

## Second Sunday of Advent



The selection from the book of the prophet Isaiah is filled with promise and hope: a hope rooted in the promise that God is just, that God does not play favorites. This promise is embodied in Jesus, the Savior imbued with the spirit of God, a spirit of wisdom and understanding. The hope is that this same Spirit who so clearly animated the ministry of Jesus will likewise fill us with the gifts of wisdom and understanding.

These divine gifts of wisdom and understanding do not come cheaply: in fact, with them come great expectations, one being that we judge others *'not by appearance or hearsay, but with justice.'* Put another way, followers of Jesus — sons and daughters of the Creating, Redeeming and Inspiring God - do not judge rashly.

St. Francis de Sales wrote in his Introduction to the Devout Life: *"How offensive to God is rash judgment. It is a kind of spiritual jaundice that causes all things to appear evil to the eyes of those infected with it."* (IDL, Part 3, Chapter 28)

Rash judgments seldom — if ever — deal with the facts. Rash judgments rely upon appearance, impression, hearsay and gossip. Rash judgments are likewise made in an instant (hence the idea of 'snap' judgments) and are generally based on emotion, not reason.

Rash judgments have far less to do with the behaviors of our neighbor and a great deal more to do with the machinations and moods of our own hearts. Our rash judgments of others may simply reveal something of our own arrogance, self-absorption, fear, bitterness, jealousy, resentment, hatred, envy and condescension.

It is only when we judge one another justly that we can hope to truly *"live in perfect harmony with one another according to the Spirit of Jesus Christ."* Promoting and preserving relationships with *"patience and encouragement"* is only possible if we rid ourselves of the *"jaundice"* of rash judgment.

Francis de Sales wrote: *"Whoever wants to be cured (of rash judgment) must apply remedies not to the eyes or intellect but to the affections. If your affections are kind, your judgments will be likewise."* (Ibid)

To grow in wisdom and understanding requires that our judgments of one another be righteous: based in fact, not fiction: rooted in sensibility, not suspicion; focused on behavior, not bias. Our judgments must be conceived in truth, committed to justice, and characterized by compassion.

Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS, is the Executive Director of the De Sales Spirituality Center.

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### **Music for Sunday's Liturgy:**

**Entrance:** # 297 Every Valley

**Kyrie:** # 7 (Celtic Mass)

*"Kyrie eleison"* (1<sup>st</sup> time choir; all repeat)

*"Christe eleison"* (1<sup>st</sup> time choir; all repeat)

*"Kyrie eleison"* (1<sup>st</sup> time choir; all repeat)

**Psalm:** Justice shall flourish in his time and fullness of peace forever. (chant)

**Preparation:** # 708 Like A Shepherd

**Communion:** # 342 Turn to Me

**Song of Praise:** # 621 This Alone

**Recessional:** # 723 Soon and Very Soon –  
**vs. 1, 2 & 4**

*Except for the Kyrie, sung Mass parts are from Mass of Creation*

### **Where's the "Christmas music"?**

Our sacred music during Advent is more solemn, quieter, and less festive than in other church seasons. Even the *Gloria* is omitted to heighten our anticipation and longing for the night of Christmas on which the angels' song rings out anew. During this period of devout yet joyful expectation, we sing of waiting, preparation, hope, and light in order to direct our hearts and minds to the coming of our Savior at Christmas and also at the end of time. "Christmas music" will be sung during the Christmas season, which starts Dec. 25 and ends with the Baptism of the Lord on Jan. 9. Happy Advent, everyone!

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the

**Glory & Praise** at number **733**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Isaiah 11:1 – 10

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Romans 15:4 – 9

**Gospel Reading** ~ Matthew 3:1 – 12



### **December Calendar**

8 <sup>th</sup>	Immaculate Conception <b>7:00 pm</b>
12 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Guadalupe 5:30 pm
15 <sup>th</sup>	Las Posadas, 7:00 pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	Las Posadas, 7:00 pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Las Posadas, 7:00 pm
18 <sup>th</sup>	Las Posadas, 7:00 pm
19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Advent Meditation Group 10:30 am</i>
19 <sup>th</sup>	Las Posadas, 7:00 pm
20 <sup>th</sup>	Las Posadas, 7:00 pm
21 <sup>st</sup>	Las Posadas, 7:00 pm
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Las Posadas, 7:00 pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Las Posadas, 7:00 pm



### Holiday Mass Schedule

- 24<sup>th</sup> Ocracoke ~ Christmas Eve 4:00 pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Mass at Midnight ~ 12:00 am
- 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day ~ 9:00 am
- 25<sup>th</sup> De la tarde Misa de Navidad en Español ~ 2 pm
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mass ~ 9:00 am
- 26<sup>th</sup> Misa en Español ~ 5:30 pm



### January Calendar

- 1st **NO MASS** ~ New Years Day. It is **NOT A HOLY DAY**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass ~ 9:00 am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Misa en Español ~ 5:30 pm



### The "Little Blue Book"

Once again this year, we have available copies of the Advent seasonal prayer reflection booklet entitled, "The Little Blue Book." We have them for adults in English and Spanish. These are published by the Diocese of Saginaw and contain helpful daily entries to serve as an aid to prayer. Anyone interested in a copy of "The Little Blue Book" (Advent 2010 edition) will be available after Mass in the vestibule today. **Limited supply available.**



*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.*



**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.*

### Angel Tree 2010

We will once again be supporting the Angel Tree effort to help provide a brighter holiday for families in need on Hatteras Island.



Please take an angel from the tree which is a child's wish and return items to the church vestibule no later than today, **Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>** so we can assure needs are met.

You can still make a DONATION if you prefer designate **ANGEL GIFT** in your check memo and place it in the Sunday collection, give it to Fr. Bob or mail to: **Our Lady of the Seas//Angel Gift, PO Box 399, Buxton, NC 27920.** We will once again be supporting the Angel Tree effort to help provide a brighter holiday for families in need on Hatteras Island. Please watch the bulletin for details.

*If you would like to confidentially request help for yourself or someone you know, please contact Fr. Bob at 995-6613 or Megan Vayette at 252-216-7176.*

*Applications may also be picked up at Dare County Social Services office in Frisco.*

**Special Notice:** There will be **MASS** celebration on Wednesday, **December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. On Sunday, **December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm** for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

### Christmas Caroling



Everyone is invited to join us. Meet at the following places at 3:30 pm to "carol" to special folks. We finish at approximately 5:30 pm each afternoon.

- Mon. Dec 6.....Hatteras UMC
  - Thur. Dec 9.....Little Grove UMC
  - Mon. Dec 13.....Buxton UMC
  - Thurs. Dec 16.....Buxton UMC
- For more information, call Betty or Dave Greider at 252- 995-3770.

### 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



**A Lovely Memento...**

Our parish's beautiful limited-edition fine art prints that you see on the cover of this bulletin make lovely remembrances of your wedding, anniversary celebration, child's baptism, or vacation. "The Welcoming Light of Our Lady of the Seas" is signed and numbered by the artist - Linda Browning, our guitarist/song leader. Each print comes sleeved, backed, and ready to frame in a 12"x16" mat. Price: \$39.50. Proceeds go towards our debt reduction. Please see Linda after Mass if you would like her to personalize your print for you. Thank you!

	<b>Our Stewardship</b>	
	<b><u>Buxton</u></b>	<b><u>Ocracoke</u></b>
Offertory	\$690.00	\$15.00
Debt Reduction	\$510.00	
Parish Needs	\$285.00	
Attendance	146	6

The 2010 Raffle drawing took place last week. 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. To view all the winners please go to our website, <http://www.ourladyoftheseas.org>

**Nursing Home Christmas Program**  
**for our Seniors**



Christmas presents for our seniors are planning to be delivered to the area nursing homes on Dec. 16. If anyone wants to donate, please do so by then. If anyone wants to go along, call Johnnie Baum at 252-995-5223 and let him know you are interested. Thanks to all who gave to this special cause.

**17th Annual Island Wide Food Drive –**  
**WE NEED YOU!!**



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 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.

Now until December 31, you may drop off at any of the locations below.

**Our Lady of the Seas Social Hall** is a year-round drop off location for the Island Food Pantry. The 24 hour drop-off box is located on the porch.

- **Hatteras Realty** in Hatteras Village, Avon, and Waves (Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
- **Frisco Shopping Center** in Frisco (Daily 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.)
- **Outer Beaches Realty** in Hatteras Village, Avon, and Waves ( Daily 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
- **Surf-or-Sound Realty** in Avon and Salvo (Daily 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 a.m.)
- **The Blue Whale** in Salvo (7 a.m. - 8 p.m. through Nov. 30)
- **Hatteras Island Family Medicine** - Frisco (Monday -Thursday, 8-12 noon and 1-4:30)
- **Dancing Turtle Coffee Shop** – Hatteras (daily 7-5)

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.

**Items Commonly Needed by the Food Pantry**

- Basic foodstuffs – flour, sugar, coffee, tea, rice, pasta, cooking oil
- Canned vegetables – beets, tomatoes and greens are local favorites
- Peanut butter and dried beans
- Cereals – both hot and cold, including oatmeal and grits
- Personal care items – toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, razors
- Cleaning products, including dish and laundry detergent
- Paper products
- Pet Foods

***Thank you for your generosity!***

### **Food coupons for the Military**



Any manufacturers' 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.***

“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.*



**WASHINGTON MARCH FOR LIFE** - The Raleigh Respect Life Group is reserving buses for the Annual March for Life on Monday, January 24, 2011. The cost of the trip is \$45.00 per person. Make your reservation through email address: [blk4jnj@gmail.com](mailto:blk4jnj@gmail.com) To guarantee your seat, reservations and payments are due no later than Wednesday, December 15, 2010. Reservations after December 15 will be put on a waiting list. If you have any questions, please call Raleigh Deanery Bus Coordinators: Kathy Klein at 815-1369 or Bob Klein at 815-3237. **Other Deaneries:** Buses are also being chartered from some individual parishes, check the bulletin announcement in your local parish for information or contact Kathy to find the bus coordinator most convenient to your parish.

**Young Adult Mission Trip to Honduras** Don't delay, send in your application for the mission trip team to Honduras. Applications will not be accepted after December 1. 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](mailto:harriet@nc.rr.com)) or Robert Jones ([Rob.Jones@raldioc.org](mailto: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/](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/youngadult/missiontrip/)

### **Fan the Diocese of Raleigh**



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](http://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.

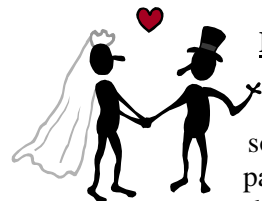
**Save the Date!** The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Raleigh, invites you to join him on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception April 2, 2011. For more information contact your parish promoter or visit the Diocesan website: [www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org).

**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.

### **Get Ignited! 9<sup>th</sup> Annual IGNITED BY TRUTH**



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](http://www.IgnitedByTruth.com) for complete details.



### **Marriage – Love and Life In the Divine Plan: God's Love, Our Love**

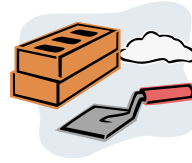
God established marriage so that man and woman could participate in his love and thus selflessly give themselves to each other in love. A man and a woman who by their act of consent are no longer two but one flesh (see Mt 19:6ff.) render mutual help and service to each other through an intimate union of their persons and of their actions. Look what the United States Catholic Bishops are saying about marriage <http://www.usccb.org/laity/loveandlife/>

### **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 appreciated your cooperation with helping us keep the church clean.

### 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



### Want to Order Brick Paver for the Walkway

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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

1st Paver:

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