

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 27, 2015

Salesian Perspective

As always, the Scriptures challenge us in several ways.

The disciples in the Gospel, as well as Joshua in the Old Testament, are concerned that others outside their group are exercising God's power. Jesus, and Moses before him, remind them (and us) that God can use anyone he wishes to work his wonders among his people. It's very easy for us to become like the disciples and forget to rejoice that the Spirit of God works in many unexpected ways. Do I, do you, keep our eyes and hearts open each day in expectation that the Spirit of God may visit us in unexpected ways and through unexpected people?

The words of St. James offer us a challenge. The Oblate community has worked hard to provide us with all we have here. We have much more than many of our brothers and sisters. How do we live our vow of poverty when we have our needs taken care of so well? We can identify with our poor brothers and sisters by being grateful often each day. We can share our sufficiency through our hospitality to guests. And we can remember our brothers and sisters who have much less than we do, and cut short our complaints when we don't have everything we may think we need.

When we take the time each day to be aware of God's abundant providence, we also continue to be aware of our own ingratitude. We are aware that there are things about us that draw our attention away from God's graciousness. Jesus challenges us to total concentration on the God who loves us. If something causes us to sin, cut it off. Jesus is not calling us to mutilation, but he is calling us to decision-making. If we are serious about responding to the great love God has for us, then we will make serious efforts to accept God's grace throughout the day and choose to move beyond those things in us that lead us to be self-centered.

We have all lived long enough to know the things about us that tend to distract us from God's loving providence. De Sales reminds us that these tendencies ought to become the subject of our morning preparation of the day. Together with God, we can develop a graced plan which will help us to become more dependent on God's grace during our day. In this way, we learn to make practical decisions that "cut short" our tendencies toward selfishness and self-centeredness and refocus our attention on God who is providing for us.

Let us not overlook the challenges of today's Scripture readings. They call us to grace.

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

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **876**
1st Reading ~ Numbers 11:25 – 29
2nd Reading ~ James 5:1 – 6
Gospel Reading ~ Mark 9:38 – 43, 45, 47 – 48

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am
Processional: # 529 Gather Your People
Gloria (Mass of Creation)
Psalm Response: # 172 Psalm 19
"Lord, You Have the Words"
Gospel Acclamation (Celtic Mass)
Offertory: # 351 Seek the Lord
Communion: # 579 Unless A Grain of Wheat
575 Only This I Want
Recessional: # 712 If God Is for Us

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 next Sunday October 4th

~ Mass Schedule ~ THRU 10/3 ~

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

While Fr Fred is away the parish WILL NOT be celebrating Mass on Friday afternoon - OCRACOCKE, Sunday evening 6:00 pm - SPANISH or the WEEKDAY MASSES. Our schedule will resume the weekend of October 3rd.



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

"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: OLS Social Hall

Our Women's Bible Study meet at Our Lady of the Seas Social Hall @ 6:30pm to 8:30 pm. The study will be **HOSEA, Unfailing Love Changes Everything** by Jennifer Rothschild. 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 9:30 am and book club event promptly at 10:00 am.

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.

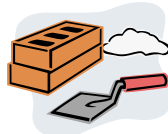


12th Annual HICF 5K Fun Run

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 am. 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>



Carey LeSieur Foundation Scholarship

6th Annual Bucket Party

Saturday, October 17, 2015



The Carey LeSieur Foundation along with the Brigands Bay Homeowners Association will be hosting a Grilling Extravaganza with an assortment of beef

brisket, pork, etc. It is a potluck buffet so you bring a side dish with serving utensils to share and your own beverages and a lawn chair or blanket. Please come out and join us and celebrate a fun filled 6th annual Carey LeSieur Foundation Scholarship Bucket Party in Brigands Bay on October 17th, from 3:00 pm – 9:00 pm. Location – the Bills residence, 50194 Captains Court, Frisco. RAIN DATE will be Sunday, October 18th, same time and location.

Tax Deductible Donations can be made payable to the Carey LeSieur Foundation and dropped into the infamous bucket at the party or mailed to PO Box 722, Avon, NC 27915 www.careylesieurfoundation.org.

Hope to see you all there!

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

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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

Every Thursday, 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