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OUR LADY OF THE SEAS MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission... We believe that our church stands as a beacon for those wishing to preserve the beauty of this Island, a refuge for those searching for peace and love in the world, and an example of Jesus' love for one another. We give thanks for all who enter here.

NUESTRA SENORA DE LOS MARES DECLARACION DE INTENCIONES

Nuestra Mision... Creemos que nuestra Iglesia se erige como un faro para aquellos que desean preservar la belleza de esta isla, un refugio para aquellos que buscan paz y amor en el mundo, y un ejemplo de amor mutuo. Damos gracias por todos los que entran aqui.



V+J

March 24, 2024
Salesian Reflection
Palm Sunday

In today's readings we experience Jesus as the suffering servant who brings God's love to the human family. St. Francis de Sales reminds us that we are called to be like Jesus:

The most powerful reason for Jesus' death is to fill the human spirit with God's love. Out of death has come life, the wondrous paradox, which the world does not understand. Jesus not only died a cruel death to bring God's love to us, but He also suffered fear, terror, abandonment, and inner depression such as never had and never shall have an equal. He did this so that we too may persevere in pursuing divine love.

Jesus' human feelings left His entire heart exposed to sorrow and anguish. For this reason He cries out:

“My God, why have you forsaken me?”

Mount Calvary is the mount of lovers. All love that does not take its origins from the Savior's passion is foolish and perilous. On Calvary, we can not have life without love. Nor can we have divine love without dying to our false loves. Christian wisdom consists in choosing rightly. ***Hence we ought to consecrate every moment of our lives to the eternal divine love of Our Savior's death. This means we need to empty ourselves of all other loves that are destroying us so that we may be filled with God's eternal love that gives life!***

So when injured by others, look often with your inward eyes on Christ Jesus, crucified, forsaken and overwhelmed, by every kind of anguish. Then think of the many people who are incomparably more afflicted than you are and say: *“Are not my hardships roses in comparison with those, who without help, assistance, or relief live a continual death under the burden of afflictions infinitely greater than mine? When all things fail us, when our distress is at its height, say the final words of Jesus on the cross:*

“Into Your hands I commend my spirit.”

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

V+J

24 Marzo de 2024
Salesianos Dominicales
Domingo de Ramos

Hoy caminamos con Jesús rumbo al Monte Calvario. Con Su muerte en la Cruz, todos pudimos experimentar el amor abnegado que El siente por nosotros. Nosotros también hemos sido llamados a imitarle. San Francisco de Sales comenta:

Contraria a la sabiduría de la cultura, los verdaderos cristianos que buscan la santidad depositan toda su perfección en la locura de la Cruz. Todos los santos se hicieron sabios en su locura por seguir a Jesús. Ellos padecieron las humillaciones y el desprecio de los eruditos, los concedores de la cultura. Aun así, ellos lavaron sus pies y sus manos en las aguas sagradas del perdón. Nosotros también debemos limpiar nuestras obras, y nuestros afectos, para poder glorificar a Dios.

Tal y como lo hicieron los Santos, debemos ir al Monte Calvario con nuestro Señor, pasar trabajos, y soportar persecuciones. Cuando los problemas externos e internos se apoderen de ustedes, tomen sus buenas resoluciones y, como lo haría una madre que rescata a su hijo del peligro, deposítenlas sobre las heridas de nuestro Señor y pídanle que los proteja, tanto a ustedes como a ellas. Quédense allí en el resguardo sagrado, y esperen hasta que la tormenta haya pasado. ***Con la ayuda de Dios progresarán bastante. Como nos demuestra Jesús, el hecho de que podamos pecar no significa que tenemos poder, por el contrario, significa que hemos quedado indefensos.*** Incluso las persecuciones que Jesús tuvo que soportar a manos de sus enemigos, no fueron lo suficientemente poderosas como para destruir el amor constante e incomparablemente sólido que Nuestro Salvador siente por todos nosotros. Así mismo debe ser el amor que hemos de tener los unos por los otros: firme, fervoroso, sólido y perseverante. Este amor jamás dirá: **“Bastante es suficiente”.**

Nuestro Salvador nos amó con un amor tan fervoroso y perseverante, que incluso la muerte no consiguió enfriarlo. El amor divino es más fuerte que la muerte. Ojalá que permanezcamos siempre al pie de la Cruz de Nuestro Salvador para poder alimentarnos de Su amor abnegado, el cual hemos sido llamados a imitar.



View the Live-Stream Mass
ourladyoftheseas.org.

The Mass Intention is for the living and deceased of the Parish.

MASS SCHEDULE

- **Saturday Vigil 5:30pm**
- **Sunday 9:00am** (Live-streamed)
- **Tuesday 10:30am Chrism Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh NC**

No weekday Masses - see the schedule for the Triduum and Easter below

The Readings for the Mass are found on page 770 (Glory & Praise):

Procession Gospel ~ MARK 11:1-10

1st Reading ~ ISAIAH 50:4-7

2nd Reading ~ PHILIPPIANS 2:6-11

The Gospel ~ MARK 14:1-15:47

RECEIVING SACRAMENTS AT HOME

Please let Father Fred know if you would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick. If you would like a Eucharistic Minister to visit you at home, call **Father Fred at (252) 995-6613**.

We are Grateful for the Offertory Collections on March 9 & 10, 2024. The 1st collection totalled \$1,470.50 and the 2nd collection totalled \$1,665.50. Thank you so much for your generosity.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH

For new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

Be Silent. Be thoughtful. Be reverent. This is God's house. Before Mass, speak to God. During Mass, let God speak to you. After Mass, speak to one another.



MASS CARDS - MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass card or prayer intention for a Mass, contact Terri Mohnal at

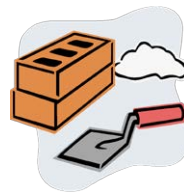
events@ourladyoftheseas.org, and specify the name and date. Donations accepted.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **March 24, 2024 - Palm Sunday Breakfast, 10:30 to 12:30pm**
Palm Cross making and Holy Week film for children and youth **Parish Hall**
- **March 26, 2024 - CHRISM MASS 10:30am Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral, Raleigh**
- **March 27, 2024 - Parish Council Meeting 5:30pm Parish Residence**
- **April 18, 2024 - Martha & Mary Meeting 5:15pm - Parish Hall - Bring an appetizer**
- **April 21, 2024 - Coffee Sunday after 9:00am Mass, Parish Hall**



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TRIBUTE PAVERS FOR THE WALKWAY

Pavers are available for **\$100.00**.

Forms are located in the Narthex.

They make a great memorial tribute or

gift. Please contact **Terri Mohnal** if you are interested at events@ourladyoftheseas.org.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these parishioners and friends in your prayers:

- **Beverly Zervakis'** children Zach and Suzanna Carraway, who are facing health challenges.
- **David Silk, Cathy & Jeff Silk's** son, on his recovery from multiple abdominal surgeries, and an over 8 - week stay in the hospital in Birmingham, AL. Please send cards of encouragement to his mailing address: 7018 Watchman Circle, Apt. F, Montgomery, AL 36116.
- Laurie Campbell's niece, **Alexandra Sutherland**, battling Stage 3 breast cancer.
- **Joe Reed**, prayers requested by Rick Riopel
- **Rich Kirkman**, on recuperation at home following back surgery.
- **Tony Garcia's Father, Antonio**, battling cancer, and his infusions.

Please pray for these parishioners and all those who are dealing with illnesses of mind and body. To be added to the list or to join the Prayer Warriors, contact Jane Grimm at janesgrimm@aol.com or (703) 629-6081.

Office Hours/ Horas de Oficina

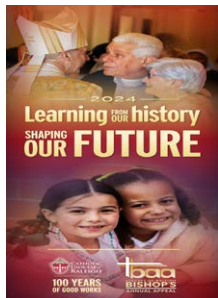
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10:30am - 3:30pm M,T,W (L,M,X)

11:00am - 4:00pm TH (V)

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BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

Our goal for 2024 is \$10,455.06.

You have contributed \$10,180.49! Only \$274.57 to make our goal! Please help us reach our goal! By supporting the

Bishop's Annual Appeal, you have the chance to define what our next 100 years will look like and how our community will be changed because of it. And you can go online at www.givetobaa.org, or use the QR code on the posters in the Narthex.

MARTHA & MARY

A big Thank You to all of the wonderful women, men and youth who helped cook, clean, set up, breakdown, pray, and truly practiced feeding the Lord in action throughout these past five weeks.



There have been many parishioners and friends in

attendance! **Special thanks to our March 20 hostesses, Megan Vayette & Heather Hensler.**

And remember, the flowers for the Altar of Repose on Holy Thursday, the Flower arrangement for Easter Sunday, the carnations for Mother's Day and the Crown for Mary will all be supplied by the Martha & Mary Ministry.

The next meeting is on **Thursday, April 18, 2024** in the Hall. Bring a nibble to share. M&M will provide drinks and paper products. Fellowship begins at 5:15pm and the meeting (about an hour) at 5:30pm. We will discuss the Book Club, beginning in May, and other planned and not-yet-planned events. Bring a fellow parishioner to join the Fellowship. We need more hands to keep what we have going and brains to fuel more parish-wide happenings!

The Next Coffee Sunday is April 21, 2024 after the 9:00am Mass, and will be hosted by the **Health & Wellness Ministry.**



Breakfast casseroles, bacon, sausage, fresh fruits or baked goods are appreciated. M&M supplies coffee, tea, juice and water.

HATTERAS ISLAND LOVING MEMORIAL



If you wish to remember a family member or friend, there is a *Memorial Tree in the foyer for which a leaf can be purchased.*

Leaves can be inscribed with a name or sentimental verse for \$500.00. Applications are under the Memorial Tree.

Please contact **Karen Kelmer at (252) 986-9909.**

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

When circumstances prevent us from attending Mass and receiving Holy Communion, we are invited to receive Communion Spiritually:

"My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I long for You in my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

As though You have already come,

I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen."

ORACIÓN DE COMUNIÓN ESPIRITUAL

Existen diferentes motivos por los que no podemos recibir la Eucaristía en la Santa Misa. En estos casos, la Iglesia nos anima a hacer un acto de "comunión espiritual", donde nos unimos a Dios a través de la oración.

"Creo, Jesús mío, que estás real y verdaderamente en el cielo y en el Santísimo Sacramento del Altar.

Te amo sobre todas las cosas y deseo vivamente recibirte dentro de mi alma, pero no pudiendo hacerlo ahora sacramentalmente, ven al menos espiritualmente a mi corazón.

Y como si ya te hubiese recibido,

Te abrazo y me uno del todo a Tí.

Señor, no permitas que jamás me aparte de Tí.

Amén."

TRIDUUM & EASTER SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday 3/28/2024:

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 6:30pm

Good Friday 3/29/2024:

The Lord's Passion - 6:30pm

Easter Vigil 3/30/2024:

Mass in the Holy Night (Saturday) 8:00pm

Easter Sunday 3/31/2024:

Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord

9:00am Buxton (Bilingual)

2:30pm Stella Maris, Ocracoke



PALM SUNDAY

The final Sunday before Easter, Palm Sunday represents an important day in Christian worship traditions spanning Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox traditions. In the Catholic Church, Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy

Week. It's a unique, beautiful liturgy that sets the stage for the Easter Triduum and traces its inspiration back to the Gospels. Matthew's Gospel tells us the story of Jesus's journey to Jerusalem as Passover approached. On the next day, when the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is to come! Hosanna, in the highest." When the Gospel makes mention of Jesus riding on a colt or ass, it fulfills the prophecy from Zachariah. As Jesus prepared to

celebrate Passover, we celebrate Palm Sunday as we prepare for Easter. The USCCB formally refers to Palm Sunday as "*Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion*" because it's the day we first hear the Passion reading. We will hear it again on Good Friday, but from a different Gospel. At the start of the Palm Sunday liturgy, the first hymn usually proclaims, "Hosanna," (a word of divine praise that we see in Mark's Gospel). The Responsorial Psalm typically comes from Psalm 22 and features the familiar response, "*My God, My God, why have You abandoned me?*"

Offertory hymns and songs during the Eucharist vary greatly from parish to parish. "*Were You There*" – a song which depicts Jesus' crucifixion – is one you might hear during Communion. "*What Wondrous Love Is This*" represents another common hymn. A popular Palm Sunday recessional hymn is "*Lift High the Cross*."

Given that Palm Sunday falls within Lent, music will not feature "Alleluia." The Scriptures and songs are just some of the components of the Palm Sunday liturgy that make it unique. Churches distribute palms. The priest calls the parishioners to either the back of the church or the vestibule, where the first Gospel is read. Once read, our youth wave palms and process as the priest continues into the church and the congregation sings. Not your normal Sunday processional! The palms will later form the ashes distributed on Ash Wednesday to begin Lent the following year. It's a beautiful, engaging worship experience that prepares us for the Easter Triduum.

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