

The Baptism of the Lord
January 10, 2016

Salesian Perspective

Today we complete the Church's celebration of the unbelievable good news that God has fulfilled his promise to be Emmanuel - God with his people.

As we hear Luke recount the baptism of Jesus, heaven and earth are joined together as the Spirit descends on Jesus and we hear the Father's voice announce Jesus' true identity: "This is my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased."

To help us understand the full meaning of the Father's words, we have also heard the words of the prophet Isaiah. Jesus fulfills his prophecy: he is the Servant, the Chosen One, on whom the Father's favor rests. The Spirit of the Lord is upon him, and he will bring forth God's justice to all the world. The wonder of this revelation is that he will bring about this justice with meekness and gentleness, especially toward the downtrodden.

That's the message we have received and the challenge we are offered by our baptism. Because Jesus wants us to share his very life, the Spirit of God has descended on us and dwells in us, and the Father speaks the same wonderful words to us that he spoke to Jesus: "You are my beloved son or daughter, with you I am well pleased."

Our Father has grasped us by the hand and he wants us to be the living signs of his continuing care for all his people, especially the downtrodden.

Our Father wants to remind us at the beginning of each day: "You are my beloved son or daughter, with you I am well pleased." If we take the time to listen to his words each morning, they offer us direction for our day.

God's loving word has to be an uplifting start to our day! Let us take the time to listen.

Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS, is the Executive Director of the De Sales Spirituality Center.



Next Sunday is Coffee Fellowship Sunday

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

Processional: # 296 On Jordan's Bank

Gloria (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: "The Lord will bless His people with peace."

Gospel Acclamation (Celtic Mass)

Offertory: # 577 Before the Sun Burned Bright

710 I Have Loved You

Communion: # 708 Like A Shepherd

499 One Bread, One Body

Recessional: # 572 Sing A New Church

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **753**

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 40:1 – 5, 9 – 11

2nd Reading ~ Titus 2:11 – 14; 3:4 – 7

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 40:1 – 5, 9 – 11

Explaining the Catholic Faith

TODAY FOLLOWING THE 9:00 AM MASS,

Fr Fred will continue with the program of **Explaining the Catholic Faith**. It will take place at the rectory.

There will be a CD presentation followed by a discussion. **All are welcomed** even if you did not participate in previous episodes.

Our Stewardship Weekend 1/3/15

	Buxton	Spanish	Ocracoke
Offertory	\$1123.00	\$126.00	cancelled
Debt Reduction	\$ 670.00		
Attendance	129	24	
Principal Balance as of 10/30/2015 ~ \$227,151.31			

"You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; in just the same way, you learn to love by loving."

~St. Francis de Sales

~ This Weeks Mass Schedule ~

NO MASS WEDNESDAY MORNING

Tuesday & Thursday 8:30 am

Friday 4:00 pm (Ocracoke)

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)

MASS ON OCRACOKE MAY TEMPORARILY BE SUSPENDED DURING THE WINTER MONTHS DUE TO WEATHER. PLEASE CALL 252.995.6370

The Jubilee Year of Mercy now has a website

<http://www.im.va/content/gdm/en.html>



The logo and the motto together provide a fitting summary of what the Jubilee Year is all about.

The motto Merciful Like the Father (taken from the Gospel of Luke, 6:36) serves as an invitation to follow the merciful example of the Father who asks us not to judge or condemn but to forgive and to give love and forgiveness without measure (cfr. Lk 6:37-38). The logo – the

work of Jesuit Father Marko I. Rupnik – presents a small summa theologiae of the theme of mercy. In fact, it represents an image quite important to the early Church: that of the Son having taken upon his shoulders the lost soul demonstrating that it is the love of Christ that brings to completion the mystery of his incarnation culminating in redemption. The logo has been designed in such a way so as to express the profound way in which the Good Shepherd touches the flesh of humanity and does so with a love with the power to change one's life. One particular feature worthy of note is that while the Good Shepherd, in his great mercy, takes humanity upon himself, his eyes are merged with those of man. Christ sees with the eyes of Adam, and Adam with the eyes of Christ. Every person discovers in Christ, the new Adam, one's own humanity and the future that lies ahead, contemplating, in his gaze, the love of the Father. The scene is captured within the so called mandorla (the shape of an almond), a figure quite important in early and medieval iconography, for it calls to mind the two natures of Christ, divine and human. The three concentric ovals, with colors progressively lighter as we move outward, suggest the movement of Christ who carries humanity out of the night of sin and death. Conversely, the depth of the darker color suggests the impenetrability of the love of the Father who forgives all.

Information taken from the official website "Year of Mercy"

YELLOW HOUSE MINISTRY

WHEN: Monday's

TIME: 6:30-8:30 pm

LOCATION: OLS Social Hall

Our Women's Bible Study meet at

Our Lady of the Seas Social Hall @

6:30pm to 8:30 pm. We hope this study will challenge you, comfort you, and help you know Him better and love Him more.



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RAFFLE 2016



IN SPRING we are going to have a raffle, which will start sometime around Easter. We hope to have the same electronics as we did last year. We are looking for sponsors to donate these prizes and ask for

your help.

If anyone would like to be a sponsor, donate a prize, or if you know any business that would like to donate a prize, please let Bill know. The tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20. For more information Bill Vancura can be reached at 252-995-3181. Thank you...

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.



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.

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

United Methodist Men,

PO Box 1591

Buxton, NC 27920

Thank you for your generosity!