

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2015

Salesian Perspective

Today's Scripture readings call us to embrace the great reality: God is love.

God has loved us eternally. Even when the human family chose to reject God's love and sinned, God's eternal love for us sent his Son Jesus among us as expiation for our sins. God's love does not change; God doesn't love us because we love him.

Jesus reminds us of this wonderful news in the gospel today: "You are slaves no longer. I call you friends because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father." Through of our baptism into Jesus' saving death and resurrection, you and I share in the life and love of God. Jesus has made it possible for us to love one another as he has loved us. Through the grace of faith, you and I are begotten of God and know God. God gives us the ability to love and he desires us to use that ability for the good of one another.

God makes his enduring love surprisingly evident in today's first reading. When Peter enters the house of Cornelius, a Gentile, the Holy Spirit is poured out on this pagan family even before they are baptized. Peter is shocked that non-Jews are speaking in tongues, but he accepts the wonder of God's love working in these foreigners and baptizes them in the name of Jesus. Peter is forced to acknowledge that God shows no partiality in loving. That will become the practice of the Church community.

We are to love all as Jesus has loved all. There can be no strangers or aliens in our community. We must be open to the many ways that God's love will manifest itself among us. Sometimes the working of God's love will surprise us, as it did Peter. Since God's love is always present among us, we may experience it through the least likely people and situations.

You and I are often the unsuspecting channel of God's love for people who least expect it from us. When we learn to accept the great mystery of God's eternal love for each of us, when we make the time each day to allow God's love to reach deeply within us, when we decide to expect to find God's love in each person we meet during the day, then we will find ourselves experiencing the great transformation that Jesus has come to make in us. We will learn to treasure being Jesus' friend and try to be friend to everyone we meet. We will be mindful of St. John's words: "In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that God has loved us." It is not that others have loved me first; rather, I have loved them. This is how Jesus has loved us. It is the way that he asks us to love one another.

May our God be praised in our efforts to love!

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

"Think often of the Lord for He will enable you to bear your troubles patiently."

~ St. Francis de Sales

Music for the Liturgy 9:00 am

Processional: # 671 Glory and Praise to Our God
Gloria (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: "*The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*"

Alleluia: (Celtic Mass)

Presentation: # 649 Peace

Communion: # 710 I Have Loved You
499 One Bread, One Body

Recessional: # 430 Immaculate Mary

Our Stewardship 4/26/2015 Weekend

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$1,056.00	cancelled
Debt Reduction	\$1,052.00	
Attendance	253	

Principal Balance as of 3/31/2015 \$ \$466,879.56

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **786**

1st Reading ~ Acts of the Apostles 10:25 – 26,
34 – 35, 44 – 48

2nd Reading ~ 1 John 4:7 – 10

Gospel Reading ~ John 15:9 – 17

Mass Intentions for the Week



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

† In memory of Bob Martini

Requested by Barbara Martini



~ Spring Mass Schedule ~

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)
Tuesday, Wednesday 8:30 am
NO MASS ON THURSDAY

*Loving God, as a mother gives
life and nourishment to her
children, so you watch over
your Church. Bless these
women, that they may be
strengthened as Christian mothers.*



*Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always with a spirit of profound
respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord.*

Amen.



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.



Join us Wednesday **June 17** at Our Lady of the Seas at **7:00 pm** 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!



Coffee Fellowship Sunday

Next Sunday is Coffee Sunday

Please remember to bake your goodies, bring them with you to the Social Hall next Sunday. All are invited to the social hall immediately following the 9:00 am Mass to share coffee, cake, and other goodies.



Since the beginning of Christianity, the Church as a community has recognized and celebrated in a public way those important moments throughout our lives when God is present to us, individually and communally. We are called to renew our understanding and participation in these defining moments of our faith journey that are called the sacraments. A heart felt thank you to Karen Huizing, Molly Barnes & Mary Pileski. Together they work educating our children about the sacrament of 1st Communion. AND, to all the parents who help make the celebration, filled with happiness and joy.



Our liturgy has the age-old custom of ringing the altar bells when the priest extends his hands over the host and the chalice, just before the Consecration. This custom, which dates back to the 13th Century, is meant to alert us to the calling down of the Holy Spirit upon the gifts so that they may become the Body and Blood of our Lord. After the priest says the words of consecration and elevates the Sacred Host and the chalice of the Precious Blood, the bells are used again to signal to the faithful that the Body and Blood of our Lord is truly present on the altar. They highlight the sacred action taking place on the altar.

Third Option

Many of us manage marriage as a series of choices between his desires and her desires, between "peace at any price" and "letting it all hang out." Because they move us to extremes, these options don't bring us together. With The Third Option, you can learn how to break through the clutter of past baggage and misunderstandings and build an effective, loving relationship. For additional information visit <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/marriage-andfamily-life/marriage-support>.

Living God's Word

Jesus tells us: "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you" (John 15:7). Which words of his are calling you to life? Ask him to help you to trust in the Father and surrender to what the Father wills for you. Copyright © 2014, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.



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