</b>

Lamp in memory of  
*Cecelia & Charles Gillen*

**TEE OFF**  
for a good cause!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
GOLF OUTING**

**October 21st**  
Hillandale Golf Course

Proceeds benefit the  
DeSales Center Renovation



### DeSales Center Capital Campaign

**\$2,322,140.00**

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

# Faith Development

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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 to gather, honor the memory of those lost, and seek comfort through faith, ritual, and shared presence.

## 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.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On **September 14th**, the Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast from 9am-1pm in the DeSales Center.

Each plate is \$10, featuring pancakes, sausage links, fruit salad, grits, and eggs.



# Ministries

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## 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.



**Help is available for families suffering abuse.** Learn more using the QR code.



## MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING

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!*

## PROLIFE APPROACH FOR PRENATAL

Dr. McCaffrey, Chapel Hill neonatologist specializing in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine, will speak on Thursday, **September 25th**, at 7 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (Fallon Center).

Topics Dr. McCaffrey Will Address:

- Universal screening and its impact: Understanding the widespread recommendation for non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) for all mothers.
- Informed consent matters: Why many parents aren't told that NIPT is only a screening test, not a diagnosis—and why inaccuracies matter.
- Pressure to decide quickly: The common rush to pursue additional testing, such as amniocentesis or chorionic villus sampling.
- Standard interventions rarely offered: When abortion isn't an option, why aren't parents presented with care pathways and interventions for their child?
- Perinatal hospice explained: What perinatal hospice really means for babies and families walking this journey.

This presentation will be especially valuable for parents, medical professionals, and all who wish to understand how we can better support families facing challenging prenatal diagnoses in a life-affirming way.

## MINISTRY AWARENESS WEEKEND

The Peace, Justice and Human Concerns Commission & Food Justice Garden are hosting a Ministry Awareness Weekend & Justice Garden Open House on Sunday, **September 14th**, after the Sunday Masses. There will be tables set up on the parish grounds leading to the garden with representatives from the various ministries.

Take some time to learn about the many ways that Holy Infant puts our Faith into action.



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





# Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

## THE OVEN

I've been reflecting on the Gospel reading from last Sunday, where Jesus says, "I've come to set the earth on fire." In meditation, I first imagined a blazing fire, but while researching this passage, I found a new image. Scripture scholar John Pilch indicates that the word "earth" in this passage could be translated as "earth-oven." These are the very common mud and clay stoves used in Jesus' time. In my prayer, I began to imagine Jesus' ministry as the "big oven."

Ovens are instruments of permanent transformation. If you've ever baked something, you know this to be true. For example, think of your favorite brownies. You mix the ingredients together, bake them in the oven, and no matter how hard you try, you cannot turn the finished brownies back into the ingredients. Permanent transformation. Is this the work of the Lord, as the big oven? A no taking back conversion?

Even though brownies are a great image for permanent transformation, the slow work of conversion reminds me more of ribs. When I cook ribs, I put them in the oven for 9 hours. It takes that long to make them tender. You cannot rush them. As St. Francis de Sales writes, the conversion of our hearts usually takes years and years. Most do not have moments of conversion like St. Paul. Instead, the ovenish love of God continues tenderly decade after decade.

This image has brought comfort to me this week as I encounter and engage in the daily oven moments of my vocation. Luckily for us, we don't have to seek out these moments because they are already present when we live our vocation faithfully. In the tender heat of the big oven, Christ is present, Christ is here, Christ is living.

May God be Praised

-Fr. Joe Newman, OSFS

