

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
**November 25, 2018**

**Salesian Perspective**

**Solemnity of Jesus Christ the King**

Today is the Feast of Christ the King. St. Francis de Sales stated that it was divine inspiration that the word “king” was inscribed on Jesus’ cross. He adds:

Our Lord came as a shepherd and as King of Shepherds. Shepherds represent those who make a commitment to lead a holy life. In this sense we are all shepherds, and Our Lord desires to favor those like Himself. As a good shepherd and lovable pastor of our souls that are his sheep, Jesus came to teach us what we ought to do so that we might be made whole through Him. He came to recreate what was lost, and no one has ever been betrayed by Him.

Jesus as a king was called to be Savior, and He desired that others should share in the glory of being leaders, especially his blessed Mother. Jesus made God’s goodness abound more than evilness. He overcame death, disease, toil, and abuse of our sensory desires. Jesus’ work is truly salutary when it touches our miseries and makes them worthy of love. When we possess God’s love, we are empowered to share in our Savior’s work.

God desired to save the Hebrew people through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and the other prophets. We are shown more fully God’s delight and care for the world by the sending of our Savior Jesus. We plant vines because of their fruit. Yet leaves and buds precede the fruit. Similarly, while Our Savior was first in God’s eternal plan of creation, the vine (the universe) was first planted. For this reason Jesus is called the “first-born of all creatures.” Like leaves or blossoms, the many generations that precede Jesus prepare the way for Him. How happy we are when we choose Jesus as our leader, who gives us unparalleled peace and calm if we follow Him. Our Savior shows us that God’s majesty will not be overcome by evil, but will overcome evil by good: the work of a true King.

*(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales, especially Sermons, L. Fiorelli, Ed.)*

**Our Lady of the Seas Pastor - Fr Fred Smuda**

If you need to reach our Pastor, please contact Anita Bills, Church Administrator at (home) 252.995.7892 or (cell) 252.202.1412

**Principal Balance on our Mortgage ~ \$102,698.36**  
**Thank you for your continuing support...**

The Reading for today’s Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **900**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Daniel 7:13 – 14

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Revelation 1:5 – 8

**Gospel Reading** ~ John 18:33b – 37

**Pope's Intentions November**

***In the Service of Peace. That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.***

**THEY'RE HERE!!!**

**THE “LITTLE BLUE BOOKS”**

ENGLISH & SPANISH Available after Mass in the vestibule. Limited supply.

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation**



In keeping with the custom of the universal Church a Penitential Service will be held on **Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.** *The Sacrament of Reconciliation an*

*examination of conscience is available in English & SPANISH. Fr Fred & Fr John Brown (se ofrece en inglés y español)*

**What is CCD**

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD): Today its usage is for religious education designed for children, also known as catechism.

**What is RCIA**

Designed for children & adults entering the Catholic Faith.

**1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Confirmation & RCIA Classes**

- **1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION**- will meet right after the 9:00 am Mass today . **Please have your parents pick you up at the Hall at 12:30 pm**
- **CONFIRMATION** -will meet this afternoon at 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm. **Please have your parents pick you up at the Hall at 4:45 pm**
- **YOUTH RCIA** - Thursday, Nov 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. **Please have your parents pick you up at the Social Hall at 4:30 pm.**

*Religious Education News*



RCIA ADULT CLASS IS DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SPEAK TO FR. FRED.

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

**11/27 - 11/29 Tuesday thru Thursday 8:30 am**

**12/1 NO MASS AT 8:30 AM**

**12/1 Saturday Evening 5:30 pm**

**12/2 Sunday Morning 9:00 am**

**12/2 Sunday Evening 5:00 pm (Spanish)**

**TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE**



AN ECUMENICAL AND CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP CONSISTING OF MEDITATIVE SINGING, LITURGICAL READING AND PERIODS OF SILENCE.

*"NOTHING IS MORE CONDUCIVE TO A COMMUNION WITH THE LIVING GOD THAN A MEDITATIVE COMMON PRAYER WITH, AS IT'S HIGH POINT, SINGING THAT NEVER ENDS AND THAT CONTINUES IN THE SILENCE OF ONE'S HEART WHEN ONE IS ALONE AGAIN"*

*~Brother Roger of TAIZÉ*

**JOIN US, FOR A PEACEFUL HOUR OF PRAYER, ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 6:00 PM**

**GIVING TREE MEMORIALS**

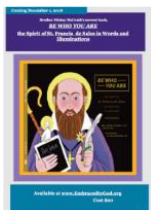


*Do you want to share in the GIVING TREE? A donation of \$500 will purchase a leaf which has 4 lines to list an*

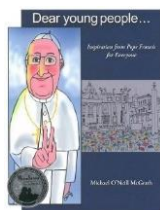
*inscription. It is quite fitting that the new "GIVING TREE" has taken root in the vestibule of our church. Any questions contact Dave Kelmer 252.986.2719*

**"Our victory does not lie in not feeling temptations, but in not consenting to them."**

**~St. Francis de Sales**



*The perfect meditation to go with your morning coffee.*



**Both of these Books are on sale in our vestibule!!**

**Oblates on Facebook**

Please like and join the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales **NEW** Facebook page. Continue to get you daily prayers and inspiration <https://www.facebook.com/DeSalesOblates/> on our new page. We look forward to continue sharing our Salesian Spirituality with you!



Inspirational artwork by Brother Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales. You can learn more at [bromickeymcgrath.com](http://bromickeymcgrath.com)

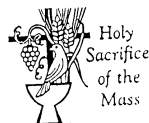
**The 26th Annual Island-Wide Food Drive**

Here are this year's convenient drop-off locations:

1. Our parish's social hall in Buxton (24-hr. drop box on porch - that's the hall, NOT the church)
2. Hatteras Realty in Avon (daily 9 am-5 pm)
3. Frisco Shopping Center in Frisco (daily 6 am-9 pm)
4. Surf-or-Sound Realty in Avon and Salvo (daily 9 am-5 pm)
5. Midgett Realty in Hatteras, Avon, and Rodanthe (daily 9 am-5 pm)
7. Outer Beaches Realty in Waves, Avon, and Hatteras (daily 9 am-5 pm)
8. Crescom Bank (formerly First South Bank) in Buxton (Mon.- Fri., 9 am-5 pm)
9. Sun Realty in Avon (daily 9 am-5 pm)
10. Frank & Fran's in Avon (daily 6 am-5 pm)



*Many thanks to all who supported our Food Drive through the years. Your generosity helps us to help those in need with our Charitable Outreach Programs. God bless.*



**Our Lady of the Seas MASS CARDS**

**MASS INTENTIONS** to be said at OLS. Please speak with Fr. Fred to specify the date for the Mass. Donations would be accepted.