

Easter Sunday
April 5, 2015

Salesian Perspective



Today we experience and celebrate Jesus conquering death. We also celebrate and welcome our newly baptized who now robe themselves in a new life in Jesus Christ. St. Francis de Sales speaks of the power of God's love as we take off our old garments that led us away from God, and put on the new garment of Jesus Christ:

It is divine love that empowers us to take off the old garments of Adam and put on the new garment of Jesus Christ. It is holy love that causes us to live again in God. Divine love enters the soul to make it happily empty itself of all that is not of God.

Yes, we even must empty ourselves of all our affection for virtue that is agreeable, profitable and honorable to us, and suited to our self-centered loves. Now we clothe ourselves anew with various affections, perhaps the very ones we have given up, because they are agreeable to God, profitable to God's honor, and destined for God's glory. This means that we take on the affections suitable to the service of God's love. Hence we love our parents, country, home, friends, and things, as God desires us to love them.

God's love, which is stronger than death, enables us to forsake all things that lead us away from loving divinely. Holy love, magnificent as the resurrection, graces us with glory and honor. Through God's love, we gladly die to our false self so as to rise anew to our true self in Christ!

Alleluia!

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales, especially, Treatise on the Love of God.)

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

~ St. Francis de Sales



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The Reading for **Easter Vigil** Mass
Glory & Praise at number **773**

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1st Reading ~ Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37 – 43

2nd Reading ~ Colossians 3:1 – 4 or
~ 1Corinthians 5:6b – 8

Gospel Reading ~ John 20:1 – 9

~ Spring Mass Schedule ~

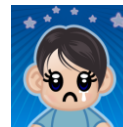
- Saturday 5:30 pm
- Sunday 9:00 am
- Sunday 5:30 pm (Spanish)
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am
- 1st Friday 8:30 am with 1 hour devotion



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/>



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.

AVAILABLE LITTLE WHITE BOOKS

This seasonal prayer reflection booklet entitled, “The Little White Books” (Easter 2015) contain helpful daily entries to serve as an aid to prayer. They are available today. You can find them in our vestibule on the table. We have them for adults in English and Spanish. These are published by the Diocese of Saginaw and contain helpful daily entries to serve as an aid to prayer. Anyone interested in a copy of please help yourself.

Limited supply available.

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

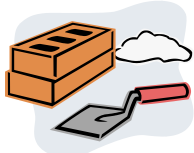
from Memorial Weekend to Labor Day weekend. That totals 16 weekends.

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!!!



If you're one of the "billions" of people, who do your charitable giving on line, then you will be glad to know that 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. Currently four categories are available for donation: Offertory, Debt Reduction, Pastor Discretionary & Hurricane Relief. Your comments and suggestions on this new capability, or other aspects of our web site, are encouraged and welcomed.



PAVERS FOR THE WALKWAY

The church is working on a new batch of pavers for our walkway. We need 100 pavers total to place the order. 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>

A Lovely Memento...

"The Welcoming Light of Our Lady of the Seas"

Our parish's beautiful limited-edition fine art prints that you see on the cover of this bulletin make lovely remembrances of your wedding, anniversary celebration, child's baptism, or vacation. "The Welcoming Light of Our Lady of the Seas" is signed and numbered by the artist - Linda Browning. Each print comes sleeved, backed, and ready to frame in a 12"x16" mat. Price: \$39.50. Proceeds go towards our debt reduction. Thank you!



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Our Local Food Pantry

Food can be dropped off at our 24-hour drop box on the Social Hall porch.

Items Commonly Needed by the Food Pantry – Standard Sizes Preferred

- * Basic foodstuffs – vegetable oil, flour, sugar, coffee, tea, rice, pasta
- * Canned vegetables and meats– beets, tomatoes and greens are local favorites
- * Cereals – both hot and cold
- * Personal care products – toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap
- * Paper Products – individually wrapped paper towels, toilet paper
- * Laundry care and cleaning products
- * Pet products

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Music for the Liturgy

Processional: # 381 Christ, the Lord, Is Risen Today

Gloria (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: #263 This Is the Day

Celtic Alleluia

Presentation: # 382 Now the Green Blade Rises

378 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Communion: # 384 The Strife Is O'er

419 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

389 Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks

Recessional: # 673 Sing to the Mountains

Thank You For Helping

To all the bakers who helped to make our annual Easter Bake Sale be a rousing success!

Eucharistic Ministers



We need volunteers for our Masses. If you know you can help to assist at the Mass please step up, go to one of the ministers with a name tag on and let them know you are available to help fill the void. Thank you.

Happy Easter

