

Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy
April 3, 2016



Salesian Perspective

John's recounting of the appearance of the risen Jesus to his disciples is unique.

We've just been told that Jesus stood in their midst and showed them his wounds and gave them his peace. The wounds of Jesus

bring Thomas to healing faith: "My Lord and my God."

And we heard Jesus speak to us: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

At the end of his Treatise on the Love of God, St. Francis de Sales reminds us that Calvary is the school of love. The wounds of Jesus reveal to us the extent of his love for us. Jesus took our wounds and struggles and made them his own. From his wounds flowed his sacred blood which washes us clean and give us the fullness of life.

God's mercy and love are poured out on us in Jesus' death for us.

Jesus invites us to bring our struggles to him with great faith. Let him take our wounds and struggles into his heart where he can transform them into saving grace for us. He desires to raise us up with him. Jesus will give us his gift of peace in the midst of our struggles.

- He will remind us to stay beneath his cross in our struggles.
- He will encourage us to look into his eyes and see his love for us.
- He will help us to remember that his wounds remained when he rose from the dead.

They have become signs of his love for us. He will invite us to let our wounds become reminders of God's abiding love with us. Like Thomas, may we have the wisdom to proclaim with deep faith: "My Lord and my God, you are always with me."

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LITTLE WHITE BOOKS The seasonal prayer reflection booklet (Easter 2016) contain helpful daily entries to serve as an aid to prayer. You can find them in our vestibule on the table.

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 Steam Fishing trip on the Big Eye out of Hatteras
- North Carolina gift basket from Lee Robinson General Store
- A gourmet basket from Sea Treasure Ocean
- 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
- Gift Certificate \$100 from Breakwater Restaurant

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 DEVICE

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



Connect with our Parish!!! "LIKE" *Our Lady of the Seas Catholic PARISH*

Walk always near to God, for the gentleness of His shadow is more wonderful than the brightness of the sun.

- St. Francis de Sales

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.

~ Spring Mass Schedule ~

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



**April is
National Child Abuse
Prevention Month**



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. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call: *The Diocese of Raleigh Office of Child and Youth Protection at 1-866-535-7233 or email safe@raldioc.org. Information is also available at:*

www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth or <http://www.preventchildabusenc.org/>

PRO-LIFE – April 3 (week 2)

Gabriela has implanted in the wall of her mother's uterus which typically takes place about 6 days after conception. Immediately, physical changes start taking place with the mother. The placenta starts to form. The placenta protects the child and provides nutrients to the new baby. The mother's uterus will increase its capacity by 1000 times during pregnancy. "For nothing will be impossible for God." Luke 1:37

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

- Processional:** # 454 River of Glory
 Glory to God (Mass of Creation)
Psalm Response: # 263 This Is the Day
Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia
Offertory: # 639 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy
 # 728 Morning Has Broken
Communion: # 648 Peace Is Flowing Like A River
 # 389 Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks
Recessional: # 673 Sing to the Mountains

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **775 – Readings C**
1st Reading ~ Acts of the Apostles 5:12 – 16
2nd Reading ~ Revelation 1:9 – 11a, 12–13, 17–19
Gospel Reading ~ John 20:19 – 31

Explaining the Catholic Faith

TODAY, Fr Fred will continue with the program of **Explaining the Catholic Faith, and the subject matter "A love that Last."** It will take place at the rectory following the 9 am Mass. **All are welcomed.**



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

Sacrament of Penance



Fr Fred will minister to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays, starting at 4:45 pm, to provide sufficient opportunities for

the faithful to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Penance.

Our Stewardship Easter Week

	<u>Buxton</u>
Offertory	\$4,773.00
Debt Reduction	\$1,966.00
Attendance	587
Principal Balance as of 2/2016 ~ \$213,639.29	