

*The Epiphany of the Lord*  
*January 3, 2016*

**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. 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 reminds us: “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, and lift our eyes from our preoccupations with our own petty concerns, so that we can see the glory and splendor of our God all around us? Can we receive the good news that Jesus has shared with us, by humbling ourselves before the helpless, seeing in them the presence of our God? Can we announce the good news by acting justly and peaceably?

Another new year 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 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 are and have in loving service.

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*Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am*

Processional: # 333 We Three Kings of Orient Are  
Gloria (Mass of Creation)  
Psalm Response: "*Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*"  
Gospel Acclamation (Celtic Mass)  
Offertory: # 334 The First Nowell  
Communion: # 315 O Little Town of Bethlehem  
# 321 Away in A Manger  
Recessional: # 683 All the Ends of the Earth

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 Intentions for the Week*



*So that they and their families may be remembered in prayer by the community.*

✠ **In memory of Bob Martini – Friday 4:00 pm**  
*Requested by Barbara Martini*

**WHAT IS THE INDULGENCE?**

*Like any Jubilee Year, a person can receive a plenary indulgence for the Year of Mercy. A plenary indulgence removes all of what is called “temporal punishment” due to sins that have already been forgiven. Sin and evil are real. Every sin, large or small, is in some way a rejection of the-best-version-of-ourselves and a rejection of God. “Temporal punishment” is the natural consequence of that sin, the necessary purification following forgiveness of sin.*

**AH! MERCY, THAT IS THE NAME OF GOD.**

*The Jubilee Year was inaugurated 700 years ago. Today is the 29<sup>th</sup> time that we celebrate the jubilee, “Jubilee with the Year of Mercy”.*

**WITH THE JUBILEE COMES THE DOOR!**

*There are 4 parishes in the Diocese...*

- *Basilica Shrine of St Mary, Wilmington*
- *Mother of Mercy, Washington*
- *Our Lady of Guadalupe, Newton Grove*
- *Sacred Heart Cathedral, Raleigh*

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

~ Mass Schedule ~

Saturday 6:00 pm  
Sunday 9:00 am  
Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)  
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am

**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)



**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. Shopping suggestions and items needed are listed below  
**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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**RAFFLE 2016**

IN SPRING we are going to have a raffle, which will start sometime around Easter. We hope to have the same electronics as we did last year. We are looking for sponsors to donate these prizes and ask for your help.



If anyone would like to be a sponsor, donate a prize, or if you know any business that would like to donate a prize, please let Bill know. The tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20. For more information Bill Vancura can be reached at 252-995-3181. Thank you...

**Think often of the Lord for He will enable you to bear your troubles patiently.**

**~ St. Francis de Sales**

Our Lady of the Seas has two collections during Mass. Both collections will be done at the same time during the Mass BACK TO BACK



The first collection funds the ordinary expenses of the church. The second collection is applied only to the mortgage and to a fund set aside for major maintenance and repairs to our church. These items include, but are not limited to: a new roof, air conditioning/heating system, new carpeting, etc. Thank you for your generosity!

**"The Welcoming Light of Our Lady of the Seas"**

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. Each print comes sleeved, backed, and ready to frame in a 12"x16" mat. Price: \$39.50. Proceeds go towards our debt reduction. Thank you!



*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.*



“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.*



When traveling and you need to know where the closes Catholic Church and the times of their Masses nationwide please check out [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org) or call Mass Times (1-410-676-6000)