

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 4, 2015

Salesian Perspective

Jesus' words today may not be easy to listen to; they can make us uncomfortable. It's important to hear his words in the context in which they were spoken.

Jesus is responding to a hostile question about divorce. Jesus responds to their question by explaining to them God's plan for marriage. He invites his listeners to consider the creation story in Genesis.

God formed the woman directly from the man, not from the ground as he had made other creatures. Woman is created as a suitable partner for the man. She is the mirror of the man's very being. The man recognizes their intimate relationship when he acknowledges the woman as "bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh."

The author offers this acknowledgement of their intimate relationship by creation as the reason for the sacredness of marriage. The relationship of husband and wife in marriage becomes a concrete realization of God's plan for creation. As Jesus comments: "They are no longer two but one flesh." And so he adds: "Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate." Jesus' words are not spoken in judgment. They are meant to explain the place of marriage in God's plan of salvation.

Perhaps this can help us understand why the Church places such emphasis on preparing couples for the sacrament of marriage. The Church wants couples to look more deeply at the sacredness of their relationship. Christian marriage is much more than the legal union of the secular world around us. The Church would like couples to think beyond their feelings of love and discern whether or not God has brought them together as "suitable partners."

Are they willing to recognize that they are graced by God for each other? Are they willing to work with each other and with grace each day to become "one flesh"? For the Christian, marriage is a way of being holy together, not just a sanctioned way of living together.

Jesus is presenting us with the ideal for married love. He knows our limitations as human beings so he promises married couples the grace they will need each day to work patiently with each other toward that ideal. He is also compassionate and accepting of us when we fail.

During this Eucharist, let us pray for all married couples: for those who find joy in becoming "one flesh," for those who struggle in their efforts to be faithful, for those who have been hurt and betrayed by their partners.

Let us pray too for those considering marriage. May they have the patience, wisdom and courage to seek "a suitable partner" made for them by God, with whom they can work to become "one flesh."

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

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the

Glory & Praise at number **879**

1st Reading ~ Genesis 2:18 – 24

2nd Reading ~ Hebrews 2:9 – 11

Gospel Reading ~ Mark 10:2 – 16 or 10:2 – 12



Many churches in the United States celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4 each year. The feast commemorates the life of St Francis, who was born in the 12th century and is the Catholic Church's

patron saint of animals and the environment. It is a popular day for pets to be "blessed".

Pets may include dogs, cats, fish and birds. Some people choose to bring photos of their pets if it is difficult for their pets to attend the blessing.

It will take place at 11:00 am by the church bell TODAY!!!

Explaining the Catholic Faith

Starting **Sunday the 25th of October**, Fr Fred will continue with the program of **Explaining the Catholic Faith**. It will take place at the rectory following the 9 am Mass. 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.

"Our words must come from the heart, not the mouth. The tongue speaks only to the ears. The heart speaks to the heart."

~ St Francis de Sales



A big thank you to all those people that helped with the church's booth at the Day at the Docks last Saturday. We appreciate all the bakers, workers, those who donated food and all those who showed up to support us at the event. **We were able to show a profit of \$1,900 for the church.** Thank you all!

~ Mass Schedule ~



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

Our Lady of the Seas has two collections during Mass. 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!

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.

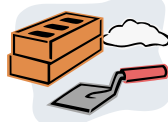


12th Annual HICF 5K Fun Run

Hatteras Island Cancer Foundation's event 12th Annual HICF 5K Fun Run **Saturday, October 10 at 9:00 am** Sun Realty, 41838 NC-12, Avon, NC 27915 Registration will begin at 9:00 am. The race begins at 10:00 am. Come walk, run, or just join in for the fun and festivities in support of our neighbors on Hatteras Island battling cancer.

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>

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

Processional: # 728 Morning Has Broken
Gloria (Mass of Creation)
Psalm Response: "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives."
Gospel Acclamation (Celtic Mass)
Offertory: # 572 Sing A New Church
Communion: # 701 All My Days
478 Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Recessional: # 671 Glory and Praise to Our God



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Carey LeSieur Foundation Scholarship

6th Annual Bucket Party

Saturday, October 17, 2015



The Carey LeSieur Foundation along with the Brigands Bay Homeowners Association will be hosting a Grilling Extravaganza with an assortment of beef brisket, pork, etc. It is a potluck buffet so you bring a side dish with serving utensils to share and your own beverages and a lawn chair or blanket. Please come out and join us and celebrate a fun filled 6th annual Carey LeSieur Foundation Scholarship Bucket Party in Brigands Bay on October 17th, from 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Location – the Bills residence, 50194 Captains Court, Frisco. RAIN DATE will be Sunday, October 18th, same time and location.

Tax Deductible Donations can be made payable to the Carey LeSieur Foundation and dropped into the infamous bucket at the party or mailed to PO Box 722, Avon, NC 27915 www.careylesieurfoundation.org.

Hope to see you all there!

Clases de Ingles

English as A Second Language

WHEN: Thursday's

TIME: 6:00-8:30 pm

LOCATION: Our Lady of the Seas Social Hall

Every Thursday, Dare County Literacy Council is offering free classes to anyone interested. Todos los jueves a las 6:00 de la tarde en el hall de la parroquia. Principiantes, intermedios y avanzados. Preguntas llamar a Lynn Blackburn at 252-261-6514



A Dozen Days in the Holy Land

Reverend Dr. William F. Walsh, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, will be the Spiritual Director for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, January 25 to February 5, 2016. For more information contact Boyd and Mimi Tolman at 252.903.6598 or at btolman1@suddenlink.net Download a complete brochure at www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Walsh