

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 12, 2015

Salesian Perspective

We hear mark's account of Jesus' sending out the apostles. We have heard about Jesus' instructions on single-mindedness: traveling light and not being picky about personal accommodations. We are missionaries, not vacationers.

I thought today I would address two tips that are not usually talked about: a companion and rejection.

Jesus formed a community around him, but when it came to getting the word out, he did not send his followers out as a large community or as individuals. Jesus sent them out in pairs. For many good reasons:

- Two can support each other when the going gets tough or one gets discouraged;
- Two can bounce ideas off each other because two heads are better than one;
- Two can hold each other accountable;
- Two can travel more safely -- especially if the message is not being well received;
- Two are stronger witnesses; what one doesn't think of the other very well may, and two have more credibility; for this reason: two were required to witness in a Jewish court.

This is a good rule of thumb for us as well. In our attempts at missionary encounters -- to which every one of us is called -- it is good to have a companion. Jehovah's witnesses know this well and practice it. We hear Jesus' call for a walking stick and sandals. Action gear, not a TV remote and house slippers for oneself and a companion.

The second point I'd like to make is about shaking the dust from our feet if we are rejected. This is a tricky, a dangerous passage. We can misuse it either to justify our anger if we feel it or to reject folks and then stand in judgment, as did James and John, wanting to call fire from heaven on rejecters.

In a nutshell, Jesus wanted his followers simply to recognize their limits in converting and move on, leaving the situation to God and his later sending someone else to them. It is not anyone's gift to ring everyone's bell.

The previous passage to today's reading was last Sunday's rejection by Jesus' own people -- the folks with whom he grew up in Nazareth. Jesus did not doggedly stay. We read: "He made the rounds of the neighboring villages instead."

Jesus' wisdom is echoed by Kenny Rogers, the C&W singer. He tells us that you've got to know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em, know when to walk away, know when to run. There is wisdom in the gambler's song.

Before he began his public life, Jesus was in the desert with Satan who made attractive offers -- and Jesus walked. He knew when to walk and also when to let others walk:

as, when the rich young man chose to walk away rather than give up his riches, Jesus was sad, but he did not run after him.

We don't know the number of times the disciples had to shake the dust from their feet and move on. Satan didn't always fall like lightning from the sky.

There is a principle here for every one of us. A mature assessment of ourselves involves our willingness to recognize our limits, in our missionary relationship with others.

At another level, Dr. Scott Peck said that his practice of psychotherapy would be enjoyable and relatively easy if it were not for a single reality -- resistance. "People who come to psychotherapy do so saying they want to change, and then from the moment therapy starts they usually begin acting as if the last thing on God's earth they want to do is change."

It is God's spirit in a person's life that has the persuasive power to deal with resistance -- not our fervor, not our intelligence, not our cleverness. And some folks we think are resisting God's truth may simply be resisting us.

We are not to quit easily, but there is wisdom in knowing when to let go. Parents, like priests, do not have control, here. Like St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine, we pray. We do not badger. We take the opportunities to speak positively about God and the things of God. A former, poor situation should not discourage us in reaching out later to others.

The serenity prayer is helpful: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS
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"When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them; bend them with gentleness and time."

- St. Francis de Sales



Join us Friday, July 31st 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. PLEASE SUPPORT US BY YOUR PARTICIPATION.

Liturgical Ministers

We need volunteers for our Masses today. 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.

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **843**

1st Reading ~ Amos 7:12 – 15

2nd Reading ~ Ephesians 1:3 – 14 or 1:3 – 10

Gospel Reading ~ Mark 6:7 – 13

Our Stewardship 7/5/2015 Weekend

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$2,208.00	\$62.00	\$336.00
Debt Reduction	\$3,926.00		
Attendance	819	26	30
Principal Balance as of 5/30/2015 ~ \$462,650.76			

Mass Intentions for the Week



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

Friday – JULY 10 – Ocracoke

✠ **In memory of Bob Martini**

Requested by Barbara Martini

Sunday – JULY 12 – 11:00 AM

✠ **In memory of Rob Redimiller, John Curtain, Tom Morgenphien and Tom Grzywinski**

Requested by the Family



Visitors ~Hanging on the wall at ALL exits of our church ARE ENVELOPES and for your convenience the envelopes are already address. Please take one home and mail it back to our church with a donation. Any support of monetary gift would be greatly appreciated.

~ Mass Schedule ~

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)

Tuesday, Wednesday 8:30 am



Summer Fund Raiser



Our Church Family has a unique opportunity to pay down our \$465,000 mortgage. A family has generously offered to match our second collection from Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend, up to a total of \$75,000. Here's how it works: We have individual or group sponsors for each weekend. The sponsors will match the amount in the second collections for their weekend. Our Donor Family will also match the collection. Example... second collection totals \$500, the weekend sponsor or sponsors will donate \$500 and our Donor Family will also donate \$500 ~ \$500 ~ \$500 becomes \$1500. All money collected will be used to reduce the mortgage. **We still need shared sponsors. Call Dave Kelmer at 252-986-2719 if you can help.**



Please let Fr. Fred know when a parishioner or family member is in the hospital or homebound. He 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.

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 **OUR LAST 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.

Please do not leave sheets/pillows/or any other items in the box. This is only used for food for the pantry.

Thank you for your generosity!

"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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