

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 13, 2016**

**Salesian Perspective**

In Jesus we begin to understand the wonder contained in the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Remember not the events of the past; see, I am doing something new." That wonder takes on a personal face in the woman caught in adultery.

Her recent past is all too evident; she was caught in her sin. Now it's time for punishment. Jesus silences the accusing voices around her when he tells them: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And we're told they leave one by one. Imagine how surprised the woman must have been when Jesus speaks to her: "Is there no one to condemn you? Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." God is certainly doing something new here.

The truth is: Jesus knows our sins better than anyone, even us. But he chooses not to condemn us. Jesus doesn't ignore our sins. He fully agrees with his Father that sin must be punished. But Jesus loves us so much that he freely decides to take our punishment on himself. On the cross, every penalty for all the sins ever committed was placed on Jesus. He chose to suffer for us and never blamed us.

God makes his loving mercy clear to us in the death of Jesus on the cross. Jesus continues to say to us: "Neither do I condemn you, Go and sin no more." God chooses not to remember our past; God is doing something new in us. All the more reason for us to turn to Jesus in our sins. He will forgive us and strengthen us against temptations in the future.

This morning, Jesus is telling us once again: have confidence in God's mercy and forgiveness. How will we respond? Are we willing to bring our sins humbly to the Lord and ask forgiveness? Where else can we experience a love that forgives so freely? Then, in our gratitude, let us heed the words of Jesus: "Go and sin no more," and know that Jesus makes that possible with the help of his grace. May our gratitude express itself in our willingness to forgive others.

As we continue to prepare ourselves to celebrate the great events of our salvation, may we learn more fully to humbly receive God's mercy and forgiveness, and gratefully take hold of grace as strength for our resolve for the future.

May we always have a sense of wonder as we experience our God doing something new in us each day. Let us also be open to God's desire to do something new in the lives of others through us.

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**TAIZÉ LENTEN PRAYER SERVICE**

AN ECUMENICAL AND CONTEMPLATIVE WORSHIP CONSISTING OF MEDITATIVE SINGING, LITURGICAL READING AND PERIODS OF SILENCE.

"NOTHING IS MORE CONDUCTIVE TO A COMMUNION WITH THE LIVING GOD THAN A MEDITATIVE COMMON PRAYER WITH, AS IT'S HIGH POINT, SINGING THAT NEVER ENDS AND THAT CONTINUES IN THE SILENCE OF ONE'S HEART WHEN ONE IS ALONE AGAIN"

Brother Roger of TAIZÉ

**JOIN US, FOR A PEACEFUL HOUR OF PRAYER, THIS TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016 AT 7:00 PM**



**Bilingual Stations of the Cross**  
**VIA CRUCIS**

**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)

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



*So that Wesley and his family may be remembered in prayer by the community for this young boys open heart surgery.*

9:00 am, Sunday, March 13

✠ **Wesley Grabil**

*Requested by GaeAnn*

**Our Stewardship Weekend 3/6/2016**

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
<b>Offertory</b>	\$ 511.00	\$ 116.00	cancelled
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	\$ 650.00		
<b>Attendance</b>	116	23	
<b>Principal Balance as of 1/30/2016 ~ \$217,040.50</b>			

**A really patient man neither complains nor seeks to be pitied; he will speak simply and truly of his trouble, without exaggerating its weight or bemoaning himself.**

**- St. Francis de Sales**

**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.

**The honor of your presence is requested for the Church's commemoration of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection**

**of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**-March 20<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 9:00 am**

**The Sacred Triduum:**

**-March 24<sup>th</sup> Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 6:00 pm**

**-March 25<sup>th</sup> Good Friday of the Passion of the Lord 6:00 pm**

**-March 26<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday: the Easter Vigil 8:00 pm**

**-March 27<sup>th</sup> Easter Mass at 9 am and 11 am (bi-lingual)**



## **Bake Sale**

Help make our **Easter Holiday Bake Sale** a rousing *success!* Please contact Karen Kelmer at 986-2719 to let her know that you are available to help or that you will bring your baked goods to the Bake Sale **NEXT WEEK.**



**PLEASE LABEL THE CAKE AND LIST INGREDIANCE; ALLERGIES ARE A BIG PROBLEM WITH SOME PEOPLE.**

Thank you. **COFFEE SUNDAY IS NEXT WEEK TOO!!!!**

## **Explaining the Catholic Faith**



TODAY... Fr Fred will continue with the program of **Explaining the Catholic Faith. The subject matter will be "A Catholic Moral Vision"** It will take place at the rectory following the 9 am Mass. **All are**

**welcomed** even if you did not participate in any of the last episodes.

### **UPDATE ON OLS MORTGAGE**

All the paperwork has been submitted. The request was approved by Raleigh's Finance staff and the Parish Loan Committee. Next step: the Diocesan Finance Committee review on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Please ask God for approval of our request!

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

Processional: # 351 Seek the Lord

(No Gloria)

Psalm Response: *"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy."*

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

Offertory: #471 Hosea

Communion: # 575 Only This I Want

# 606 The Lord Is Near

Recessional: # 444 Lift High the Cross

**Reading for today's Mass are found in the Glory & Praise at number 769**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Isaiah 43:16 – 21

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Philippians 3:8 – 14

**Gospel Reading** ~ John 8:1 – 11

### **~ 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)

### **Sacrament of Penance**

***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.***



### **EASTER EGG HUNT**

**March 26<sup>th</sup>, Saturday**

**10:00 am to Noon at our Social Hall.**