

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**February 7, 2016**

### **Salesian Perspective**

What a wonderful set of life-vocation stories in today's Scriptures.

Isaiah experiences (sees) the Lord of hosts in the Temple. He is humbled: "Woe is me, I'm doomed. I'm a man of unclean lips." The ember carried by the seraph removes his wickedness. And Isaiah is ready to go forth: "Here I am, send me!"

Jesus has confronted Paul on the road to Damascus. Paul acknowledges that he is not worthy to be an apostle. And yet he preaches faithfully: "By the grace of God I am what I am."

Peter reluctantly puts out into deep water at the command of Jesus – and witnesses nets so full that they are breaking. He kneels before Jesus in great humility: "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Jesus gently tells him not to be afraid: "From now on you will be catching men." Peter and his mates leave everything and follow Jesus.

Each of these encounters with God became life-changing. Isaiah will speak God's word for his lifetime, whether he is accepted or rejected. Peter and Paul engage in "catching men" for the rest of their lives until they are ultimately killed for their preaching.

How many times in their lives as apostles would they be asked again to "put out into deeper water and lower your nets"? Often their security was not to be found near the shoreline but with Jesus in the deep water.

Jesus' invitation always seems to be "put out into deep water." As we grow older, the invitation to let Jesus live in us more fully leads us into the deeper waters of our own life and that of our community. We can only fill our nets with the grace of God when we're willing to leave our own security and trust in the invitation to come deeper.

Like Isaiah, the Lord will remove our sins and failings that keep us close to shore and prepare us to go deeper. Like Peter, we will hear Jesus gently tell us: "Do not be afraid."

May our willingness to put out into the deep with Jesus lead us to be able to say with St. Paul: "By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective."

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

**Processional:** # 673 Sing to the Mountains  
Gloria (Mass of Creation)

**Psalm Response:** "In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord."

**Offertory:** # 577 Before the Sun Burned Bright

**Communion:** # 580 Pescadore de Hombres/Lord,  
You Have Come

**Recessional:** # 671 Glory and Praise to Our God -  
vs. 1 & 2

**Reading for today's Mass are found in the  
Glory & Praise at number 814**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Isaiah 6:1 – 2a, 3 – 8

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 11

**Gospel Reading** ~ Luke 5:1 – 11

**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.

**Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.**

**- St. Francis de Sales**

**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.

## Altar Servers

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

### 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!

### WHAT IS A JUBILEE YEAR?

*A Jubilee Year is when the Catholic Church across the world takes approximately a year to focus on forgiveness and healing in a special way. Catholics are encouraged to join together in prayer, go to confession, and share the genius of Catholicism with others.*

*The purpose of a Jubilee Year is to help people grow spiritually, strengthen their faith, and encourage works of service, and to promote unity within the Catholic Church and society in general. The last Jubilee Year was in 2000, called for by Pope Saint John Paul II.*

*The Jubilee Year was inaugurated 700 years ago. Today is the 29<sup>th</sup> time that we celebrate the jubilee, "Jubilee with the Year of Mercy".*

### **WITH THE JUBILEE COMES THE DOOR!**

So that the faithful throughout our Diocese may make a pilgrimage more locally during the Jubilee, Bishop Burbidge has designated 4 other churches as places of pilgrimage with a designated Holy Door. The 4 total locations of *There are 4 parishes in the Diocese...*

- *Basilica Shrine of St Mary, Wilmington*
- *Mother of Mercy, Washington*
- *Our Lady of Guadalupe, Newton Grove*
- *Sacred Heart Cathedral, Raleigh*

### 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 252-986-2719.*

### ~ 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**

### 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 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.



### RAFFLE 2016



IN 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...



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