

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 24, 2016

Salesian Perspective

During this third year of Sunday readings, we will hear the Gospel of Luke proclaimed during ordinary time.

Luke begins his Gospel by telling us that he has investigated carefully the events of Jesus' coming among us. He wants to write them down in an orderly sequence for Theophilus, a person who loves God, so that he (and we) may realize the certainty of what has been taught to us by word of mouth.

Luke is writing his Gospel about forty or fifty years after Jesus' death and rising. So far, the life and teachings of Jesus had been passed down by word of mouth. Luke is moved by the Holy Spirit to write out the events of Jesus' life so that the ever-growing community of believers may have greater certainty about them as they share the good news with new members.

Luke begins Jesus' public ministry in a synagogue. We heard Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah and then tell the people that God is fulfilling this prophecy in him. He has just been anointed by the Spirit in his baptism in the Jordan. Now he comes to bring good news to all who trust in God's goodness. What he will say and what he will be doing is meant for those who have been suffering – captives, the blind, the oppressed.

God has heard their cries and honors their faithful longing for salvation. God has sent Jesus to bring them liberty, recovery, freedom. He has come to proclaim a time that is God's. In Jesus, all who have waited will experience the loving-kindness, the mercy, the compassion of God.

You and I suffer our own forms of captivity, blindness, and oppression. Have I, have you, been waiting for God? Do we trust in God's goodness and care for us? Luke reminds us: Jesus is God's loving-kindness, God's mercy, God's compassion, present among us. How is Jesus speaking to you, to me, in our suffering? What is he asking of me, of you? How is Jesus' gracious presence with me, with you, good news? How can his presence make a difference in the way you and I want to live today?

This is a year acceptable to the Lord. Jesus desires to love us and journey with us. Are you, am I, willing to make an unconditional journey with Jesus, trusting that he is leading us home to our Father's house? If we are, then let us make a conscious choice each day to call on Jesus often during the day and use the grace that he will surely give us.

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

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

Processional: # 670 Sing A New Song – vs. 2 & 3
Glory to God (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: "*Lord, You have the words of everlasting life ."*

Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia

Offertory: # 402 Come, Holy Ghost

Communion: # 542 Here I Am, Lord

Recessional: # 681 Holy God, We Praise Thy
Name – vs. 1 & 4

**Reading for today's Mass are found in the
Glory & Praise at number 808**

1st Reading ~ Nehemiah 8:2 – 4a, 5 – 6, 8 – 10

2nd Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 12:12 – 30

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 1:1 – 4; 4:14 – 21

Explaining the Catholic Faith

Fr Fred will continue with the program of **Explaining the Catholic Faith** on Sunday January 31st... It will take place at the rectory. There will be a CD presentation followed by a discussion. **All are welcomed** even if you did not participate in previous episodes.

Our Stewardship Weekend 1/17/15

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$ 983.00	\$ 64.00	cancelled
Debt Reduction	\$1,203.00		
Attendance	124	14	
<i>Principal Balance as of 12/31/2015 ~ \$220,426.19</i>			

Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections.

~ St. Francis de Sales

~ Mass Schedule ~

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am
Friday 4:00 pm (Ocracoke)
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)

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

The Color Green

The Christmas Season is over, and the Lenten Season begins soon (Feb. 10). The period in between those two seasons and after Pentecost is called "Ordinary Time", a season focused on the Lord's three-year public ministry, His teachings and miracles. The traditional liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green to symbolize hope, life, and growth. The priest's green vestments, the altar cloth, and the vessel covers in the sanctuary help to remind us to share the hope and life of Christ with the world as we, ourselves grow in faith.

Bishops Annual Appeal (BAA) 2016

Our parish is called to support the Churches good works throughout eastern North Carolina. The Diocesan agencies and programs supported by the BAA help with both spiritual and physical needs and go beyond what an individual parish can accomplish alone. The BAA is a family effort.



When we open our door of faith for others to know and love God, we are becoming joy-filled witnesses who help bring others to Christ through Evangelization. Reaching out to those in need physically and spiritually is our call to live as Jesus Christ lived.

Please plan to make your pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal, be it small, large or prayerful support. We would love to surpass our goal and increase our parish participation. Pledge cards are being mailed out from the Diocese of Raleigh. Thank you for your generosity!

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.



Altar Servers



We need volunteers for our Masses. If you know you can help to assist at the Mass please step up. Thank you.



GIVING TREE MEMORIALS

Do you want to share in the GIVING TREE? A donation of \$500 will purchase a leaf which has 4 lines to list an inscription. It is quite fitting that

the new "GIVING TREE" has taken root in the vestibule of our church. Any questions please contact Dave Kelmer at 252-986-2719.

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YELLOW HOUSE MINISTRY

WHEN: Monday's starting January 25th

TIME: 6:30-8:30 pm

LOCATION: OLS Social Hall

Our Women's Bible Study meet at Our Lady of the Seas Social Hall @ 6:30pm to 8:30 pm. The study for this session will be the Armor of God...We hope this study will challenge you, comfort you, and help you know Him better and love Him more.



YHM Ladies Beach Retreat Will be held on Saturday, January 23rd starting at 9:30 am. Dr. Facci will be discussing the book "Where to Draw the Line". The book may be purchased at Buxton Village Books. Gee Gee will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the winter months.

Any questions or to register please call Lois 252-202-8985 or e-mail yhmofhi@aol.com.