

Epiphany of the Lord
January 4, 2015

Today we experience the infant Jesus being visited by Magi, who carried news of God's presence in Jesus back to their foreign lands. St. Francis de Sales notes:

The Magi from the East came to find pleasure, not in the city of Jerusalem, but in a small cave where they found God humanized in the Child lying in a manger. Like the Magi, let us come close to the divine crib and listen to our Savior as he speaks to us. Let us follow the many inspirations and affections that arouse us to God's love.

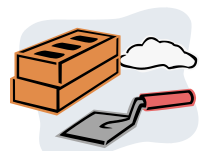
Some people think that a certain art is needed to grow in holy love. There is no art to loving God. We need only to practice pleasing God in the simplicity of our heart, without trouble or anxiety. Holy simplicity leaves the result of its actions to Divine Providence. The single and only aim of simplicity is the pure love of God. Simplicity, contrary to deceit, requires that our interior self and our exterior actions be in conformity with one another.

We are called to labor faithfully in the exercise of divine love, without shame, sadness or anxiety. Embarked then, in the exercise of our daily tasks, carried along by the wind of our simple and loving confidence in God, we shall make the greatest progress. Without stirring from our place then, we shall draw nearer and nearer to home, as do those who sail the high seas with favorable winds. Every event and variety of accident that may happen will be received calmly and peacefully. Even though our journey through life is full of dangers, let us be confident in following the Star of Bethlehem, who desires to fill us with His love. In this way, we'll be like the Magi who confidently followed the Star of Bethlehem, Who leads us to eternal glory.

(Adapted from the Writings of St. Francis de Sales)

"Nothing is so strong as gentleness; nothing so gentle as real strength."

~ St. Francis de Sales



PAVERS FOR THE WALKWAY

The church is working on a new batch of pavers for our walkway. If you are interested in purchasing a paver, for your convenience forms are at each exit

hanging on the wall. OR, on-line at our website.

<http://www.ourladyoftheseas.org> click on the FORMS button on the left, download it, fill in and mail it in with your check.

Lady of the Seas Parish Council Meeting



Our parish council will be meeting **January 11, next Sunday**, immediately following the 9:00 am Mass.

Please make any agenda items you wish to be discussed known to Father Fred or Mike Hennessey.
Fr Fred at 995-6613, Mike Hennessey at 995-6662

Music for the Liturgy at 5:30 pm

Processional: # 333 We Three Kings vs 1, 2 & 3

Psalm Response: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (Traditional chant)

Presentation: # 682 From All That Dwell Below the Skies

Communion Antiphon: "We have seen his star rising in the East, and have come to worship the Lord." (The chant tone used in the Responsorial Psalm will be used for the Antiphon response.)

Recessional: # 333 We Three Kings vs 4, 5

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

Processional: # 333 We Three Kings - vs. 1, 2 & 3

Psalm Response: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you."

Gospel Acclamation: #10 Celtic Alleluia

Presentation: # 334 The First Noel

Communion: # 499 One Bread, One Body
337 What Child Is This

Recessional: # 313 Angels We Have Heard on High - vs. 1 & 3

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **750**

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 60:1 – 6

2nd Reading ~ Ephesians 3:2 – 3a, 5 – 6

Gospel Reading ~Matthew 2:1 – 12

Mass Intentions for the Week



So that they and their families may be remembered in prayer by the community.

✠ In memory of Bob Martini – Friday 4:00 pm

Requested by Barbara Martini



First Communion Class

The class will begin in the month of January. Parents will be notified by phone. Should you have any questions please call Karen Huizing at 252- 305-3211



Please let Fr. Fred know when a parishioner or family member is in the hospital or homebound.

He would appreciate the opportunity to visit and offer his services. Also if you would like a Eucharistic Minister to visit you at home during an illness or

when unable to attend Mass, please call Fr. Fred 252-995- 6613 or Anita 252-995-7892.

DONATING MADE EASY ON OUR WEBSITE!!!



If you're one of the "billions" of people, who do your charitable giving on line, then you will be glad to know that Our Lady of the Seas website now has the ability to accept on-line donations. It is a secure easy way to make your donation and is available 24-hours a day for your convenience. Currently four categories are available for donation: Offertory, Debt Reduction, Pastor Discretionary & Hurricane Relief. Your comments and suggestions on this new capability, or other aspects of our web site, are encouraged and welcomed.

We Take Request ~ Book of Prayer Intentions



Our church family can now make prayer requests by way of our Book of Prayer Intentions, which is provided specifically for that purpose. The dark blue book is in back of the nave near the baptismal font. Just write your intentions in it, and they will be remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful at our Sunday Masses. *"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving make your requests known to God."* -Philippians 4:6



Hatteras Island Food Pantry

Our pantry is still busy and requires regular replenishment. Please consider adding a few items each time you shop. Since the size of the families accessing the food pantry varies, please avoid bulk sized items. Shopping suggestions and items needed are listed below
VISITORS: Save room packing! Donate any unopened non-perishable items at our convenient 24-hour drop box on the Social Hall porch.

Items Commonly Needed (Standard Sizes Preferred)

- Basic foodstuffs – vegetable oil, flour, sugar, coffee, tea, rice, pasta
- Canned meats/stews
- Canned vegetables – beets, tomatoes and greens are local favorites
- Cereals – both hot and cold
- Personal care products
- Paper Products – individually wrapped paper towels, toilet paper
- Laundry care and cleaning products
- Pet products

No time to shop? Checks may be made out to:

United Methodist Men,
PO Box 1591
Buxton, NC 27920

Thank you for your generosity!

WINNERS FROM OUR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER!

1. Pat Beran -1 Week stay at a log cabin – Mirror Lake near Lake Lure
2. Joseph Clubb - A vacation home in Frisco for one week
3. Joanne & Bill Coyle - Apple I pod 16gb
4. Sabra Kovalscik - Google Nexus7 Tablet 16gb
5. Margaret Phillips - Google Chromebook Laptop
6. Leslie Martin - Google Chromcast 2013 electronic Gadget
7. Skip - Apple I Pod Shuffle 2gb
8. Dr Kristin Kennedy - Amazon Gift Card \$25.00
9. Jim Wallace - I Tune Gift Card \$25.00
10. John Torres - Google Play Gift Card \$25.00
11. Janet Hresko - Dinner for 2 at Café' Pamlico located at the Inn on the Pamlico Sound Hwy 12, Frisco
12. Deb Craig - Gulf Steam Fishing trip on the Big Eye out of Hatteras
13. Pat Peters - Framed Print "Search for Truth" donated by Carole Nunnally, local artist & owner of Sea Worthy Gallery, Hatteras
14. Joanne & Bill Coyle - North Carolina gift basket from Lee Robinson General Store
15. Bill Lengyel - Parasailing for 1, fly over Hatteras Village from Odens Dock
16. Tina Hollis - Eastman AC620E 6-string Acoustic Guitar – Fishman electronics & case \$1800 value
17. Pat - \$50 gift certificate from the BP Station in Avon
18. Grace Mitch - \$50 gift certificate from the BP Station in Avon
19. Tom Oswald - \$50 gift certificate from Conner's Market
20. Jim Muller - A Gulf Stream fishing trip on the Miss Hatteras out of Odens Dock
21. Mary Beth Sullivan - 7' rod and reel
22. Tony Pfeufer - Signed, numbered, limited-edition print of our church by local artist, Linda Browning
23. Aussems - \$40 gift certificate from Hatteras Harbor Marina
24. Joanne & Bill Coyle - \$50 gift certificate from Breakwater Restaurant
25. Jack Groetsch - 1 Glass vase from Blue Pelican Gallery
26. Mary Keehan - 1 Nautical gift from Meekins Chanley (Graveyard of the Atlantic)