

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2015

Salesian Perspective

What a wonderful gift the Eucharist is! Jesus gives us his flesh to eat and his blood to drink. And he commands us to eat and drink that we might have life – His life, eternal life.

Like Wisdom in today's first reading, Jesus invites us to the meal he has prepared for us – a meal that enables us to unite ourselves to his saving death and resurrection. On the Cross, Jesus' flesh was pierced and his blood shed for others, for you and me. As we eat and drink, we are called to "forsake foolishness that (we) might live; advance in the way of understanding."

The words of Wisdom remind us that this is a sacred meal, a meal of covenant. God has given Jesus for our sake. In Jesus, God's great love and mercy become visible, tangible. When we eat Jesus' body and drink his blood, we are expressing our willingness to be one with Jesus in his saving mission to the world. We become his "good news" to today's world.

Each day we seek to understand better how we are to live as members of this covenant community. In this meal, we become one with Jesus and one with the community – one in the Body of Christ. As we leave this sacred meal, we are challenged to live the daily reality of our oneness.

St. Francis de Sales offers us some practical advice on how to make this happen more effectively. He writes: "After Communion, consider Jesus seated in your heart and bring before him each of your faculties and senses in order to hear his commands and promise him fidelity." This exercise can become our thanksgiving and our commitment to living out what we have celebrated and received. Jesus will offer us a way of using our intellect, our will, our memory, our hearing, our touching, our speaking today so that we can witness to God's loving presence in the world.

We heard St. Paul encourage us: "Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise." Our eating and drinking at the table of the Lord makes all of us one. May the wise way we live today and everyday make visible the oneness we experience here in Eucharist.

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

Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset.

- St. Francis de Sales

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the

Glory & Praise at number **858**

1st Reading ~ Proverbs 9:1 – 6

2nd Reading ~ Ephesians 5:15 – 20

Gospel Reading ~ John 6:51 – 58

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

Processional: # 670 Sing A New Song – vs. 2 & 3

Gloria (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: "**Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**" - chant

Gospel Acclamation (Celtic Mass)

Offertory: # 580 Like A Shepherd

710 I Have Loved You

Communion: # 706 Come to the Water

521 Look Beyond

499 One Bread, One Body

Recessional: # 671 Glory and Praise to Our God

vs. 1 & 2



Summer Fund Raiser

Our Church Family has a unique opportunity to pay down our \$446,000 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**



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.



Connect with our Parish!!! "LIKE" *Our Lady of the Seas Catholic PARISH*

Our Stewardship 8/9//2015 Weekend

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$1,806.00	\$122.00	\$217.00
Debt Reduction	\$5,378.00		
Attendance	680	21	40
Principal Balance as of 7/31/2015 ~	\$413,024.51		

~ Mass Schedule ~



Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am

"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!

EXTRA Liturgical Ministers & Altar Servers



We need volunteers for our Masses today. If you know you can help to assist at the Mass please step up. Please see one of the ministers with a name tag on

and let them know you are available to help fill the void. Thank you.

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!

DONATIONS ON-LINE

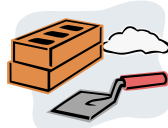
Parishioners & Visitors ~ for your convenience you can now make donations to our church, on-line.

Just go to www.ourladyoftheseas.org
On the home page click on 'DONATION' Thank you.



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>

AUTHANIC TACO DINNER

THIS Thursday, AUGUST 22th
starting at 5:00 pm in our Social Hall.
4 Chicken or Beef Tacos including a drink for **\$10.00**.
Desserts & Raffle tickets are a **\$1.00**



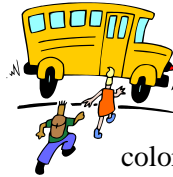
FLEA MARKET/CRAFT SHOW

Thank you to all those who helped make the Flea Market a great success. A special thanks to Katie Mackall who organized the event.



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.

GETTING MARRIED? If you're making wedding plans, consider renting this beautiful church for your nuptials. The parish hall is also available for wedding receptions (and parties, too!). For information including how to book your reservation, please pick up one of our wedding brochures near the church doors or contact our church office manager, Anita Bills, at 252-995-7892 (email: olssecretary@aol.com).



2015 Hatteras Island School Drive

In order to fill the needs we need your help. Everything is needed – back packs, paper, pencils, glue sticks, tissues, colored pencils, 3 ring-binders, markers, and much more!

Supply donations can be dropped off at the following locations:

- Little Grove United Methodist Church
- Hatteras United Methodist Church
- Buxton United Methodist Church
- Hatteras Realty Avon & Hatteras
- Yadkin in Hatteras

Call 252-216-7408 if you have a child that has school needs that you can't fill or to make confidential referrals.

Monetary donations can be sent to:
Little Grove United Methodist School Drive
PO Box 293
Frisco, NC 27936

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