Holy Infant Catholic Church Jul 24 & Jul 25



MASS TIMES

Tuesday & Thursday—10:00 am 1st Thursday of each month after Mass—Holy Hour & Eucharistic Adoration Hospitality: 1st Sunday of Every Month following Mass Most Holy Days: 10:00 am

- Saturday: Jul 26th—Lector: P. Dobes 4:15pm—4:45pm—Sacrament of Reconciliation 4:30pm—Praying of the Rosary 5:00pm— 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Sunday : Jul 27th— Lector: S. Lam 11:00am - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: 1st Gn 18: 20-32—2nd Col 2: 12-14 —Gospel Lk 11: 1-13

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Up Coming Events and Announcements 2025

Jul 26th—5:00PM—Special Mass Intention for +Victor Ziemba by K. Ziemba

Jul 26th & 27th - 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jul 29th & 31st—Mass: 10AM

Aug 2nd & 3rd—18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aug 3rd—Hospitality Following our 11:00AM Sunday Mass in the Parish Hall

<u>Aug 5th & 7th_</u>Mass: 10AM

Aug 9th & 10th — 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Men's Cursillo Weekend is Approaching

The Men's Cursillo Weekend will be held Thursday, September 11th (7:00pm) through Sunday, September 14th (5:00pm), 2025, at the Blessings Lodge on the campus of Camp Overlook in Keezletown, VA. The Theme of the Weekend is "Here I Am, Lord". A Cursillo is a 3-day encounter to enrich your Spirituality and raise awareness of Christ in every moment of your life. Applications and more about Cursillo are available at www.valleycursillo.com . All applicants must have a sponsor who has made a Cursillo. Contact Karen and Roy Norville at 540-246-2371 for more information. Application deadline is August 21st and the weekend is limited to the first 28 applications received. The next Women's Cursillo Weekend will be April 24-27, 2026, also at the Blessings Lodge.

Parishioners Corner:

• A huge thank you to our Deacon for hanging our AED. It is located in the Parish Hall to the left of the door that leads to our kitchen and upstairs restrooms.

Please Pray for... All God's children who are ill, homebound, hospitalized and need our special thoughts and prayers. Our Sister Parish -Shepherd of the Hills, our Twin Parish in Haiti -Saint Augustin, and all members of our military, and those who put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve others. Pray for our brothers and sisters, James West, Michael Sigafoose, Grace Condolff, Wanda Lohman, Jose Duran, Paul Kudrav, Christian Nicholson, Bill Mallette.

WEEKLY THOUGHTS 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 27th, 2025

Dear friends, Peace be with you all and welcome to the celebration of the 17th Sunday in Ordinary time and the last Sunday in the month of July. Let us be thankful to God for his blessings showered upon us as we accept the invitation of Jesus to live by the Spirit. In the Gospel Reading of last Sunday, Jesus exonerated Mary's choice of staying at the feet of Jesus as a more perfect way to live by the Spirit.

In the first Reading, Genesis 18:20-32 Abraham pleads with God to save the innocent people of Sodoma and Gomorrah. In the second Reading; Colossians 2: 12-14 Paul reminds us about the spiritual transformation of our Baptism. "In Baptism we were buried with Christ and also rose with him."

In the Gospel; Luke 11: 1-13 the disciples of Jesus after seeing him at prayer requested Jesus to teach them how to pray. Jesus taught them the Our Father in a summary form emphasizing the essential elements of forgiveness of our sins and sins of others who do us wrong. Here, Jesus demands a clear and clean internal disposition of the heart – that must be free of hypocrisy. Indeed forgiveness from the heart is at the center of Jesus' teachings on holiness. Forgiveness helps one to heal from the hurt of the offender and opens to God's forgiving love. There is no need for the disciple of Jesus to hold on grudge and revenge. This is a call to live by the life of the Spirit, a life that frees us from resentment and anger. May Jesus give me the spirit to forgive all who hurt me ranging from family members, parishioners, co-workers and even leaders.

Finally, Jesus teaches us about the spirit of prayer. Jesus had a time and place of prayer. We are told how Jesus spent nights in isolated places in prayer. Some spiritual writers define prayer as life and fuel for our spiritual life. Prayer is very central in the lives of all Saints.

Prayers must be persistent to bear fruits. Jesus demands it from his disciples "to pray always without ceasing". In prayer, we can get to know the wisdom of God. Families and individuals must pray to find inspiration. Abraham got to know the wisdom of God in his prayer questing mercy for the innocent.

Let us appreciate the power of prayer in our life as disciples and pilgrims of hope.

Have a wonderful week and God bless.



I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Luke 11:9

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Thank you all for your participation and your devotion to our Diocese and Holy Infant.