

**The Epiphany of the Lord**  
**January 6, 2019**

**Salesian Perspective**

Today we celebrate the manifestation of God to the world in the person of Jesus.

The magi were men of the East who were wealthy and educated. They were able to see the signs of the times concentrated in a single star and came to honor a great one born into the world.

Naturally, they began by seeking him in a palace, since they came looking for the King of the Jews. They eventually find a poor infant born to parents who were far from home. They bend their knee before the helpless infant, and offer gifts of great value to a child that is poor. Station in life is forgotten in the presence of this child whose star they had followed.

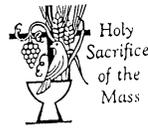
We are invited to follow the example of the magi. This is the 2019th anniversary of the event these wise men experienced. We know that Jesus is God become flesh and blood like us. He has told us that God is so passionately in love with humanity that he entered the human condition in order to redirect human history back into its proper order – the establishment of the kingdom of God.

He came to remind us that each of us is created by God and destined for God. Our destiny is eternal union with our God. As one of the Sunday prefaces used to remind us, addressing God our Father: “So great was your love that you gave us your only Son as our redeemer. You sent him as one like us, though free from sin, that you might see and love in us what you see and love in Christ.”

Today’s feast offers us a challenge for this New Year. Can we become like the magi, open to recognizing God’s presence in the poor and less fortunate around us? Can we receive the Good News that Jesus has shared with us, by humbling ourselves before the helpless? Can we announce the good news by acting justly and peaceably in our homes and schools and workplaces? 2019 offers each of us an opportunity to deepen our faith and widen our love. It offers us opportunity and grace to grow. May we have the wisdom of the magi to see the signs of our time in the world around us and follow the lead of grace. We too will find Jesus with Mary his mother. May we learn to humble ourselves before him in the many forms he will take each day and offer him all that we have in loving service.

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

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**Our Lady of the Seas**  
**MASS CARDS MASS INTENTIONS**

to be said at OLS please talk to Fr. Fred and specify the date for the Mass. Donations would be accepted.

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

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Isaiah 60:1 – 6

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Ephesians 3:2 – 3a, 5 – 6

**Gospel Reading** ~Matthew 2:1 – 12

**Mass Schedule This Week**

- **Tues, Wed, Thurs 8:30 am**
- **Saturday 5:30 pm**
- **Sunday 9:00 am**
- **Domingo 5:00 pm (Lengua Española)**

**Pope's Intentions January**

*Intention for Evangelization: Young People and the Example of Mary. That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.*

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



✠ **In memory of Bob Martini**

*Requested by Barbara Martini*

**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!



**RCIA ADULT CLASS**

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

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SPEAK TO FR. FRED.

***“There is nothing small in the service of God. Be faithful in small things and God will see that you will succeed in those of greater importance.”***

***~St. Francis de Sales***

Thank you to all of the volunteers that helped decorate Our Lady of the Seas. Come join us for Mass!



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 PARISH*



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**Principal Balance on our Mortgage ~ \$100,134.49  
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**MASS ON OCRACOKE MAY TEMPORARILY BE  
 SUSPENDED DURING THE WINTER MONTHS  
 DUE TO WEATHER. PLEASE CALL 252.995.6370**

**COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, CCD &  
 RCIA Classes**

- COMMUNION – will be held today after 9:00 am Mass, over in our Social Hall. **Please have your parents pick you up at the Social Hall at 12:00 pm.**
- CONFIRMATION – Will meet next Sunday, January 13th, from 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm. **Please have your parents pick you up at the Hall at 4:45 pm**
- CCD Class- will meet tomorrow, Monday, January 7th, from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm. **Please have your parents pick you up at the Hall at 4:30 pm**
- YOUTH RCIA – This Thursday, January 10th, 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*

**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.



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.

**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!***

**Rebuild, Renew and Rejoice in God's Service**

**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](mailto:janesgrimm@aol.com). All are welcome.

**Next meeting will be held January 12th, Saturday at 10:00 am, ALL ARE WELCOME.**

**DONATING MADE EASY ON OUR WEBSITE!!!**



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. [www.ourladyoftheseas.org](http://www.ourladyoftheseas.org)

**A NEW YEARS PRAYER**

Remember us, O God;  
 from age to age be our comforter.  
 You have given us the wonder of time  
 blessings in days and nights, seasons and years.  
 Bless your children at the turning of the year  
 and fill the months ahead with the bright hope  
 that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God,  
 living and reigning, forever and ever. Amen