

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 17, 2016**

**Salesian Perspective**

Imagine being so secure that nothing has the ability to upset us - not natural disaster, disease, crisis, suffering, not even death itself. That may seem too good to be true, yet that is Jesus' promise to us. "No one will snatch them out of my hand." Jesus' words are meant to touch every aspect of our life, the smallest as well as the greatest.

Jesus and the Father are more powerful than anything we can ever come up against. God is greater than any natural disaster, any cultural uproar, and the most serious illness. Nothing escapes God's loving and watchful eye. No matter how alone we may feel at a particular moment, God is with us, caring for us, strengthening us. Whatever is in our life cannot overwhelm us; God is with us.

We have been reminded that Jesus, our Shepherd, has given us eternal life through his death and resurrection. We must never underestimate the reality of that gift. Satan would like to convince us that the cross was only a symbolic event. It's not relevant to our daily struggles and fears. But Jesus has told us that he gives us eternal life, a sharing in his risen life. That life is no longer bound by sin, no longer under the domination of the lies of Satan, no longer subject to fear. Through repentance and faith and trust in Jesus, our Good Shepherd, we can overcome every temptation, every fear, and every anxiety that may crop up each day.

We can be secure in our position in Jesus' hands when we make daily decisions that will keep us conscious of his presence and dependent on his grace as we go through our day. Every day we must ask Jesus to convince us more deeply of his love and mercy. Ask him to open us to the power of his life that is within us. As we do this more frequently each day, we will find that our fears and anxieties are reduced, and temptations remain just that – temptations.

Thank you, Jesus, for giving us a share in your life. Thank you for being our Good Shepherd. Help us to be mindful of your wonderful gift within us. Help us to trust in your presence and care for us today and always.

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**Sacrament of Penance**  
***Fr Fred will minister to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays, starting at 4:45 pm***

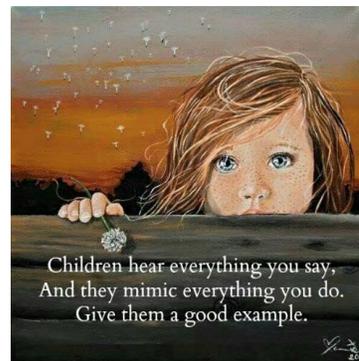
**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

**April 17, 2016 – Our Holy Father, Pope Francis has issued a Papal Message for this occasion, in conjunction with the observance of the Jubilee Year of Mercy.**

**Pope Francis reminds us that: "The Christian vocation, just like every particular vocation, is born from within the People of God, and is a gift of Divine Mercy. He also stresses that one's vocation demands, "that we go beyond ourselves and place our lives at the service of God's plan."**

**A Reason for the Jubilee**

**"Here, then, is the reason for the Jubilee: because this is the time for mercy. It is the favorable time to heal wounds, a time not to be weary of meeting all those who are waiting to see and to touch with their hands the signs of the closeness of God, a time to offer everyone, everyone, the way of forgiveness and reconciliation. May the Mother of God open our eyes, so that we may comprehend the task to which we have been called: and may she obtain to us the grace to experience this Jubilee of Mercy as faithful and fruitful witnesses of Christ." - Pope Francis, homily at First Vespers on Divine Mercy Sunday**



***April is Child Abuse Prevention Month***

**The Color White and Gold**

**Jesus' Birth and Resurrection**

**Symbolic of purity and light, these shades are most often seen at Christmas, Easter and other celebrations of life, including Weddings and Funeral.**

**As the pope is God's representative on earth, these hues are also closely associated with him. Even the Vatican flag is white and gold.**

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

**Processional:** #676 Lift Up Your Hearts  
Glory to God (Mass of Creation)

**Psalms response:** "We are His people, the sheep of his flock."

**Gospel Acclamation:** Celtic Alleluia

**Offertory:** #708 Like a Shepherd

**Communion:** #603 We Will Rise Again

#525 Gift of Finest Wheat

**Recessional:** #668 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the

**Glory & Praise** at number **781**

**1st Reading** ~ Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43 – 52

**2nd Reading** ~ Revelation 7:9, 14b – 17

**Gospel Reading** ~ John 10:27 – 30

**If you find that you have wandered away from the shelter of God, lead your heart back to Him quietly and simply.**

**- St. Francis de Sales**

**~ Spring Mass Schedule ~**

- Saturday 6:00 pm
- Sunday 9:00 am
- Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am

**GIVING TREE MEMORIALS**



*Do you want to share in the GIVING TREE? A donation of \$500 will purchase a leaf which has 4 lines to list an inscription. It is quite fitting that the new "GIVING TREE" has*

*taken root in the vestibule of our church. Any questions contact Dave Kelmer 252.986.2719*

**Pro-Life April 17 (week 4)**

Gabriela's heart started beating 18 days after conception. Gabriela may have a different blood type than her mother's. Already Gabriela has the foundation for thought, senses, feeling and more. The amniotic sac is now formed and the fluid will cushion Gabriela throughout the pregnancy. Gabriela has a yolk sac which supplies blood and nutrients until the placenta has developed and is ready to take over. "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation...all things were created through him and for him." (Colossians 1:15-16)

**PRIZES, PRIZES, PRIZES!**



The prizes for our annual fundraising raffle are terrific this year! Be sure to purchase your raffle tickets today before you leave. They will be sold before and after Mass (5/\$20 or \$5 each). The drawing will be held in December 4th, but you do not have to be present to win. Proceeds go to the

support of our parish.

Here are the prizes that we have to date:

- A vacation home in western NC for one week
- A vacation home in Frisco for one week
- 8' rod and reel
- A Gulf Stream fishing trip on the Miss Hatteras out of Odens Dock
- 2 - \$500.00 cash prizes
- Signed, numbered, limited-edition print of our church by local artist, Linda Browning
- Gulf Stream Fishing trip on the Big Eye out of Hatteras
- North Carolina gift basket from Lee Robinson General Store located on Hwy 12, Hatteras
- A gourmet basket from Sea Treasure Ocean located on Hwy 12, Rodanthe
- Original art by Linda Browning
- Dinner for 2 at Café Pamlico located at the Inn on the Pamlico Sound Hwy 12, Frisco
- Gift certificate from Conner's Market
- Gift certificate from Captain's Table
- \$100 Gift Certificate from Breakwater Restaurant, Hatteras

These are the electronics for the raffle and we are looking for sponsors for them.

- \$269.00 Apple I Pad Mini – 2
- \$169.99 Acer Chrombook – 2
- \$149.00 Apple TV FOR STREAMING INTERFACE 32 GB
- \$99.99 Amazon Fire FOR STREAMING TELEVISION INTERFACE
- \$35.00 Crome Cast INTERNET/INTERFACE DIVICE

Also if anyone would wish to donate a prize or know anyone, it would be greatly appreciated.



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