

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 24, 2016**

**Salesian Perspective**

“I make all things new!”

This is the good news Jesus brings us through his death and resurrection. The world hasn't been the same since that moment in history. Death on a cross is Jesus' glorification; his death brings life. His glorification reaches its fullness in his resurrection, and he desires to share his new, glorious life with us. He has done that through the waters of our baptism.

We are a new creation. Jesus tells us that there will come a time when this new creation will be complete. We will be his people forever, dwelling with him. Every tear will be wiped away. There will be no more death or mourning, crying out or pain. All things will be completely new in the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus has told us that he is going to his Father's house to prepare a place for us. But he doesn't want us to stand around looking to the heavens for his return. He has given us his sure promise of future happiness so that we will have the strength and courage to get about the daily work of loving one another in the same way that he has loved us.

Loving in this way will be a challenge each day. His promise gives us hope and encouragement as we try to meet the challenges of loving. Our efforts to love really do have an effect on this passing world in which we live. The sincerity and generosity of our efforts to love will be a sign in this world of Jesus' continuing presence and work among us. Our efforts to love will continue to announce good news to all we meet.

In light of hearing once again Jesus' commandment to love, it's important this morning that we reflect on how committed we are to making daily efforts to love as Jesus has loved us. When we encounter people during the course of the day, do we try to witness to Jesus' love for each person we meet? Jesus tells us clearly: “This is how all will know that you are my disciples.” Our answer to the question is important. How well we try to love one another in daily living is the true measure of our being Jesus' good news right here and now.

Let's pray for ourselves and for one another this

morning at this Eucharist that we may grow even stronger and more courageous in our efforts to love as Jesus has loved us. Through us, Jesus is making all things new. May our God be praised in us!

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**Sacrament of Penance**

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

**Pro-Life April 24 (week 5)**

Gabriela's heart is now pumping blood. All four chambers of the heart are working. The lungs start to appear along with the brain. Arm and leg buds appear. Soon Gabriela will be doing somersaults in the spacious world of the womb. Her mother is probably tired and may experience morning sickness as her body adjusts to the baby. "You did form my inward parts, you did knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for you are fearful and wonderful. Wonderful are your works! You know me right well" (Ps 139[138]: 13-14)

**WHAT IS THE INDULGENCE?**

*Like any Jubilee Year, a person can receive a plenary indulgence for the Year of Mercy. A plenary indulgence removes all of what is called "temporal punishment" due to sins that have already been forgiven. Sin and evil are real. Every sin, large or small, is in some way a rejection of the-best-version-of-ourselves and a rejection of God. "Temporal punishment" is the natural consequence of that sin, the necessary purification following forgiveness of sin.*

**AH! MERCY, THAT IS THE NAME OF GOD.**

*The Jubilee Year was inaugurated 700 years ago. Today is the 29<sup>th</sup> time that we celebrate the jubilee, "Jubilee with the Year of Mercy".*

**WITH THE JUBILEE COMES THE DOOR!**

*There are 4 parishes in the Diocese...*

- *Basilica Shrine of St Mary, Wilmington*
- *Mother of Mercy, Washington*
- *Our Lady of Guadalupe, Newton Grove*
- *Sacred Heart Cathedral, Raleigh*



*April is  
National 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:** # 670 Sing a New Song

Glory to God (Mass of Creation)

**Psalms response:** "I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God."

**Gospel Acclamation:** Celtic Alleluia

**Offertory:** # 649 Peace

**Communion:** # 364 Ubi Caritas

# 525 Gift of Finest Wheat

**Recessional:** # 683 All the Ends of the Earth

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **784**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading ~ Acts of the Apostles 14:21 – 27

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ~ Revelation 21:1 – 5a

Gospel Reading ~ John 13:31 – 33a, 34 – 35

**All that is not eternal is not worthy of a thought.**  
- 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*



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### **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
- \$149.00 Apple TV for streaming Interface 32 GB
- 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
- \$269.00 Apple I Pad Mini
- \$100 Gift Certificate from Dinky's Restaurant, Hatteras
- \$100 Gift Certificate from Hatteras Harbor, Hatteras
- 2 - \$50 Gift Certificates from BP Station, Avon

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

- \$269.00 Apple I Pad Mini – 1
- \$169.99 Acer Chrombook – 2
- \$99.99 Amazon Fire FOR STREAMING TELEVISION INTERFACE
- \$35.00 Crome Cast INTERNET/INTERFACE DEVICE

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