

Third Sunday of Easter
April 19, 2015

Salesian Perspective

It's hard for us to imagine what it must have been like to be in the room where the disciples had gathered and were now listening to the two who had just returned from Emmaus and were telling them about their experience of the risen Jesus. All of them had to have been excited and full of questions.

Then Jesus came and stood in their midst and spoke to them very gently: "Peace be with you." It's obvious that Jesus understood their amazement and confusion. He immediately wants to set their minds at ease: "See my hands and feet; it is I. Touch me; I'm not a ghost." "Have you anything to eat?" And he eats the piece of fish they gave him. We're told the disciples were incredulous with joy.

Then Jesus takes the time to explain to them all the Scriptures - from Moses and the prophets and psalms - that referred to him. All of this was to prepare them for their mission as witnesses to all these things.

Jesus wants to have a similar encounter with each of us in prayer. He wants us to know him as our crucified and risen Lord. He wants us to experience him as our Advocate with the Father - the One who forgives our sins and reconciles us with the Father. He wants to open our minds and hearts to the depths of God's word in the Scriptures - words which invite us into the fullness of the mystery of God's great love and mercy - words which are meant to transform us into his brothers and sisters.

Sometimes we find ourselves tempted to think that there must be one definitive experience of Jesus that will change us forever - an experience like the one in today's Gospel. We search the books of spiritual writers, trying to find that "best" way to make this happen. And we often find ourselves frustrated - and feeling very imperfect: "I must be doing something wrong."

Today's Gospel is instructive. Jesus is the one who chooses the time and way he will reveal himself. The disciples were just there in the room; they didn't have to do anything to prepare for Jesus' coming among them. They were just thinking about him and their minds were filled with questions. Then Jesus is there, telling them: "Peace be with you."

Our expectations for some definitive experience of Jesus may be blinding us to the experience that Jesus wants for us. He knows our desires - and our limitations. He may not want to overwhelm us at a particular moment. He does want us to be there in prayer with an open heart. He will fill us with his love in the way he knows we need it.

May our eagerness for an experience of Jesus in prayer always be tempered with confidence and trust in his loving care for us.

Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS

Music for the Liturgy 9:00 am

Processional: # 382 Now the Green Blade Rises

Gloria (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: "Lord, let your face shine on us."
(chant)

Celtic Alleluia

Presentation: # 649 Peace

Communion: # 521 Look Beyond

524 Behold the Lamb



Recessioanl: # 671 Glory and Praise to Our God

Our Stewardship Easter Weekend

| | <u>Buxton</u> | <u>Ocracoke</u> |
|--|---------------------|-----------------|
| Offertory | \$6,276.00 | cancelled |
| Debt Reduction | \$7,039.00 | |
| Attendance | 678 | 00 |
| Principal Balance as of 2/28/2015 | \$468,731.21 | |

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the

Glory & Praise at number **777**

1st Reading ~ Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19

2nd Reading ~ 1 John 2:1 - 5a

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 24:35 - 48

Mass Intentions for the Week



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

✠ **In memory of Bernard & Edith Halsall**

Requested by the Family

~ Spring Mass Schedule ~

- Saturday 5:30 pm
- Sunday 9:00 am
- Sunday 5:30 pm (Spanish)
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am
- 1st Friday 8:30 am with 1 hour devotion

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



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.



April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month



April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our children, a precious gift from God.



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Confirmation

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class

Those who have been baptized continue on the path of Christian initiation through the sacrament of confirmation. Yesterday, 15 candidates accepted the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Holy Redeemer. Our newly confirmed candidates are, Maddie & Justin Chandler, Courtney, Colby & Conner Day, Carlos Escobar, Olivia & Zach Huizing, Hannah Lovell, Mariana & Arlen Palacios, Sandra Sanchez, Zeb Shoemaker, Fernanda Vasquez and Christopher Zavala.



Coffee Fellowship Sunday

Today is Coffee Sunday You are all invited to the social hall immediately following the 9:00 am Mass to share in a smorgasbord of breakfast dishes along with coffee, cake, and other goodies. We

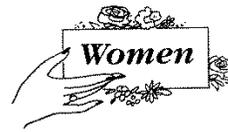
are WELCOMING OUR NEW CADIDATES into the community family. Please remember to bring your goodies in with you to the Social Hall.

~ OLS 1st Communion Class ~



Next Saturday evening at the 5:30 pm Mass we have 12 children who will be making their 1st Holy Communion. Following the Saturday evening Mass, a small reception, serving "pot luck

dinner" will be taking place in the Social Hall to celebrate the event.



Women' Guild

The next Women's Guild meeting will be held next Saturday morning April 25th at 10 am in the Hall. All women are invited to attend and bring a friend.

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.

DONATING MADE EASY ON OUR WEBSITE!!!



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.

www.ourladyoftheseas.org

PAVERS FOR THE WALKWAY



The church is working on a new batch of pavers for our walkway. If you are interested in purchasing a paver, for your convenience the form is located hanging on the wall at ALL the exits of our church.

Or, on the church website, click on the FORMS button on the left, download, fill it in and mail it with your check.

<http://www.ourladyoftheseas.org>

Our Local Food Pantry

IF YOU HAVE UNOPENED, NON-PERISHABLE FOOD that you haven't used during your stay, please donate it to the Food Pantry. You can use our 24-hour drop-box on the porch of the Social Hall anytime. If you prefer to buy food for the pantry, "standard" sizes rather than bulk items are preferred..

Checks may be made out to United Methodist Men, PO Box 1591 Buxton, NC 27920.

Thank you for your generosity!

Visitors ~ our pews have envelopes in the pockets for your convenience, which you may take with you and mail back to us.



Thank you for being with us.