

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 15, 2015**

***Salesian Perspective***

Here we are at the mid-point of our Lenten journey.

During the past three weeks, we have been listening to the call of the prophets and Jesus himself: "Repent and believe the Good News." Change your way of living.

Today, in the midst of these voices for change, we hear the Good News: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world" but to save it.

We heard St. Paul expand on John's words: "God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in sin, brought us to life in Christ – by grace you have been saved."

The wonder of God's loving mercy shown to us in Jesus: the immeasurable riches of his grace, his kindness to us in Jesus.

Our salvation, our new life, is pure grace, freely given by the God who loves us. We have done nothing to deserve it; we can do nothing to merit it. It's ours because God loves us. When we have the humble faith to accept this gracious gift of our God, then we can be made new, for we share in the life and love of God.

When we listen to the Good News and trust in God's faithful word to us, then we are open to confessing our sins and receiving the mercy of God. When we understand what God is doing in us, we will find ourselves being led to gratefulness. And our gratefulness will show itself in the way we live with one another. We then choose to become part of the light that Jesus is bringing into our world. The good we do for one another is done in response to God's graciousness.

It is good to be reminded that God has loved us so much. May today's reminder be a source of encouragement as we continue our good works on our journey to our Father's house.

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

**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***



**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.

**OLS ~ Woman's Guild ~**

**CELEBRATE**



Next Saturday, the ladies of our parish are **UNITING!** Yep, Karen Kelmer accepted the task. Spear heading the Women's Group and bring it back to life. So **WOMEN OF THE PARISH UNITE!** See you Saturday at the Hall, 10:00 am

**If you can Bake, Bring IT!!!**

Help make our Palm Sunday Bake Sale a rousing success! Anyone (you too guys!) who can bake, please contact Karen Kelmer at 986-2719 to let her know that you are available to help.



"Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts."  
~ St. Francis de Sales



**Emergency Fund Raising**  
**Lent is our Time of Almsgiving**



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

**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. That totals 16 weekends.

They have asked us to find a sponsor or shared sponsor for each individual weekend. 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.

**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!~*

**2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal**

Grateful to God – Generous to Neighbor  
As of March 31, Raleigh Diocese reported that Our Lady of the Seas (OLS) has collected \$1,065, or 9.62% of our goal. Recent donations, totaling \$325 were sent to Raleigh on Monday.



The Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA) supports the Gospel mandate and Pope Francis stating 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. In this stressful time of meeting many needs, including those immediately affecting our own parish and its parishioners, please search your heart for a few dollars or a pocketful of change to support the BAA. More information on the BAA and donation envelopes are available on the table at the church entrance. The envelopes are not addressed, but can be dropped into one of the collection baskets or mailed to Our Lady of the Seas at P. O. Box 399, Buxton, NC 27920. Thank you.

**Music for the Liturgy**

**Processional:** # 639 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy  
**Psalm Response:** "Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you!" (chant)  
**Gospel Acclamation:** "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!"  
**Presentation:** # 659 The Lord Is My Light  
**Communion:** # 656 Christ Be Our Light  
**Recessional:** # 615 Amazing Grace - vs. 1 & 2

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **765**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19 – 23  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Ephesians 2:4 – 10  
**Gospel Reading** ~ John 3:14 – 21

**Our Stewardship (3/1/2015 Weekend)**

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Latino</u>
Offertory	\$784.00	\$37.00
Debt Reduction	\$514.00	
Attendance	117	11



When a parishioner or family member is in the hospital or homebound. Fr Fred 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.