

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 22, 2015**

***Salesian Perspective***

In today's Gospel (option for Cycle A) we experience the confident faith of Martha and Mary in Jesus as He brings back to life their brother Lazarus. St. Francis de Sales notes:

If our faith in the power of Our Savior has the confidence of Mary and Martha, it can bring life to us. It is in Him and from Him we expect all our help.

Our confession of faith is an act to willingly love God and all the things of God. Our hearts find God at the fountain of faith. When God gives us faith, God enters into us and speaks to our minds through inspirations. The first thing God does to our hearts is to arouse them to their own goodness. God sees us in our misery, and if we are willing, God rescues us from that misery. Faith is the best friend of our spirit. It has us love truth.

Faith prompts the beginning of love that the heart feels for the things of God. Faith sees that God is gentle with us, and constantly fills us with goodness. Faith sees that God's eternal love arouses compassion rather than justice. God, by way of inspiration, leads us from love to love, as from dwelling to dwelling, until we are brought into most holy love. Divine love makes our faith come alive. Faith united to sacred love yields the fruit of good works. By His works, Jesus gives us every kind of proof of His love for us.

In raising Lazarus from the dead, our dear Master shows us that all His works are done through His goodness alone. He also made of Himself our food in the Eucharist. And did He not make the greatest possible act of love by dying on a cross, where He proved that love was stronger than death? Can we not confidently trust our faithful Servant and love the things that He loves? Our Savior's watch over you is greater than your weaknesses. Live your faith joyously then in holy love as Martha and Mary did. Like Lazarus, God will work wonders in you, and enliven your faith with eternal life.

*(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales, especially, Treatise on the Love of God.)*

**Lenten Mass Schedule & HOLY WEEK**

24 + 26 ~ Tuesday & Thursday Mass ~ 8:30 am  
25 ~ Wednesday ~ 5:30 pm ~ Stations of the Cross w/Communion Service  
29 ~ Palm Sunday 9:00 am  
31 ~ Tuesday ~ 8:30 am  
2 ~ Holy Thursday ~ 7:00 pm  
3 ~ Good Friday ~ 7:00 pm  
4 ~ Easter Vigil Saturday Mass ~ 7:00 pm  
5 ~ Easter Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 am  
Bilingual Misa ~ 11:00 am



**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 evening 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.

**Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections.**

~ St. Francis de Sales

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

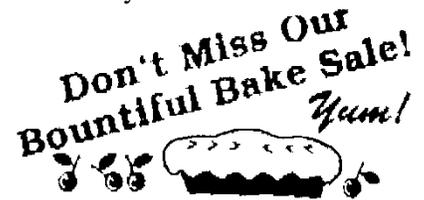
Help make our Easter Holiday Bake Sale a rousing **success!**

Anyone (you too guys!) who can bake, please contact Karen Kelmer at

986-2719 OR Marcie Shoemaker at

995-5799 to let them 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.





# are you in?

## 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

## 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. A donation of \$20 becomes \$60, \$50 becomes \$150, \$100 becomes \$300. If you are interested in being a weekend sponsor or share a sponsorship this summer, please contact Fr Fred at 995-6613 or Dave & 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!**~

## Music for the Liturgy

**Processional:** # 351 Seek the Lord - vs. 1, 2, 3

**Psalm Response:** "Create a clean heart in me, O God." (chant)

**Gospel Acclamation:** "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!"

**Presentation:** # 619 You Are Near

**Communion:** # 579 Unless A Grain of Wheat

**Recessional:** # 691 Praise the Lord, My Soul – vs. 1 & 2

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **768**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Jeremiah 31:31-34

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Hebrews 5:7 – 9

**Gospel Reading** ~ John 12:20 – 33



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.

## DONATING MADE EASY ON OUR WEBSITE!!!



If you're one of the "billions" of people, who do your charitable giving on line, then you will be glad to know that Our Lady of the Seas website now has the ability to accept on-line donations. It is a secure easy way to make your donation and is available 24-hours a day for your convenience. Currently four categories are available for donation: Offertory, Debt Reduction, Pastor Discretionary & Hurricane Relief. Your comments and suggestions on this new capability, or other aspects of our web site, are encouraged and welcomed.



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## A Lovely Memento...

**"The Welcoming Light of Our Lady of the Seas"**

Our parish's beautiful limited-edition fine art prints that you see on the cover of this bulletin make lovely remembrances of your wedding, anniversary celebration, child's baptism, or vacation. "The Welcoming Light of Our Lady of the Seas" is signed and numbered by the artist - Linda Browning. Each print comes sleeved, backed, and ready to frame in a 12"x16" mat. Price: \$39.50. Proceeds go towards our debt reduction. Thank you!