

Feast of the Holy Family
December 30, 2018

Salesian Perspective

In today's Gospel we experience Jesus telling Mary and Joseph that He must be in his 'Father's house', yet he remains obedient to his parents. St. Francis de Sales notes:

God draws us by special attractions. If the attraction comes from God, it leads you to 'loving obedience'. In doing God's will, 'loving obedience' undertakes a command lovingly, no matter how difficult it may be. We desire that God take all our affections and actions, and shape them. This road will surely lead you to reap a harvest of blessings.

In the Scriptures, Jesus tells us often that He came not to do His own will but the will of His Father. During His mortal life, Jesus also lovingly obeyed His parents and others. Our Savior now asks of us to imitate the loving obedience that He rendered, not only to the Divine good will, but also to His earthly parents. Joseph and Mary received great joy because they helped Him, and remained constantly in His presence.

What causes us to be inconstant and changeable in our moods to love and serve God? It is the diversity of our desires. Constant mood swings come from our inordinate desires. Holy love has only one desire: to love and serve God, who desires we have a tranquil spirit, and experience in this world a slight foretaste of eternal joy.

Evenness of mind and heart is the most necessary virtue for the stability of moods that leads to holiness. One way to achieve evenness and stability of moods in our lives is to have a daily routine of mental prayer and other activities that sustain our well being: eating, sleeping, and exercise. Be faithful to God's wishes and commands, as the bees do with their queen. Then you will live firm and unwavering in your resolution to love God's will as Jesus did: constantly, courageously, hardily, and ardently.

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales, especially Oeuvre: Entretiens)

Our Lady of the Seas Pastor - Fr Fred Smuda

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Principal Balance on our Mortgage ~ \$100,134.49
Thank you for your continuing support...

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **746**

1st Reading ~ Sirach 3:2 – 7, 12 – 14

2nd Reading ~ Colossians 3:12 – 21

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 2:41 – 52

Pope's Intentions December

Intention for Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith. That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.



RCIA ADULT CLASS

IS DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH. SHOULD YOU HAVE

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SPEAK TO FR. FRED.

Rebuild, Renew and Rejoice in God's Service

“If I want only pure water, what does it matter to me whether it be brought in a vase of gold or of glass? What is it to me whether the will of God be presented to me in tribulation or consolation, since I desire and seek only the Divine will?”

~ St. Francis de Sales

MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

We will NOT HAVE morning Mass on Wednesday & Thursday January 2nd & 3rd

1/1 **Tuesday 11:00 am (New Years Day)**

1/4 **1st Friday 8:30 am with 1 hour devotion following the Mass for the Sacred Heart**

1/5 **1st Saturday 8:30 am for Immaculate Heart**

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

1/6 **Sunday 9:00 am**

1/6 **Domingo 5:00 pm (Lengua Española)**

Ladies, Don't Miss the Fellowship and Fun!

The Martha & Mary Ministry is adding contacts to our email list. If you want to be a part of this OLOTS' Ladies' Group, please send your name and email to janesgrimm@aol.com. All are welcome.

Next meeting will be held January 9th, Saturday at 10:00 am, ALL ARE WELCOME.

*SPECIAL THANKS to our Martha & Mary Ministry! (previously known as the Women's Guild)
They are responsible for the poinsettias decorating the altar this Holy Season. A beautiful addition to our Christian tradition.*

CARE MINISTRY



The Parish Council is establishing a Care Ministry. Anyone who lives alone and/or anyone who would like a WELLNESS CHECK with a daily phone call is

encouraged to sign up. You may sign up to receive a call or you may sign up to make a call. You can find the sign up sheet in the vestibule of the church.

Oblates on Facebook

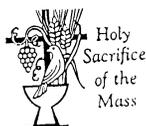
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Facebook page. Continue to get you daily prayers and inspiration

<https://www.facebook.com/DeSalesOblates/> on our new page. We look forward to continue sharing our Salesian Spirituality with you!



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.



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.

*Wishing everyone a blessed 2019
Happy New Year...*



Feliz Año Nuevo...



Inspirational artwork by Brother Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales. You can learn more at bromickeymcgrath.com



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!