

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 20, 2015

Salesian Perspective

At Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan, the Father had identified Jesus as his Son, the beloved one in whom he is well pleased. This is a reference to the "suffering servant" in the prophet Isaiah. The servant must suffer and die in order to fully actualize his identity.

In today's Gospel, Jesus begins to prepare his disciples for what is to come. He identifies himself with the "just one" in the Book of Wisdom which we heard in today's first reading. He will be put to the test so as to give proof of his gentleness and patience. He will be condemned to a shameful death – and God will take care of him.

Mark comments that the disciples did not understand the saying and were afraid to question him. Apparently they distracted themselves by arguing about who was the greatest among them.

Jesus was not distracted and continued to teach them about himself and how they were to live. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Jesus is among them as servant – the "suffering servant."

The child Jesus places in their midst and embraces is how they are to receive him: peaceably, gently, without inconstancy or insincerity, open to wisdom from above.

Jesus comes to us as the "suffering servant" – Savior and Lord. He invites us to embrace him as he did the child. May we not allow ourselves to become distracted by petty, personal concerns. Let us accept Jesus as the First and Only in our lives, for he has shown us how to be the last and the servant of all.

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

Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly.

~ **St. Francis de Sales**

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the

Glory & Praise at number **873**

1st Reading ~ Wisdom 2:12, 17 – 20

2nd Reading ~ James 3:16 – 4:3

Gospel Reading ~ Mark 9:30 – 37

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

Processional: # 673 Sing to the Mountains

Gloria (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: "***The Lord upholds my life.***"

Gospel Acclamation (Celtic Mass)

Offertory: # 650 Prayer of St. Francis

Communion: # 602 Be Not Afraid

499 One Bread, One Body

Recessional: # 548 City of God

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.



Many churches in the United States celebrate the Feast of St Francis of Assisi on October 4 each year. The feast commemorates the life of St Francis, who was born in the 12th century and is the Catholic

Church's patron saint of animals and the environment. It is a popular day for pets to be "blessed".

Pets may include dogs, cats, fish and birds. Some people choose to bring photos of their pets if it is difficult for their pets to attend the blessing.

It will take place at 11:00 am by the church bell on Sunday October 4th

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

~ EFFECTIVE 9/21 THRU 10/3 ~

~ Mass Schedule ~

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

STARTING SEPTEMBER 21ST UNTIL OCTOBER 3RD while Fr Fred is away the parish will not be celebrating Mass on OCRACOCKE, SUNDAY 6:00 pm SPANISH OR THE DAILY MASSES. Our schedule will resume the weekend of October 3rd.

"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 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.

12th Annual HICF 5K Fun Run

Hatteras Island Cancer

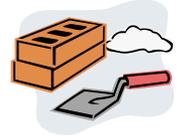
Foundation's event 12th Annual HICF 5K Fun Run Saturday, October 10 at 9:00 am Sun Realty,

41838 NC-12, Avon, NC 27915 Registration will begin at 9:00 am. The race begins at 10:00 a.m. Come walk, run, or just join in for the fun and festivities in support of our neighbors on Hatteras Island battling cancer.



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 6:00 de la tarde en el hall de la parroquia. Principiantes, intermedios y avanzados. Preguntas llamar a Lynn Blackburn at 252-261-6514

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