

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2015

Salesian Sunday Reflection

Today's readings remind us that we have nothing to fear if we have hope and faith in God. St. Francis de Sales has much to say about hope, faith, trust in God:

Hope in God, for God will free you from your burdens or give you the strength to bear them. When we have faith in God, we are shielded from our enemies and the terrors of the night. To say "I believe in God" is to say we do not trust in our own strength but in the strength of God. It is most certain that God exercises a tender care for us when we abandon all our anxieties and fears to Divine Providence. Yet God desires that we do all that lies in our power to accomplish our tasks. Go ahead filled with courage, but go in simplicity. God wants us to use all the ordinary means to attain hope and trust.

We must not think that we have no talent to do what we are called upon to do. Thinking we are not virtuous enough must not trouble us. The apostles were fishermen who were given talents and holiness to the extent these gifts were necessary to fulfil the mission God confided to them. Go ahead without worrying and without turning back. Whenever you work for God's glory, God will always give you what you need at the proper time, and provide what is necessary for you and those entrusted to your care.

If you feel disheartened, throw yourself immediately into God's arms, entrusting yourself to God's care. We must not be upset if we have little attacks of anxiety and sadness, as they give us opportunities to practice the best and dearest virtues: trust in God and gentleness. When things go wrong, is this not the best time to trust in God? We must encourage one another in holy hope. Without growing weary, we must walk in hope, ardently yet tranquilly, carefully but confidently. Let us climb Mount Tabor where, in hope, faith and trust in God, we will encounter Jesus when He comes in glory.

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales, especially Sermons, L. Fiorelli, Ed.)

"True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice."

- St. Francis de Sales

~ THIS WEEK Mass Schedule ~

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)

Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 am



Extraordinary Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy

December 8, 2015, the Church throughout the world will begin our observance of this Jubilee Year.

In our observance of the Jubilee, Pope Francis has invited us to renew our ministerial outreach in service to those who are most in need of the mercy and healing of Our Lord. Specifically, this means an opportunity for us to catechize and encourage the exercise of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and to have a renewed zeal for souls in the promotion of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially for those who are ill.

The Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy illustrate the ways to show charity toward others. –

The Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Admonish the sinner
- Instruct the ignorant (This and the next work are extremely pertinent categories today, when so many people are confused by what the Church teaches on contraception, abortion, homosexuality, etc.)
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive all injuries
- Pray for the living and the dead

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the

Glory & Praise at number **897**

1st Reading ~ Daniel 12:1 – 3

2nd Reading ~ Hebrews 10:11 – 14, 18

Gospel Reading ~ Mark 13:24 – 32

Our Stewardship 11/8/2015 Weekend

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$1,030.00	\$83.00	\$65.00
Debt Reduction	\$1151.00		
Attendance	142	22	26

Principal Balance as of 10/30/2015 ~ \$227,151.31

Have an item of interest that you'd like to share with the OLS community? Please submit it to olssecretary@aol.com by noon the prior Sunday. Song leaders will make any necessary announcements prior to Mass.

If you can Bake, Bring IT!!!

Help make our Bake Sale a rousing *success!* Anyone (you too guys!) who can bake, please contact Marcie Shoemaker 996-0581 or Karen Kelmer at 986-2719 to let her know that you will bring your baked goods to the **Bake Sale TUESDAY, November 24TH**



WE ARE TRYING IT AGAIN



Our Annual Bake Sale will be held on TUESDAY, the 24th of November, 2 days before Thanksgiving. Be sure to stop by **the Hall** to check out all the wonderful treats BETWEEN the HOURS OF 1:00 PM TO 3:00 PM

All the proceeds fund many of our faith community projects.



THANKSGIVING DAY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9:00 AM

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.

Items Commonly Needed (Standard Sizes Preferred)

- Basic foodstuffs – vegetable oil, flour, sugar, coffee, tea, rice, pasta
- Canned meats/stews
- Canned vegetables – beets, tomatoes and greens are local favorites
- Cereals – both hot and cold
- Personal care products
- Paper Products – individually wrapped paper towels, toilet paper
- Laundry care and cleaning products
- Pet products

No time to shop? Checks may be made out to: United Methodist Men, PO Box 1591, Buxton, NC 27920 Thank you for your generosity!

A Lovely Memento...

"The Welcoming Light of Our Lady of the Seas"

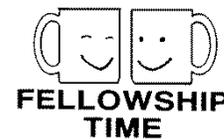
Our parish's beautiful limited-edition fine art prints that you see on the cover of this bulletin make lovely remembrances of your wedding, anniversary celebration, child's baptism, or vacation. "The Welcoming Light of Our Lady of the Seas" Proceeds go towards our debt reduction. Thank you!

DONATING MADE EASY ON OUR WEBSITE!!!

If you're one of the "billions" of people, who do your charitable giving on line, then you will be glad to know that 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. Currently four categories are available for donation: Offertory, Debt Reduction, Pastor Discretionary & Hurricane Relief. Your comments and suggestions on this new capability, or other aspects of our web site, are encouraged and welcomed.



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.



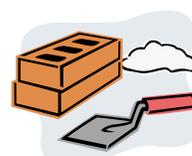
All are welcome ~ TODAY immediately following 9:00 am Mass to the Social Hall. Jenn Fiduccia & Jim Wahl will be there to answer any questions and do a wrap-up from the Retreat.

UPDATE ON SUMMER FUNDRAISER

Thank you to Dave and Karen Kelmer and to everyone who made the summer fundraiser an enormous success. The remaining mortgage is a bit less than \$228,000 and we are working with Raleigh to reduce our monthly payment. Reducing the payment will make it easier to meet our obligation every month and allow us to save funds toward major maintenance and repairs. Ron Tasso is the point-of-contact for this effort. OLS parishioners will be updated as events occur.



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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 PLEASE DO SO BEFORE THE END OF NOVEMBER.

For your convenience the form is located hanging on the wall at in the vestibule of our church. Or, on-line at our website. <http://www.ourladyoftheseas.org> just click on the forms button, download it from our website and mail it in with your check.