

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2015

Salesian Perspective

Today, Jesus is telling us that a personal, intimate relationship with him is essential if we are to bear fruit as his disciples.

As branches need a vine in order to bear fruit, we need Jesus. Jesus is very clear: "Without me, you can do nothing." The opposite is also true: with Jesus, we can do everything. Jesus reveals his great desire for us: "Remain in me, as I remain in you." Our efforts to remain in Jesus each day give glory to our Father.

One of the ways we remain in Jesus as he remains in us is that we love in our deeds, and not merely talk about loving. St. Francis de Sales offers us some practical advice about how to do this each day. He encourages us to begin our day by being conscious of God's presence and love: My God, I know that you are here with me. You are loving me today.

Help me to be conscious you are with me in everything I say and do today. Then, as we begin each new activity of our day, he encourages us to be conscious again of God's presence and ask for the help of his grace so that we might do this activity in a way that is pleasing to God.

All of the activities of our day are part of God's plan for our salvation. God graces them, making them holy activities, no matter how ordinary they may seem to us. Eating a meal, shopping for food, listening in class, working at a job, meeting with friends, washing clothes and pots and pans – each of these activities can be holy when I choose to do them as God's will for me right now, and I ask God for the grace to do them in a loving way.

When we make this short prayer at the beginning of each of our activities and trust in God's presence and love with us, we are better able to accept any difficulties we may meet in an activity and possibly see them as God's way of pruning us so that we can bear more fruit.

De Sales' advice helps us to remember that we are branches on Jesus, the vine, as we go about the tasks of daily living. It also helps us to do our actions and speak our words in a way that is loving.

Let us pray that his advice may help each of us to deepen our friendship with Jesus and to love one another more as Jesus has loved us.

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

Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself.

- St. Francis de Sales

Music for the Liturgy 9:00 am

Processional: # 670 Sing a New Song - vs. 2 & 3
Gloria (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: "I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people"

Alleluia: (Celtic Mass)

Presentation: # 676 Lift Up Your Hearts
728 Morning Has Broken

Communion: # 364 Ubi Caritas
525 Gift of Finest Wheat

Recessioanl: # 683 All the Ends of the Earth –
vs. 1 & 3

Our Stewardship 4/19/2015 Weekend

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$1,343.00	cancelled
Debt Reduction	\$925.00	
Attendance	215	
Principal Balance as of 3/31/2015	\$ \$466,879.56	

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **783**

1st Reading ~ Acts of the Apostles 9:26–31

2nd Reading ~ 1 John 3:18 – 24

Gospel Reading ~ John 15:1 – 8

~ Spring Mass Schedule ~

- Saturday 6:00 pm
- Sunday 9:00 am
- Sunday 6:00 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.

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

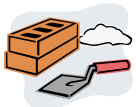
DONATING MADE EASY ON OUR WEBSITE!!!



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!



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/>

Divorced? Remarried? Planning to marry someone who is divorced? Do you have questions about freedom to marry in the Catholic Church? Did you know that the Tribunal is available to answer these and any other questions you may have about remarriage in the Church? Please contact Mrs. Vikki Newell (919-821-9759) with your questions, or you may wish to visit our website

<http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/tribunal> for further information. We welcome the opportunity to help you.

Divorciado? Vuelto a casar? Pensando en casarse con alguien que se divorció? ¿Tiene preguntas acerca de la libertad de casarse en la Iglesia Católica? ¿Sabía usted que el Tribunal está disponible para responder a estas y otras preguntas que usted pueda tener acerca de volverse a casar en la Iglesia? Por favor, póngase en contacto con el Sra. Teresa Aldahondo (Teresa.Aldahondo@raldioc.org or 919-821-9758) con sus preguntas, o usted puede visitar nuestro sitio web

<http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/tribunal> para más información. Damos la bienvenida a la oportunidad de poder ayudarle.

Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker, May 1

"Work is fundamental to the dignity of a person. Work, to use an image, 'anoints' us with dignity, fills us with dignity, makes us similar to God, who has worked and still works, who always acts..."

- Pope Francis, Feast of St. Joseph the Worker and World Labor Day, 5/1/13

Saint Joseph, as the foster father of the Lord, witnesses in a unique way to the care of the family and providing for its spiritual and material needs. Employment is one of these most important material needs. The Memorial of Saint Joseph the Worker on Friday, May 1, 2015, invites us to turn to him, Protector of the Universal Church and all of us, to ask his assistance for the unemployed who often feel utterly alone, abandoned, and many times guilty about their situation. Our prayers for the unemployed are a sign of our own concern and a hope for God's providence in a most challenging situation.

Prayer to St. Joseph, Patron of Workers

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Help us to respect the dignity of all workers.

Help us to learn about and to care about

Workers who do not have fair wages, just benefits, safe working environments.

Help us to raise our voices for justice for workers.

Help us to ask our government and our representatives

To develop policies that create jobs with dignity.



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