

Baptism of the Lord
January 11, 2015

Salesian Sunday Reflection

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord. The Baptism of Jesus marks the beginning of his ministry. St. Francis de Sales notes that from time to time we need to reenergize the resolution we made in baptism to be children of God:

The first Christians celebrated the anniversary of their Baptism, the day that they dedicated themselves to becoming children of God. We also ought to renew our commitment to the service of the Divine Goodness. In celebrating our baptismal vows, we strengthen our fervor, renew our promises and reaffirm our good resolutions.

A good lute player has the habit of testing the strings of his instrument to see if they need tightening or loosening in order to sound harmonious. Likewise it is necessary for us to examine our affections that are not in balance, and our neglected resolutions. We need to see what we must do to recover what, by our weakness or negligence, we have lost. We must not be surprised at this because it seems that even the sun needs to start its course anew once a year to repair in spring the losses the earth suffered in winter. Just by renewing our commitment we can start to repair our faults.

We can also regain lost time by fervor and diligence in totally uniting ourselves again to Our Lord. During our journey on this earth, Our Lord leads us by the hand, causing us to walk in virtue, or He carries us in the arms of His Divine Providence. His goodness is willing to lead us and to carry us, but He also wants us to take our little steps alone, doing on our part all that we can, helped by His holy love. Happy are the souls, who travel through life doing what they can in the practice of virtue and good works, and still holding on to the hand of our Lord! They are the children who sing the canticle of the glory of God because they dedicate themselves to the service of Divine Goodness as Jesus did at his baptism.

(Adapted from L. Fiorelli, ed., Sermons of St. Francis de Sales, V. 2)

Friendships begun in this world will be taken up again, never to be broken off.

~ St. Francis de Sales



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.

Music for the Liturgy at 5:30 pm

Processional: # 318 Joy to the Lord

Psalm Response: "You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation."

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (Traditional chant)

Presentation: # 706 Come to the Water

Communion Antiphon: "All who have been baptized in Christ, you have put on Christ, alleluia." (The chant tone used in the Responsorial Psalm will be used for the Antiphon response.)

Recessional: # 573 The Church's One Foundation

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

Processional: # 530 Table of Plenty

Psalm Response: # 288 Isaiah 12 - We Shall Draw Water or "You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation." (chant)

Gospel Acclamation: #10 Celtic Alleluia

Presentation: # 577 Before the Sun Burned Bright

Communion: # 706 Come to the Water

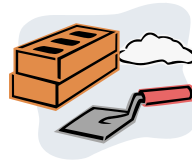
Recessional: # 671 Glory and Praise to Our God –
vs. 1 & 4

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **752**

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 55:1 – 11

2nd Reading ~ 1 John 5:1 – 9

Gospel Reading ~ Mark 1:7 – 11



PAVERS FOR THE WALKWAY

The church is working on a new batch of pavers for our walkway. We need 100 pavers total to place the order. If you are interested in

purchasing a paver, for your convenience the form is located hanging on the wall at ALL the exits of our church. Or, on the church website, click on the FORMS button on the left, download, fill it in and mail it with your check. <http://www.ourladyoftheseas.org>

Lady of the Seas Parish Council Meeting

Our parish council will be meeting TODAY immediately following the 9:00 am Mass at the Rectory.



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



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 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!



Coffee Fellowship Sunday

Next Sunday is Coffee Sunday

Please remember to bake your goodies, bring them with you to the Social Hall next Sunday. All are invited to the social hall immediately following the 9:00 am Mass to share coffee, cake, and other goodies.



~ Confirmation Class Today ~

Immediately following the 9:00 am Mass the Confirmation Class will be meeting in the HALL TODAY. ALL

Confirmation Candidates are to be present. For more information please contact Karen Huizing at 252.305.3211



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Visitors ~ our pews have envelopes in the pockets for your convenience, which you may take with you and mail back to us. Thank you for being with us.

Mass Schedule ~

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| Tuesday, Wednesday | 8:30 am |
| Thursday | 5:30 pm |
| Saturday | 5:30 pm |
| Sunday | 9:00 am |
| Domingo | 5:30 pm Spanish |

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