

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 13, 2015

Salesian Perspective

Today's Gospel passage is the turning point in the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus asks his disciples an innocent-enough question: "Who do people say that I am?" And we hear the various ways that people are seeing Jesus. Then Jesus asks the crucial question: "Who do you say that I am?" And Peter responds: "You are the Christ – the Messiah."

We heard Jesus begin to tell them that he, the Messiah, is going to be rejected, suffer, die, and rise after three days. Peter is shocked and begins to argue with Jesus. Imagine his surprise when Jesus calls him "Satan." "You're not thinking as God does, but rather as human beings do." And Jesus goes on to tell his disciples that, in order to follow him, they will have to take up their cross. They will have to lose their life in order to save it.

If they weren't confused at first, they must be very confused now. Do I want to follow someone who offers me suffering and self-denial? That's not a very appealing invitation. How is this "good news"?

What is "God's thinking" that Jesus is talking about? We need to look at the larger picture of Jesus' message. St. John tells us: "God so loved the world that he sent his only Son so that we might have life." Jesus has come to show us how much God loves the world. He reveals God's great desire for us – that we share in divine life and love. Jesus loves us so much that he is willing to give his own life for us – to suffer and die – so that we can be reconciled to God and share God's life.

The Father's love for Jesus is so great that Jesus' willing death for us is transformed into new life in the resurrection. Self-denial and suffering are not ends in themselves. They are the inevitable consequences of unconditional love. When love is patterned on divine love, no cost is too great for the one who loves.

Divine love is always life-giving – eternal life-giving. Jesus' love was so focused on us that self-denial and suffering, even death on the cross, became the means of salvation and reconciliation. You and I now share in God's life and love because Jesus' love for us was unconditional.

Jesus offers us the challenge: love one another as I have loved you. Loving others as Jesus loved will have its costs. Jesus has shown us that the costs are life-giving. When we embrace self-denial, suffering, and even death, because we love, they will always lead us to resurrection – new life – eternal life.

May we know Jesus' great love for us and learn to love generously as Jesus did.

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

Do all things in the name of God, and you well do all things well.

~ St. Francis de Sales

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **870**

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 50:5 – 9a

2nd Reading ~ James 2:14 – 18

Gospel Reading ~ Mark 8:27 – 35

Communion Antiphon for Saturday 6:00 pm Vigil



If a man wi-shes to come af - ter me, let him take up his cross and fol - low me.

Andrew Motyka - communionantiphons.org

"If a man wishes to come after me, let him take up his cross and follow me"

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

Processional: # 612 For You Are My God

Gloria (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: ***"I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living."***

Gospel Acclamation (Celtic Mass)

Offertory: # 575 Only This I Want

Communion: # 626 Shelter Me, O God

621 One Thing I Ask

Recessional: # 616 How Can I Keep from Singing?

Explaining the Catholic Faith

Starting **Sunday the 25th of October**, Fr Fred will continue with the program of **Explaining the Catholic Faith**. It will take place at the rectory following the 9 am Mass. There will be a CD presentation followed by a discussion. **All are welcomed** even if you did not participate in the last 5 episodes.



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*

WANTED: Parishioners who can count! Money, that is. Must be willing to spend a couple of hours a month on Monday or Tuesday mornings helping to prepare our Parish deposits. Interested? Please contact Jane Grimm at 995-0336 OR janesgrimm@aol.com

~ NEW Mass Schedule ~



Saturday 6:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 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!

YELLOW HOUSE MINISTRY



WHEN: Monday's
TIME: 6:30-8:30 pm
LOCATION: Our Lady of the Seas Social Hall

Our Women's Bible Study will start NEXT Mon. Sept. 14th. We will meet at Our Lady of the Seas Social Hall @ 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The study will be **HOSEA, Unfailing Love Changes Everything** by Jennifer Rothschild. The price of the book is \$14.00 and may be purchased at Country Elegance in Avon Wed-Sat 10 am to 5pm. Or you can purchase the book the first night of the study. I hope this study will challenge you, comfort you, and help you know Him better and love Him more. We will start our book club events on Sat. Sept. 26th. Again we will meet at Our Lady of the Seas Social Hall-continental breakfast at 9:30am and book club event promptly at 10am.

Dr. Andrea Facci will be conducting the book club discussion on **THE GIRL WHO WROTE IN SILK** by Kelli Estes. This book is available at Buxton Village Books, mention YHM and Gee Gee will give you a discount.

A special thanks to all that make these events possible and hope to see you soon. Any questions or to register for these events, just e-mail or call me @ 252-202-8985.

LOOK on the back of the bulletin!

We are able to provide this bulletin each week, without cost to the parish because of the advertisers. Please patronize our advertisers.

To advertise your business & support the church please call Dee Printing at (800)292-9020



Day at the Docks

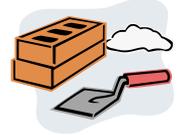
Starts this **Thursday, September 17th**, and runs through mid-day Sunday, September 19th this year.

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

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>



A Dozen Days in the Holy Land

Reverend Dr. William F. Walsh, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, will be the Spiritual Director for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, January 25 to February 5, 2016. Walk with Father Bill and fellow pilgrims in the footsteps of Jesus through Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, and Gethsemane. Prices start as low as \$3299 per person, double occupancy, and include:

- Roundtrip airfare from Norfolk, VA to Tel Aviv
- Hotel Accommodations with private bathrooms
- Some Meals
- Transportation and Sightseeing with English speaking guides
- Daily Mass

For more information contact Boyd and Mimi Tolman at 252.903.6598 or at btolman1@suddenlink.net

Download a complete brochure at www.GoCatholicTravel.com/Walsh

This journey has been crafted by Catholic Travel Center of Burbank, California

Clases de Ingles

English as A Second Language



WHEN: Thursday's
TIME: 6:00-8:30 pm
LOCATION: Our Lady of the Seas Social Hall

Starting this Thursday, September 17th, Dare County Literacy Council is offering free classes to anyone interested.

Todos los jueves a las 6:30 de la tarde en el hall de la parroquia. Principiantes, intermedios y avanzados. Preguntas llamar a Lynn Blackburn at 252-261-6514