

Third Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2015

Salesian Perspective

The Temple was built as a house where God's glory would dwell in the midst of his people. The buyers and sellers of offerings had compromise the sacredness of the Temple. Jesus' zeal to restore its sacredness leads him to clear the Temple.

But this parable-in-action had a deeper meaning, as his disciples understood later. When the Jews asked for a sign for why he had acted this way, Jesus responded: "Destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews thought he was talking foolishly. Later on, the disciples understood that Jesus was talking about the temple of his own body. Jesus is the sacred place where God's glory dwells in the midst of his people.

After the disciples experienced the tragic death of Jesus on the Cross and became witnesses to his resurrected body three days later, and the Holy Spirit had come upon them and filled their minds and hearts with light, they were able to look back at all they had experienced with Jesus in a new light. They began to understand that they were now part of the Body of Christ – the continuation of the sacred place where God's glory remained in the midst of his people. As they preached Jesus Christ crucified and raised, they experienced the power and wisdom of God at work in Jesus' name. Some people who heard them found a crucified Savior to be a stumbling block; others thought it utter foolishness. Still many others accepted it as saving grace.

You and I are among those who have accepted saving grace. We have been incorporated into the Body of Christ by our baptism. As Church community, we are to be the sacred dwelling place of God in our world. And each of us has been taught to reverence our body as a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Hearing the account of Jesus cleansing the Temple is a good Lenten reminder to us individually and as a community. Am I keeping the temple of my body sacred? What kind of effort do I make to keep the community (both Oblate and Church) sacred? Is Jesus inviting me to a cleansing in some way?

Lord Jesus, you are the power and wisdom of God. Open each of us to the cleansing you want to do in your temple during this Lent.

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

Our Stewardship (2/22/2015 Weekend)

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Latino</u>
Offertory	\$750.00	\$103.00
Debt Reduction	\$983.00	
Attendance	105	18

Mass Intentions for the Week



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

Sunday ~ March 8th, 9:00 am

✠ In memory of Bob Martini

Requested by Barbara Martini



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

1st 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 18th ~ Wednesday 5:30 pm Examination of Conscience & General Absolution

"We must live every moment of our life as if it were our last."
 ~ St. Francis de Sales

Lenten Norms for Fasting & Abstinence

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
etc. from

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

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **762**

1st Reading ~ Exodus 20:1-17, or 20:1- 3, 7- 8, 12 - 17

2nd Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 1:22 - 25

Gospel Reading ~ John 2:13 - 25



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.

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.

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!**~