

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 23, 2015

Salesian Perspective

During the past few Sundays, we have listened to Jesus speak of himself as the living bread come down from heaven. He has made it very clear that we must eat his flesh and drink his blood or we won't have life within us.

Today we have heard the disciples respond to all that Jesus has said. Some find his words hard to believe and walk away from him. With a note of sadness, Jesus asks the Twelve: "Do you also want to leave?" We heard Peter speak for himself and the Twelve: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.

We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." What a profound act of faith!

Peter responds from his experience of God in Jesus, as Joshua had done before him. It may have been difficult to understand what Jesus was saying to them, but Peter and the Twelve were convinced by what they had seen and heard that Jesus was the Holy One of God. They would put their faith and trust in him, knowing that they would eventually come to a better understanding of all that Jesus was telling them.

Like the Israelites of old, they chose to serve the Lord who is our God. They have seen all that God has done in the person of Jesus. They put themselves at the service of Jesus.

Jesus continues to ask his question. You and I have opportunities to respond. Each of us has experienced difficult moments in life that make Jesus' words hard to accept. Jesus repeats his question: "Do you also want to leave?"

Just staying here because that's where I am does not answer Jesus' question. I can be here and not be open to Jesus' words of everlasting life for me. I can be here and not accept the graces offered to me to draw me closer to Jesus.

Are we, willing to respond whole-heartedly to Jesus? Let us ask for the grace to respond with open heart to the present moment to all that Jesus wants to do in us and through us to one another. Let us make our Oblate response with sincere faith and trust: "Live, Jesus, whom I love! Live in me today!"

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

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

- St. Francis de Sales

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **861**

1st Reading ~ Joshua 24:1 – 2a, 15 – 17, 18b

2nd Reading ~ Ephesians 5:21 – 32 or 5:2a, 25 – 32

Gospel Reading ~ John 6:60 – 69

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

Processional: # 673 Sing to the Mountains

Gloria (Mass of Creation)

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

Gospel Acclamation (Celtic Mass)

Offertory: # 351 Seek the Lord

Communion: # 579 Unless A Grain of Wheat

521 Look Beyond

621 This Alone

Recessional: # 548 City of 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.

Our Stewardship 8/9//2015 Weekend

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$1,245.00	\$ 83.00	cancelled
Debt Reduction	\$3,132.00		
Attendance	559	19	
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!

Day at the Docks

Starts Thursday, September 17th, and runs through mid-day Sunday, September 19th this year. The kick-off event begins at the Civic Center at 4:00 pm. Learn more by visiting Facebook Day at the Docks-Hatteras Village, NC



DONATIONS ON-LINE

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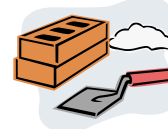


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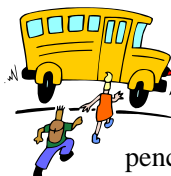
PAVERS FOR THE WALKWAY

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>



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.

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