

Second Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2016

Salesian Perspective

As we continue our Lenten journey, we hear the encouraging words which Francis de Sales wrote to us at the beginning of the **Directory**, quoting St. Paul:

“My brothers (and sisters), whom I love and long for, my joy and my crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.”

Like Abraham before us, the Lord has made a covenant with us – a covenant sealed with the blood of his only begotten Son Jesus. Like Peter, James and John, we have heard the voice of the Father: “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.”

Each day, we come here to Eucharist to listen as Jesus speaks to us in the Scriptures and feeds us with his body, given up for us, and his blood, poured out for us. And today, we have prayed that the Father of light will restore our sight that we may look upon Jesus who calls us to repentance and a change of heart.

All of this is part of the “plentitude of our God” that we have been encouraged to reflect upon – and for good reason. When we allow ourselves to be immersed in God’s over-whelming love, we will understand more clearly our need for repentance and a change of heart.

As we are embraced by God’s love, the love of Jesus impels us to become more like him in everything we say and do. When we allow ourselves to dwell in the heart of Jesus more completely, we understand more clearly the importance of our responding to one another with greater patience and understanding, with greater gentleness and forgiveness. We are better able to look at others with the eyes of Jesus. We will appreciate more fully that Jesus sees our faults and failings as reason for his compassionate love. And that can help us change our hearts in responding to the faults and failings of our brothers and sisters.

As our Lenten journey continues, let us be encouraged by Francis and Paul. As we stand firm in the Lord, may the love of Jesus, the beloved Son, grace our efforts to change our hearts.

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

Healing Mass for ALL Parishioners

Healing service with administration of the Anointing of the Sick by Fr Fred will be held **right after Mass on Saturday, March 5th**. This sacrament celebrates and carries out the healing ministry of Jesus. If you are in need of the grace that this sacrament offers, then please plan to **STEP FORWARD AFTER MASS**.



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

Lenten Norms for Fasting & Abstinence

Good Friday, March 25, 2016, is a day of fasting and abstinence. Fridays of Lent are also days of abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed. Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On days of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, Church law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the Parish Priest should be consulted. Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent. The faithful and Catechumens should undertake these practices seriously in a spirit of penance and of preparation for Initiation into the Church or the renewal of Baptism Promises at Easter.

Our Stewardship (2/7/2016 Weekend)

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$497.00	CANCELLED
Debt Reduction	\$975.00	
Attendance	87	00

Mass Intentions for the Week



So that they and their families may be remembered in prayer by the community.

9:00 am, Sunday, February 21, 2016

✠ **In memory of Lucy Rerecich**

Requested by Cay Carcich



TODAY IS COFFEE SUNDAY.... See you after the 9:00 am Mass for Coffee Fellowship...



Bilingual Stations of the Cross

Estaciones de la Cruz

Wednesdays during Lent at 5:30 pm.

Fr Fred will hold the **BI-LINGUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

~ COMMUNITY LENTEN DINNERS ~



Wednesday evenings everyone on Hatteras Island is invited to "OLS LENTEN SUPPER" We are serving soups & bread. Starting at 6:00 pm thru 7:30 pm. Come together as "one community" where

we can share our cultural soups & fellowship. It is Open to ALL of our Hatteras Island Community & it's FREE- Come join us. Interested in making one of your homemade soups, please contact: Claudia @ 252-995-6662 (English)

THE COLOR PURPLE. LENT: The liturgical color is purple, which not only represents the sovereignty of Christ but also his suffering and death. Before his Crucifixion, Jesus was mocked for calling himself King. (Mark 15) by being striped, then wrapped in purple cloth (historically an expensive dye for royalty). This sacrificial season of Lent calls for priest to wear this color to indicate penance and preparation.

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

Processional: # 656 Christ, Be Our Light

Psalm Response: "The Lord is my light and my salvation."

Gospel Acclamation: # 11 "Praise and honor; honor and glory; glory to you, Lord, Jesus Christ."

Offertory: # 659 The Lord Is My Light

Communion: # 575 Only This I Want

Recessional: # 548 City of God - vs. 1 & 3

Explaining the Catholic Faith



TODAY... 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 any of the last episodes.

If you find that you have wandered away from the shelter of God, lead your heart back to Him quietly and simply.

- St. Francis de Sales

Reading for today's Mass are found in the Glory & Praise at number 760

1st Reading ~ Genesis 15:5 – 12, 17 – 18

2nd Reading ~ Philippians 3:17 – 4:1 or 3:20 – 4:1

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 9:28b – 36

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

~ 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 DUE TO WEATHER.

PLEASE CALL 252.995.6370

Pope Francis writes, "Let us place the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the center once more in such a way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace."
Fr Fred will minister to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays, starting at 4:45 pm, to provide sufficient opportunities for the faithful to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Penance.



Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

www.desales.edu/salesianMOOC

Tom Dailey invites us to consider: As part of the DSU 50th anniversary celebrations, Tom thought it would be appropriate to "give beauty back" to the world...by sharing something of the Salesian treasure for FREE.. So they are offering for the first time ever, a Salesian MOOC! Tom Dailey's dream is to get 100 people from around the world to join this adventure during Lent.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g9ziADJMK3A>