

**Second Sunday of Lent**  
**March 1, 2015**

***Salesian Sunday Reflection***

In today's Gospel, Peter, James and John experience Jesus being transfigured. St. Francis de Sales notes:

At the Transfiguration God went out of the way to show that Jesus was truly Savior. At that moment, nothing was so desirable for the Apostles as remaining in the presence of Jesus. I assure you that I never stop wishing you countless blessings from heaven, especially that of always being transfigured in Our Lord. Thanks to our Savior, we are climbing Mount Tabor since we are resolved to serve Him and love His divine goodness. We must encourage one another in holy hope. Let us leave our love for lowly things so we can continue faithfully to aspire to the happiness He has prepared for us.

Where could we give better witness to our fidelity to God than in the midst of things going wrong? There is a real temptation to become dissatisfied with the world and depressed about it when we have to be in it. Yet whether we are immersed in the busyness of worldly events or in solitude, we will encounter difficulties. To think that we can be holy without suffering is a delusion. Where there is more difficulty, there is more virtue. However, if you stumble, don't be upset or ashamed. Instead let us cry out to our Lord and our Lady who will reach out a blessed helping hand to us.

Be like the honeybee. While you are carefully making the honey of holiness, at the same time make the wax of your worldly affairs. For if honey is sweet to the taste of our Lord, wax also honors Him since it is used to make the candles which give light to those around us. Be at peace and walk simply and faithfully along the path that God has marked out for you, and you will walk confidently. Our Savior, who is transfiguring you, has taken you by the hand, and set you on the way to His glory. Let Him be your Guide.

*(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)*

***All that is not eternal is not worthy of a thought.***

~ St. Francis de Sales

***Mass Intentions for the Week***



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

*Sunday, March 1, 2015*

**✠In memory of Rudolph "Rudy" Joseph Rinda.**

*Requested by Courty & Jane Grimm*

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **759**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Genesis 22:1 – 2, 9a, 10 – 13, 15 – 18  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Romans 8:31b – 34  
**Gospel Reading** ~ Mark 9:2 – 10



**Bilingual Stations of the Cross**  
**Estaciones de la Cruz**

Fr Fred will hold the **BI-LINGUAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS** FOLLOWED with a Communion Service every **Wednesday during Lent at 5:30 pm.**

~ **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)  
Vicki @ 252-564-2478 (Spanish)

**The Catholic Faith Explained**

**Hopefully every Sunday during Lent there will be a gathering at the rectory immediately after the Sunday 9 am Mass.** There will be a **30 minute video presentation of our Catholic Faith.** If you are interested please come *to see, listen and ask question about the Journey in the Catholic Faith.* The program is part of the pastoral plan of Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Community.



**Lenten Mass Schedule thru 3/26/2015**

Tuesday & Thursday Mass ~ 8:30 am  
Wednesday ~ 5:30 pm ~ Stations of the Cross w/Communion Service  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday ~ 8:30 am w/one hour Devotion  
Saturday Mass ~ 5:30 pm  
Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 am  
Misa en Español ~ 5:30 pm  
**March 18<sup>th</sup> ~ Wednesday 5:30 pm Examination of Conscience & General Absolution**

**Our Stewardship (2/8/2015 Weekend)**

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$945.00	\$00.00
Debt Reduction	\$548.00	
Attendance	153	00

### Lenten Norms for Fasting & Abstinence

Ash Wednesday, February 17, & Good Friday, April 3, are days 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 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.

### Emergency Fund Raising

#### Lent is our Time of Almsgiving

not he who  
has much is  
rich,

but he who  
gives much

This winter saw a sharp rise in the number of families and individuals in need of emergency help to provide for basic needs, such as food, shelter and medications. The reasons varied,

but our community responded with compassion and support. The two relief organizations dedicated to Hatteras Island residents exclusively, the Cape Hatteras Electric Cooperative Foundation (Operation Round-Up) and the Hatteras Island Methodist Men, now find themselves at significantly lower levels of monies available to help families in the future. Both organizations are non-profit and have 100% of funds applied to assistance - no administrative overhead. Lent is our time of almsgiving. If you would like to give locally, please consider these organizations amongst your charities.

#### **CHEC Foundation "Operation Roundup"**

PO Box 9, Buxton, NC 27920

#### **Hatteras Island United Methodist Men**

PO Box 1591, Buxton, NC 27920



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.



### 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal

In the Name of Jesus...

The Gospel mandate, and an unwavering emphasis of Pope Francis, is that our love for God must be reflected in our love for one another, especially the weak and vulnerable. In response to that call, our Diocese remains fully committed to increasing our outreach to feed, clothe, educate and pray with those in most need of assistance.



Again this year, Our Lady of the Seas is actively participating with all the other parishes in the Diocese of Raleigh to raise funds for the Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA).

In this stressful time of meeting many needs, including those immediately affecting our own parish and our parishioners, please search your heart for a few dollars or a pocketful of change to support the BAA.

More information and donation envelopes are available on the table at the church entrance. The envelopes can be dropped into one of the collection baskets or mailed to Our Lady of the Seas, PO Box 399, Buxton, NC 27920.

Please help us make the 2015 campaign a success. Thank you!

### Lenten Food Drive



As you prepare your Friday meals or fast on holy days, pray for the poor among us. Pray that we may help and advocate for them. Eating simple meals meets our Lenten obligations and shows our solidarity with the poor. Use funds that would have purchased meat or elaborate meals to purchase items for our local food pantry. Children can help pick out food. If "shopping" from home, please check expiration dates.

If you don't have time to shop, make a financial contribution to the Food Pantry. United Methodist Men, PO Box 159, Buxton, NC 27920

*Food can be dropped off in the 24 hour drop box on the Social Hall porch. ~ Thank you for your generosity!~*

### Summer Fund Raiser-Not a raffle!!!

We have a great opportunity to significantly reduce our mortgage debt. A family has offered to match our entire summer 2nd collections from Memorial Weekend to Labor Day weekend. They have asked us to find a sponsor or shared sponsor for each individual weekend. That totals 16 weekends.

If you are interested in being a weekend sponsor or share a sponsorship this summer, please contact Dave or Karen Kelmer after church or call at 986-2719.