

Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 26, 2015

Salesian Perspective

In today's Gospel, Jesus is telling us about himself and his relationship with his disciples. "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

You and I know what a good shepherd Jesus is. He loves us so much that he willingly died on the cross for all his sheep down through the ages. All of his sheep are sinners and his loving death has freed us from our sins, and his resurrection has given us a share in his new life.

Jesus tells us more: "I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father." Because Jesus has loved us and called us to be his disciples, he has invited us into a special intimacy with him: the same intimacy he shares with his Father -- a divine intimacy.

How can anyone pass up that invitation?

The more we open ourselves and respond to Jesus' invitation, we realize how life changing our response is. And we are not alone. All disciples around us and in our world are making the same effort we are, allowing that divine intimacy to transform the way we live our daily lives. Our efforts support the working of grace in all.

The Eucharist we share nourishes our divine intimacy with Jesus and with one another. Our good shepherd gives us his body to eat and his blood to drink and he promises us eternal life.

As we allow the divine intimacy to grow within us, the words of St. John offer us encouragement. "Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God...We are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is."

Let us keep our minds and hearts focused each day on the intimate invitation of Jesus and respond generously.

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

"If I want only pure water, what does it matter to me whether it be brought in a vase of gold or of glass? What is it to me whether the will of God be presented to me in tribulation or consolation, since I desire and seek only the Divine will?"

~ St. Francis de Sales

Music for the Liturgy 9:00 am

Processional: # 713 Rain Down

Gloria (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: # 263 Psalm 118, This Is the Day
Celtic Alleluia

Presentation: # 708 Like a Shepherd

Communion: # 603 We Will Rise Again

525 Gift of Finest Wheat



Recessioanl: # 693 Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Our Stewardship 4/13/2015 Weekend

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$1,054.00	\$394.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,144.00	
Attendance	170	20
Principal Balance as of 2/28/2015	\$468,731.21	

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **780**

1st Reading ~ Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

2nd Reading ~ 1 John 3:1 - 2

Gospel Reading ~ John 10:11 - 18

~ Spring Mass Schedule ~

- Saturday 5:30 pm
- Sunday 9:00 am
- Sunday 5:30 pm (Spanish)
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am

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.



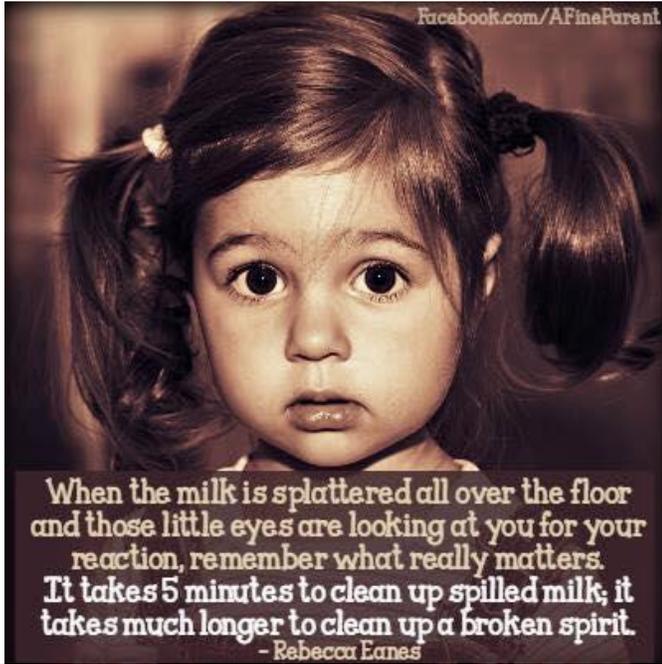
They have asked us to find a sponsor or shared sponsor for each individual weekend. A donation of \$20 becomes \$60, \$50 becomes \$150, \$100 becomes \$300. If you are interested in being a weekend sponsor or share a sponsorship this summer, please contact Fr Fred at 995-6613 or Dave & Karen Kelmer after church or call at 986-2719.



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.



Connect with our Parish!!!
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Catholic PARISH

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
1ST COMMUNION STUDENTS.**



Saturday evening at the 5:30 pm Mass we had 12 children who made their 1st Holy Communion. Congratulations to Emma Murray, Alan Garcia, Evela Chandler, Anthony Zerteno,

Grace Shoemaker, Jack Barnes, Catherine Rebollo, Yoselyn Trejo Gabriel, Alezis Zavala, Samantha Rebollo, Sherlyn Mendieta-Lozano, Marisol Velazquez. Following the Saturday evening Mass, a small reception, serving "pot luck dinner" will be taking place in the Social Hall to celebrate the event. All are welcome.



Pot Luck Dinner

Cover Dish Dinner in our Social Hall Saturday, April 25th. A special time bringing our families together before the hustle & bustle of the summer and congratulating our students.

Join us Wednesday June 17 at Our Lady of the Seas at 7pm for a concert featuring vocalist/guitarist Kim Kalman. "YOU RAISE ME UP" will accept donations that will benefit the church. Kim will be performing material from her Christian CDs. Visit www.kimkalman.com for more information

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!



Cape Hatteras Music Academy

Jessie Taylor, is starting up of Cape Hatteras Music

Academy (CHMA) in September. Classes will be offered for infants, toddlers and children up to age 6, as well as instrument instruction for children ages 6 and up for Violin, Guitar and Singing.

This is something she really feels led by the Lord to do, and she also feels that it will greatly benefit the children on Hatteras Island.

Cape Hatteras Music Academy's three word statement is "Growth Through Music." Jessie truly believes that this will happen and Hatteras Island will be the home to many young and talented musicians through CHMA's musical and educational atmosphere.

It is Jessie's hope that you will join her in spreading the news about this wonderful opportunity for the children in our community.

In the meantime, you can check out the website at: <http://www.capehatterasmusicacademy.com/>