

The Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019

Salesian Perspective

Today we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus, which marks the beginning of his ministry. St. Francis de Sales observes that God also calls us to service that at times is a struggle for us:

Our Savior's unfathomable ways of calling us to His service are so lovely and varied. When we have a firm and steadfast determination to want to serve God in the way and place where God calls us, we then have a true vocation.

While we are firm in our perseverance to serve God, we still commit faults. We may also hesitate in our resolve to use the means given us to serve God. We are all at the mercy of our feelings and emotions, subject to changes and ups and downs. We are not to worry if we sometimes experience feelings of distaste and discouragement in responding to our call to serve God. It is normal to experience these ups and downs. Even though we are not exceedingly virtuous, we are still fit for God's service. Yet, we must stand firm in the midst of changing moods. Some virtues can only be practiced amid difficulty. It is not our willful feelings, but our intention to willingly persevere in serving God that determines the firmness and steadfastness of our commitment to love as God desires us to love.

A good string musician has the habit of testing the strings of his instrument from time to time to see if they need tightening or loosening in order to render the tone in perfect harmony. We too at times need to examine and consider all the affections of our heart to see if they are in tune with the wishes and commands of Our Savior. Let us strengthen our fervor, by reaffirming often our commitment to be God's children who are called to love divinely. Live courageously and faithfully to the original stirring of your heart to serve God, and you will be happy.

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales.)

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 **753**

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 40:1 – 5, 9 – 11

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

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 3:15 – 16, 21 – 22



Next Sunday is Coffee Fellowship Sunday

Mass Schedule This Week

- **Tues, Wed, Thurs 8:30 am**
- **Sunday 9:00 am (only mass next weekend)**

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.

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

WILL BEGIN THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 15TH 4:00 PM AT THE RECTORY. THIS COURSE IS

DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH AND FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN THE CHURCH. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SPEAK TO FR. FRED.

"It is far better to do a few things well than undertake many good works and leave them half-done."

~St. Francis de Sales

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

Rebuild, Renew and Rejoice in God's Service

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

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

COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION, CCD & RCIA Classes

Religious
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News

- 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 this afternoon, 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 Monday, January 28th, from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm. **Please have your parents pick you up at the Hall at 4:30 pm**
- YOUTH RCIA – This Tuesday, January 15th, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. **Please have your parents pick you up at the Social Hall at 4:30 pm.**

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!