

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 20, 2019

Salesian Perspective

Today's Gospel focuses on God's presence in Jesus as He transforms water into wine, symbolic of our transformation in Christ. St. Francis de Sales similarly notes:

Jesus came to create a new humanity. He began his ministry to transform the human person by manifesting God's goodness with a miracle at a joyful banquet. At the Wedding Feast of Cana, Jesus transformed water into wine to meet a need of the newly wedded couple. Then at another banquet before His death, He instituted the Eucharist so that we might be nourished and become like Him.

In the transformation of water into wine, and the institution of the Eucharist, God's goodness in the Person of Jesus is made present to us. Christ's presence in our lives turns the water of our tepid love into the wine of God's love. Divine love invigorates and strengthens us as we journey toward wholeness in living Jesus.

In today's Gospel, Mary, convinced that Jesus would provide the wine for the wedding couple, presents their need to her Son. We too must confidently ask God for our spiritual and temporal needs. In the Lord's Prayer we ask daily that God's Kingdom come and God's Will be done. But Jesus also told us to ask God to give us our daily bread.

When we are disheartened and feel desolate we must present our needs to God, convinced that God will answer us according to our needs. We can say to God: "It is enough for me to present myself to You as I am. You will provide for my miseries and necessities as You see fit." While God never gives us an excess of our self-centered wants, God never fails to supply what is necessary for our well-being, if we are open to God's presence in our life.

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

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.

Reading for today's Mass are found in the Glory & Praise at number 805

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 62:1 – 5

2nd Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 12:4 – 11

Gospel Reading ~ John 2:1 – 11



Today is Coffee Fellowship Sunday

Mass Schedule This Week

- **Tuesday 8:30 am**
- **NO WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS**
- **Thursday 8:30 am Feast of St Francis de Sales**
- **Saturday 5:30 pm**
- **Sunday 9:00 am & 5:30 pm**

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 BE HELD ON TUESDAYS,
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.

"By giving yourself to God, You not only receive Himself in exchange, but eternal life as well."

~St. Francis de Sales

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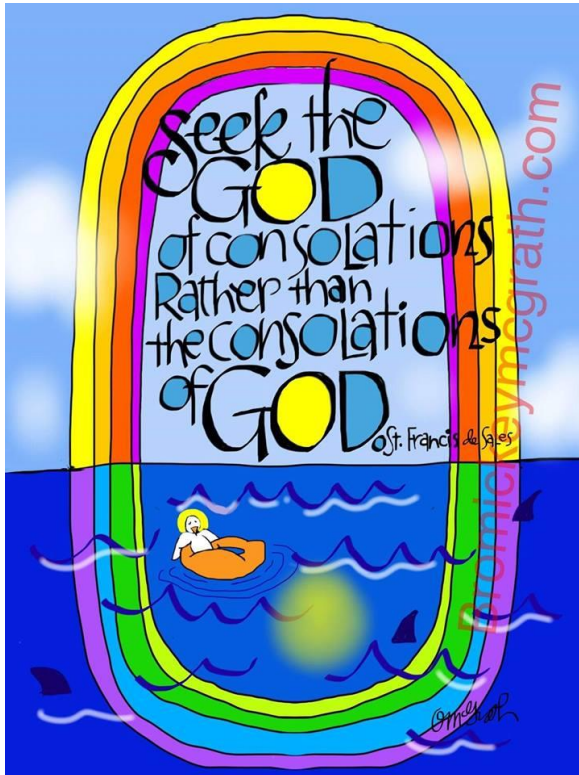
Our Lady of the Seas website now has the ability to accept on-line donations. It is a secure easy way to make your donation and is available 24-hours a day for your convenience. www.ourladyoftheseas.org

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

COMMUNION, CCD, RCIA, & CONFIRMATION Classes

Religious Education News

- **CONFIRMATION** – Will meet next Sunday afternoon, January 27th, 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 28st, 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 22nd, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. **Please have your parents pick you up at the Social Hall at 4:30 pm.**



An unwatermarked version is available for purchase as a print from bromickeymcgrath.com.

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.

Rebuild, Renew and Rejoice in God's Service

PRAYING THE ROSARY PROGRAM



On Tuesday mornings following the 8:30 am Mass, our parish is starting a "Parish Rosary Program"

NEVER BEFORE HAS ROSARIES BEEN SO NEEDED. For the reparation for sin, world peace, political civility, the end of abortion, souls in purgatory, the intentions of the Holy Father, discernment between good and evil, vocations, lukewarm and fallen away Catholics, marriages, and those in the most need of God's mercy. THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO SAY **"YES"** TO BLESSED MOTHER.

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!



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