

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**July 5, 2015**

**Salesian Perspective**

Have you had the experience of losing your glasses and looking everywhere and then finding them on your head or around your neck? Or, think you lost something and find it just about where you first thought you lost it? Humbling!

Jesus, after a successful road trip, was in Nazareth, preaching in his home synagogue before those who knew him best. Luke tells us that what Jesus reads to them was a messianic prophecy from Isaiah. He finished and said. "This scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Mark omits this provocative line from his gospel. We may be tempted to look down on Jesus' critics, but we can't be too hard on the folks of Nazareth. We may be more like them than not. You might think this would be his most sympathetic audience, but the crowd dismissed him.

I can think of three possible forces at play in Jesus' being written off from which we may learn. First, the crowd thought they knew him. He was a carpenter - just "one of the home townies." Oldsters thought of him as the kid around the corner, Joseph and Mary's son. Dismissal of messenger and message happened to Ezekiel and Paul of Tarsus in today's other two readings

A second possibility for not hearing is that any part of Jesus' message that threatens one's self-interest can be dismissed as "too controversial" or "too political." Folks prefer the comfortable status quo. That is 'being reasonable.' We tend to think we already "have it right." Rocking the boat is often not accepted as good news. Jesus was drastically closing the gap between God and themselves. If he were right, the great act of god --to save, to punish -- was not all behind them as great stories to be told at Passover at the Seder. If he were right, this young man was saying that god was not only among them, but he was also calling them to make major changes in their lives.

Third, there is a tendency to elevate the importance of the new. This is why consultants arrive from the airport or the long drive, carrying laptops and PowerPoint presentations, bringing wisdom and insight. Organizations pay big bucks to hear them, but the reason we value this imported wisdom may be because the consultant is from out of town. If they live far away, their insight must be more valuable, more global. An irony is that when we go to their town, we are considered the "expert."

It is a fact that what is close at hand is often missed. About the only way we wake up to value the ordinary blessings of our lives is to have them taken away, or to view them from a distance, or to have a visitor help us to see them again, as if for the first time.

Failing to see the extraordinary in the ordinary of our lives does have consequences. A troubling phrase of today's gospel stands out because of their lack of faith; Jesus was "not able to perform any mighty deed there." Jesus was

"unable" because his infinite power was bound by the father's gift of free will to the townsfolk and us. Jesus cannot mediate his father's power without a faith response; there was little response in Nazareth. He could do only little. They do not even mention what he spoke in their synagogue; they dismiss his right to teach anything about god.

The people were "full of themselves." There was no room in their minds for a new insight -- or any new revelation. And . . . "familiarity breeds contempt" as the saying goes.

Also, please notice their lack of belief amazed Jesus. Seldom is Jesus astonished, but when he is, it is about people's faith. It is either extraordinary faith or it is the extraordinary lack of it.

A "few" listened. Those few save the world that refuses to listen to a prophet. Small groups listen and take up the prophet's call and become prophetic themselves in word and deed. Some will stand against the power of fear and greed. Some will risk unpopularity and contempt, even imprisonment or death to be the voice of God in our time. They begin as rebels -- even canon or civil law-breakers -- and end as "founding fathers," heroes, and, occasionally, martyrs for the cause.

Always looking forward to what is not yet, or getting stuck in what used to be, we can be crucified, like Jesus, between two thieves, the past and the future. It has been well said: "The past is history; the future is mystery --- we have only the gift of the now -- and that is why they call it "present." Let's recognize Jesus in the present and live our lives in the now, trying always to be open to the movement of the Spirit.

Starting with those closest to you -- let's be present to them and present to the presence of God in our midst.

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**Remember this well: we are sometimes so busy being good angels that we neglect to be good men and women.**

**- St. Francis de Sales**

**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.**

**~ Mass Schedule ~**

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



### Music for the Liturgy 9:00 am

**Processional:** # 727 This Day God Gives Me

**Gloria:** (Mass of Creation)

**Psalms Response:** "Give thanks to the Lord; his love is everlasting." - chant

**Alleluia:** (Celtic Mass)

**Offertory:** # 616 How Can I Keep from Singing

**Communion:** # 602 Be Not Afraid  
# 621 This Alone

**Recessional:** # 673 Sing to the Mountains - vs. 1 & 2

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the

**Glory & Praise** at number **784**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Job 38:1, 8 - 11

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ 1 Corinthians 5:14 - 17

**Gospel Reading** ~ Mark 4:35 - 41

### **Our Stewardship 6/14/2015 Weekend**

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$1,776.00	\$49.00	\$110.00
Debt Reduction	\$2,638.00		
Attendance	480	11	20

**Principal Balance as of 5/30/2015 ~ \$462,650.76**



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.



### 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 th 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>



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### 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!

### ~ We Take Request ~Book of Prayer Intentions

Our church family can now make prayer requests by way of our Book of Prayer Intentions, which is provided specifically for that purpose. The dark blue book is in back of the nave near the baptismal font. Just write your intentions in it, and they will be remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful at our Sunday Masses. "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving make your requests known to God." - Philippians 4:6