

The Epiphany of the Lord

On this feast of the Epiphany, we are reminded that God accepts those who approach God in simplicity of heart. St. Francis de Sales notes:

Many wonders accompanied the birth of the Savior. One was the appearance of the star that brought the Magi. They came with simplicity of heart to adore and render homage to our new King lying in the manger. Let us, likewise, love Our Savior in simplicity of heart, having but one aim and object in all we do. Simplicity is nothing else but a pure and simple act of charity which has only one end in view, and that is to obtain the love of God. The heart full of sacred love has no less love when it turns to external duties than when it prays. In such hearts, their silence and their speech, their action and their contemplation, their work and their rest equally sing God's praises. They do all their deeds, great or small with great love. Such were the lives of the saints.

We may ask, "How can we acquire God's love?" Some people think that a certain art is needed in acquiring sacred love. In fact there is no art other than to set ourselves to the work of loving God, which means applying ourselves to the practice of those things that are pleasing to God, in simplicity, without trouble or concern. Imitate the simple love of doves in their having only one mate, for whom alone they do everything, and whom alone they wish to please. Imitate them also in the simplicity with which they express and show their love. They are happy to rest quietly in each other's presence.

The true means of finding and acquiring holy love is to remain in Christ's presence. In this Presence, let us delight in the joy of experiencing many inspirations and affections because we belong exclusively to God. Like the Magi, let us come close to the crib of the Christ Child. Let us be rich in love for our Savior who desires to show us how to love.

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)
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<u>Our Stewardship</u>		
(Last Week)		
	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$360.00	\$000.00
Debt Reduction	\$420.00	
Parish Needs	\$269.00	
Attendance	90	

Music for Sunday's Liturgy:
Entrance: # 311 O Come All Ye Faithful
Gloria: # 47 Glory Be
Psalm: "Lord, every nation on earth will adore you." (chant)
Gospel Acclamation: # 10 Alleluia (Celtic Mass)
Preparation: # 333 We Three Kings of Orient Are
Communion: # 499 One Bread, One Body
 # 337 What Child Is This?
Song of Praise: # 334 The First Nowell
Recessional: # 318 Joy to the World - vs. 1 & 4
All other sung Mass parts are from Mass of Creation

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **750**
1st Reading ~ Isaiah 60:1 – 6
2nd Reading ~ Ephesians 3:2 – 3a, 5 – 6
Gospel Reading ~Matthew 2:1 – 12

Angel Tree 2010
 "THANK YOU for honoring Christmas by giving to those in need! Our Lady of the Seas once again joined Hatteras Island churches, businesses and individuals to help more than 50 families enjoy a brighter Christmas. A special thanks for Megan Vayette and Amberly Dyer who organized our shopping and distribution efforts.



Christmas Flower Donations 2010

- ❖ In Thanksgiving of "All God's Blessings"
Given By: Lois Riter
- ❖ In memory of Marinus & Edith Riter
Given By: daughter
- ❖ Anonymously
Given By: parishioner
- ❖ In memory of Peter & Theresa McGlade
Given By: Bernadette McGlade
- ❖ In thanksgiving of "one more year"
Given By: Karen & Dave Kelmer
- ❖ In memory of Lucy Rerecich
Given By: Cay Carcich
- ❖ Anonymously
Given By: parishioner



Ruegue por: Please Remember: in your prayers all those on our **Parish Prayer List**, especially Richard Bacik, Robbie Bendula, Jim Benton, Jim & Linda Carolan, Stephen & Phyllis Dyer, Carrie Easley, Joe Gallagher, Keith Gardner, Delores Gilliken, Stephen Hissey, TQ Lewis, Grey McDowell, Donna Midgett, Elizabeth Moffit, Cliff Morrow, Ella Newmiller, Mackey Peele, Pat Rice, Ann Styron, Mary Van Severen, Megan Vayette, Kelly Willis, also the caregivers, homebound, hospitalized & those in special needs.

Please let Fr. Bob 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. Bob 252-995-6613 or Anita 252-995-7892.

We Take Request ~ Book of Prayer Intentions



Our church family can now make prayer requests by way of our Book of Prayer Intentions, which is provided specifically for that purpose. The dark blue book is in back of the nave near the baptismal font. Just write your intentions in it, and they will be remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful at our Sunday Masses. *“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving make your requests known to God.” -Philippians 4:6*



“Almighty God, we stand before You, asking for Your divine mercy and protection. Embrace with Your invincible amour our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them the courage and strength against all enemies, both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families. Amen.” Please, also remember those killed or wounded and their families, friends and acquaintances.



Visitors ~ our pews have envelopes in the pockets for your convenience , which you may take with you and mail back to us. Please mark the box if the donation should be for Parish Needs or Debt Reduction. Thank you for being with us.



Food coupons for the Military

Any manufactures' coupons from the Sunday paper can be sent to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. This will help our military families overseas with living expenses. We would appreciate any help from our community family by cutting out coupons you don't use and place them in the basket in the vestibule. GaeAnn Gessner will take on the task of mailing them out weekly.

If our visitors are interested in helping, the address is:
N.M.C.R.S.
875 N. Randolph Street
Suite 225
Arlington, VA 22203.
Thank you for your support.

Raffle Winners

- Annie Brennan** ~ 7 Day Cruise to the Caribbean
- Coral Dickens** ~ 2 Kayak trips and 1 Parasail ride
- Joe Kelly** ~ Two day stay at the Comfort Inn in Buxton
- Mike Lacey** ~ \$50.00 Gift Certificate to the Askins Creek BP in Avon
- Bjerstedt** ~ \$50.00 Gift Certificate to the Askins Creek BP in Avon
- J. Fabula** ~ A weeks stay in an ocean front home in Frisco
- Mary Thompson** ~ Gift Certificate for Conner's Market
- John Dougharty** ~ \$50.00 Gift Certificate to The Inn on The Pamlico Sound, Buxton.
- Steve Newkirk** ~ Dinner for 6 prepared by Father Bob at his house.
- Joan Hresko** ~ A Picture Donated by Local artist Raphael Robinson
- Pat Dalbo** ~ Garmin GMR 21/41 closed array radar and GPS Map400 with 10-inch screen. All connections and manuals included.
- Mike Klein** ~ Rod & Reel ~ Ocean Master OM60 spinning reel 4.6:1 ratio mated to a OM20STB 7-foot Med/Heavy rod.
- Chandler Johnson** ~ Rod & Reel ~ Ocean Master OM80 spinning reel 4.6:1 ratio mated to a OM20STB 7-foot Med/Heavy rod.
- Margarite O'Donald** ~ Rod & Reel ~ Okuma Titus TG 15 II Reel w/cover mated to Custom Powerstick 6-foot 20 – 40 pound line with roller tip.
- M. White** ~ Rod & Reel ~ Okuma Titus TG 15 II Reel w/cover mated to Custom Powerstick 6-foot 20 – 40 pound line with roller tip.
- Erin Carter** ~ Rod & Reel ~ Okuma Titus TG 15 II Reel w/cover mated to Custom Powerstick 6-foot 20 – 40 pound line with roller tip.
- Coyle** ~ Penn International 50W Reel
- Chris Lynch** ~ Penn International 50W Reel
- J. Lynch** ~ \$100.00 Gift Certificate to Home Port Gifts, Rodanthe
- Croushort** ~ \$ 50.00 Gift Certificate from B&S, Bathing Suits in Hatteras Landing
- Rachael Pall** ~ Fine art print of this beautiful church, numbered and sign by local artist Linda Browning
- Mary Clark** ~ A fishing trip to the Gulf Stream on the Miss Hatteras for one.
- Deb Schaible** ~ A ½ day fishing trip inshore with Ken Dempsey Guide Service worth \$300.00
- Patricia Kendrick** ~ North Carolina Basket from Robertson General Store in Hatteras
- Gloria Epp** ~ A White-Dove Release from Hatteras Doves (\$375.00 value) for your Hatteras Island celebration.
- Lisa Prestipino** ~ REAL Kites 5 DVD Series & a Slingshot Trainer Kite worth \$300.00

A Very Special Thank You....

The parish would like to thank ALL who participate in the raffle. As of 11/29/10 the raffle made approximately \$14,500.00. Excellent job to all the volunteers and, special recognition to Bill Vancura for his dedication on getting the prizes and setting up the raffle.

Hatteras Island Food Pantry



Each year the community gathers in the traditional harvest time to collect items for our Island Food Pantry as we face winter slowdowns. The ongoing and seasonal needs of our Food Pantry continue to exceed the previous years.

A list of suggested items is available in the foyer. Please consider purchasing items that make full meals (e.g., peanut butter & jelly, pasta and sauce, etc).

If you are "shopping" at home, check expiration dates on donated items. Please keep in mind that standard sizes are easier to distribute than "family size" packages.

Our Lady of the Seas Social Hall is a year-round drop off location for the Island Food Pantry.

If you don't have time to shop, tax deductible monetary gifts are appreciated. Make checks payable to United Methodist Men and mail to Hatteras Island Food Pantry, PO Box 1591, Buxton, NC 27920.

URGENT NEEDS:

- flour
- sugar
- cooking oil
- spaghetti sauce
- hot/cold cereal

Thank you for your generosity!

A Very Special Request

Attendees please take your bulletin home with you or you may leave it in the vestibule when you leave after Mass. We greatly appreciate your cooperation with helping us keep the church clean.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception April 2011



BISHOP BURBIDGE TO LEAD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE APRIL 1&2, 2011

Please mark your calendars for this beautiful, spiritual event. The Diocese of Raleigh will honor the Blessed Mother at her National Shrine, the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. All people of the diocese are invited to join the Bishop and their Priests, Deacons and Sisters in these days of prayer. We journey on Friday, April 1, by one of the many buses leaving from various parishes. We will stay at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, have a wonderful dinner with the Bishop and have night prayer together. After breakfast on Saturday, we go to the National Shrine where we honor Mary with our prayers, have a beautiful presentation by the Director of the Basilica, participate in tours of the basilica with its chapels, mosaics and artwork. There will be confessions, a holy hour, rosary and lunch. After Bishop Burbidge celebrates Mass for us, the buses will leave for our parishes on April 2nd at 5pm.

Brochures are available with cost and registration. This is a wonderful opportunity at very reasonable expense. Sign up early. For more information contact your parish promoter or visit the Diocesan website: www.dioceseofraleigh.org.



EL OBISPO BURBIDGE ENCABEZA LA PEREGRINACIÓN DIOCESANA EL 1 & 2 DE ABRIL DEL 2011

Por favor marque su calendario para este hermoso evento espiritual. La

Diócesis de Raleigh honra a la Santísima Madre en su Santuario Nacional, la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington, D.C. Todas las personas de la diócesis están invitadas a acompañar al Obispo y Sacerdotes, Diáconos y Hermanas Religiosas en estos días de oraciones. Viajaremos el viernes 1 de abril, en uno de los muchos autobuses que partirán desde varias parroquias. Nos hospedaremos en el hotel, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, tendremos una cena maravillosa con el Obispo y juntos haremos la oración de la noche. Después del desayuno el sábado, nos iremos al Santuario Nacional donde honramos a María con nuestras oraciones, una presentación hermosa por el director de la Basílica, participaremos en los recorridos por la Basílica de sus capillas, mosaicos y de las obras de arte. Habrá confesiones, hora santa, rosario y almuerzo. Después que el Obispo Burbidge celebre la Misa para nosotros, los autobuses regresarán a las parroquias a las 5:00 pm. Los folletos están disponibles con los precios y con las inscripciones. Esta es una oportunidad maravillosa a un precio muy razonable. Inscribise pronto. Para más información comuníquese con el promotor de su parroquia o visite la página Web de la Diócesis: www.dioceseofraleigh.org.

Project Rachel Support Group Abortion is one of the most common procedures in the US, experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. Abortion creates a wound in post -abortive woman, (and men) resulting in spiritual and emotional problems. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find truth and healing. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in late January. If you have experienced an abortion and would like more information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email projectrachel@nc.rr.com. For more information go to <http://projectrachelnc.org/> (website) Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.



How much time will you spend with your spouse today?

Some studies say that the average couple spends only 20 minutes a day together. Do you need to increase face time? On your wedding day you promised to love each other for better or for worse. What is a "for better" that your spouse has made in your life? Share it before you go to bed tonight. For more tips and resources to strengthen your marriage, visit www.foryourmarriage.org

A Study Day on Immigration will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center, in Raleigh on Thursday, February 24, 2011. The day is part of the Diocesan plan for immigration education that Bishop Burbidge has approved for the Diocese. Pastoral Administrators, parish leadership, staff, deacons, school and faith formation leaders are invited to participate. The session will address Catholic teaching as it relates to immigration as well provide practical ways to involve parishioners in justice for immigrants.

Young Adult Mission Trip to Honduras We are still seeking a medical physician. Young adults 21-39 with no previous mission experience are especially encouraged to apply. Limited financial assistance is available for first-time young adult mission team members. The date of the trip is March 12-19, 2011. For more information, contact Trip Coordinator, Harriet Johnson (harriet@nc.rr.com) or Robert Jones (Rob.Jones@raldioc.org) with the Office of Evangelization - 919-821-9740). Visit the diocesan website to download an application or learn more about the trip:
www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/youngadult/missiontrip/



Bishop Burbidge on Twitter – Bishop Burbidge is now posting regular reflections, news and updates on Twitter. You are invited to follow him @bishopburbidge. Non- Twitter subscribers may receive the Bishop’s tweets by cell phone text message (SMS) by texting **follow BishopBurbidge to 40404**. While the service is free, accessing it through SMS may incur phone service provider fees. Please check with your provider.



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The Diocese is now on Facebook! Through this new form of communication, the Diocesan Facebook page is intended to share stories, photos and videos from across Eastern North Carolina. Also, the Diocesan website, www.dioceseofraleigh.org, now allows you to share news stories to your personal Facebook and Twitter pages and to easily email and print news stories.

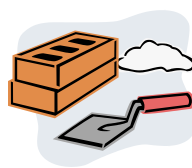
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Catholic Conference supported by the Diocese of Raleigh, February 25-26, 2011 at the NC State Fairgrounds. FREE Friday workshop “Discover the Catholic Church” 7-9:30pm. Full program Saturday 8:30am-6:30pm featuring Matthew Kelly, Dr. Brant Pitre, and more! Lunch is included! Early registration discounts through Feb 6. **Gift Certificates are available!** Visit www.IgnitedByTruth.com for complete details.

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We are currently working on a new batch of memorial pavers for our walkway up to the church. If you are interested in purchasing the pavers, please use the form below or look for extra forms as you exit the church today in the vestibule. The cost \$50.00 each. The memorial bricks will be ordered when we get a total count over 100 – that will give us the ability to NOT pay transportation charges to keep your cost down.

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PAVER ORDER FORM

Each 4X8 inch Paver is \$50.00 payable at time of order. Price includes 3 lines of text engraved on “bed” of paver with a maximum of 20 characters per line for Upper/Lower Case and 16 characters for ALL UPPER CASE, including spaces and punctuation.

(Please print legibly)

Name of Purchaser _____

Address _____

Phone Number () _____

Email _____

Number of pavers ordered _____

Amount paid _____

Date _____

Please make check payable to:

“Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Church”

This order form along with your check should be turned into

the office on Sunday or **mailed to:**

Our Lady of the Seas “Paver Order”

PO Box 399

Buxton, NC 27920

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Questions or problems? E-mail olssecretary@aol.com

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