

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 25, 2015**

**Salesian Perspective**

All of us like short, clear instructions. Jesus' fulfills our desire in today's Gospel passage. When he is asked about the greatest commandment, he quotes a text from the book of Deuteronomy (6.5) familiar to his listeners: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment." Then he adds the familiar commandment from the book of Leviticus (19.18): "The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Jesus' response is short and clear: loving God, neighbor and self is everything that God commands. It should be very simple, then, to do all God commands. If your experience is like mine, we know that loving God, neighbor and self is not easy at all. It takes a lot of effort and concentration to love each day, every day. Loving means that I have to look beyond myself and my needs and notice and respect the needs of every person I encounter.

Today's first reading from the book of Exodus reminds us that caring for the least among us is an important aspect of loving. How we treat the alien, the widow and the orphan among us reveals something about the way we love God. Remembering where we have come from can help us to be sensitive to the value and worth of those who are less fortunate.

Isn't it interesting that the Lord asks the Israelites to remember that they were aliens' at one time in Egypt. What might the Lord be asking you and me to remember today that will help us to be more attentive to people less fortunate than we are?

Jesus spoke to us very simply and clearly this (afternoon/morning). He told us how we are to live if we want to be pleasing to our God. Love God with your whole being, and love your neighbor as yourself.

We can benefit greatly if we take these words of Jesus and pray with them this week. As we read them slowly and prayerfully, we can ask the Lord to show us how we can live them out today.

The word of God then becomes a living word for me, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide me in everyday life. Let us pray for each other that we may be open to the ways the Lord will call us to love this week.

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

**Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am**

Processional: #530 Table of Plenty  
Gloria (Mass of Creation)  
Psalm Response: "The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."  
Gospel Acclamation (Celtic Mass)  
Offertory: #711 Isaiah 49; #710 I Have Loved You  
Communion: #521 Look Beyond  
Recessional: #615 Amazing Grace

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the

**Glory & Praise** at number **888**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Jeremiah 31:7 – 9

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Hebrews 5:1 – 6

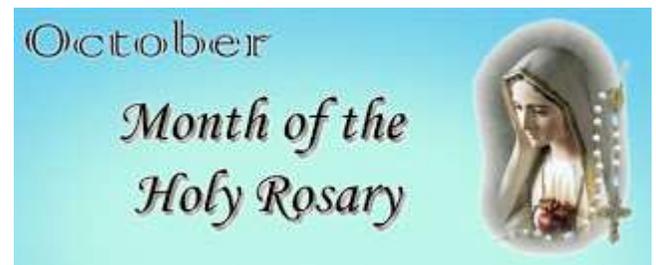
**Gospel Reading** ~ Mark 10:46 – 52

**Explaining the Catholic Faith**

**TODAY FOLLOWING THE 9:00 AM MASS**, Fr Fred will continue with the program of **Explaining the Catholic Faith**. 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 the last 5 episodes.



Visitors ~Hanging on the wall at ALL exits of our church ARE ENVELOPES and for your convenience the envelopes are already address. Please take one home and mail it back to our church with a donation. Any support of monetary gift would be greatly appreciated.



***"THE ROSARY IS A SCHOOL OF PRAYER, THE ROSARY IS A SCHOOL OF FAITH"***

***~ POPE FRANCIS***

**~ Mass Schedule ~**



Saturday 6:00 pm

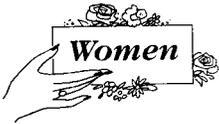
Sunday 9:00 am

Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am

***We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish.***

**- St. Francis de Sales**



### **WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING**

The Women's Guild will be meeting next Saturday, October 31st at 10:00 AM in our Social Hall

<b>Our Stewardship 10/11/2015 Weekend</b>			
	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$1,200.00	\$96.00	\$87.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,513.00		
Attendance	182	24	50
<b>Principal Balance as of 9/30/2015 ~ \$342,366.65</b>			

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!

### **PAVERS FOR THE WALKWAY**

The church is working on **OUR LAST BATCH OF PAVERS** for our walkway.



If you are interested in purchasing a paver, for your convenience the form is located hanging on the wall at ALL the exits of our church. Or, on the church website, click on the FORMS button on the left, download, fill it in and mail it with your check.

<http://www.ourladyoftheseas.org>

### **"PRAY FOR VOCATIONS"**

*"The fraternal life and fervor of the community can awaken in the young a desire to consecrate themselves completely to God and to the Gospel. This is particularly true if such living community prays insistently for vocations and courageously proposes to its young people the path of special consecration."*

*Evangelii Gaudium – Pope Francis*

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week on November 1 – 7, 2015. This observance, sponsored by the U.S. Bishop's Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, is a special time for parishes in the U.S. to foster a culture of vocations for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.

### **DURING THIS LAST WEEK OF "RESPECT LIFE MONTH" . . .**

#### ***Let us pray:***

For every child who lives in their mother's womb, that they will be loved and cherished;  
 For all who work to defend life, that God might reward them for their goodness;  
 For all mothers who will give birth today, that their love and care will inspire all to a deeper appreciation of the beauty of life;  
 For all parents of toddlers, that they may lead their children to Jesus;  
 For all expectant parents, that hope and indescribable joy might fill their hearts each day;  
 For mothers haunted by the memory of abortion, that God might gently heal them of their pain;  
 For our president and all members of Congress, that a respect for the life of every citizen might be foremost in all their decisions;  
 For those condemned to die, that God might teach us how to love them;  
 For all who are sick, that the example of their suffering might bring us closer to the cross of Jesus;  
 For all leaders of our state and local governments, that they might honor the Gospel of Life in all their deliberations;  
 For all children who are profoundly disabled, that we might cherish and nurture them;  
 For parents tempted by fear or despair, that God might show them the way;  
 For all who have grown old, that we might honor their wisdom.  
 We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **RAFFLE 2016**

Next 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...

### **YELLOW HOUSE MINISTRY**

**WHEN:** Monday's

**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 will be HOSEA, Unfailing Love Changes Everything by Jennifer Rothschild. I hope this study will challenge you, comfort you, and help you know Him better and love Him more.

