

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 2, 2015

Salesian Perspective

The Scriptures today invite us to open our minds and hearts to the lavish love of our God.

When the Israelites asked for food in the desert, God gave them exactly what they needed. Their grumbling didn't put him off; he fed them with manna and quail. God only asked them to trust in his loving care for them.

When crowds of people gathered around Jesus, he not only fed them; he gave them more than they could eat. God's only desire in both instances was to show his lavish love in such a way that it would move people to trust him with their lives.

When the people asked Jesus what they were to do to accomplish the works of God, he gave them a simple answer: believe in the one sent by God – believe in me. Then Jesus identifies himself: I am the bread of life, come down from heaven to give life to the world. All who come to him will never hunger or thirst.

All of us believe that Jesus is the bread of life for us. We desire to place our trust and confidence in God's loving care for us. We have also found that there is a challenge involved in this trusting. The challenge comes in our willingness to embrace God as he is, and not as we might like him to be. Confidence in God's loving Providence means accepting with our whole being that God will provide for us, but not always as we might want or expect. Hoarfrost on the ground in the early morning was not what the Israelites expected, but it was bread from heaven as God had promised.

Are we courageous enough in our faith to say to God: "Give us this bread always" and then meet the challenges of letting Jesus, the bread of life, live in us as each day unfolds?

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

You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; in just the same way, you learn to love by loving.

- St. Francis de Sales

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **852**

1st Reading ~ Exodus 16:2 – 4, 12 – 15

2nd Reading ~ Ephesians 4:17, 20 – 24

Gospel Reading ~ John 6:24 – 35

Music for the Liturgy

Processional: # 713 Rain Down

Gloria (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: "The Lord gave them bread from heaven ." - chant

Gospel Acclamation (Celtic Mass)

Offertory: # 580 Lord, You Have Come

Communion: # 521 Look Beyond

602 Be Not Afraid

Recessional: # 454 River of Glory - 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**

Our Stewardship 7/5/2015 Weekend

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$2,055.00	\$133.00	\$283.00
Debt Reduction	\$4,038.00		
Attendance	738	27	40

Principal Balance as of 6/30/2015 ~ \$446,451.26



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.



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.

Healing Mass for ALL

August 6, Thursday

THIS THURSDAY AT 6:00 PM ALL ARE INVITED

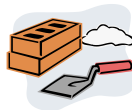


to a Healing Service with administration of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, with Fr. Fred & Fr Stan Holland. While the sacrament does address the physical conditions of illness, the

primary emphasis of Anointing is to bring spiritual strength, healing and forgiveness of sins. Who can receive it? Besides people with illnesses, it is also for those who are facing surgery, for people who are struggling with depression, anxiety, grief, stress, drug and alcohol addiction, and even for those who are lost in what we might call a spiritual "dessert". It offers people strength, peace, and the courage to overcome hardships including the increasing frailty of old age. This sacrament celebrates and carries out the healing ministry of Jesus. If you are in need of the grace that this sacrament offers, then please plan to be at this Mass for the anointing.

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>



~ Mass Schedule ~

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am
Thursday 6:00 pm (Healing Mass)
First Friday w/ Adoration 8:30 am



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!

AUTHANIC TACO DINNER

Mark your calendars....Join us *on Thursday,*



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



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



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).

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.



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