

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 17, 2016

Salesian Perspective

As a first step in "going public" goes, this first demonstration of Jesus' divine power is, to say the least, an understatement. No miraculous healing. No exorcism of demons, no raising someone from the dead. Instead, he simply prevents the caterer from running out of wine at a wedding reception.

Many might consider this a misuse - nay, even a waste - of Jesus' saving power. Initially, even Jesus himself seems to feel that his power could be used better - and later - elsewhere.

Not Francis de Sales. He sees that there is more to this miracle than meets the eye. Here is an example of how God's power permeates all human experiences, even the most ordinary. We are speaking here of the practice of the "little virtues," a notion precious indeed to St. Francis de Sales and a hallmark of his understanding of Christ's saving power. In his Treatise on the Love of God, Francis de Sales wrote: "It may well be that a very small virtue has greater value in a soul in which sacred love reigns with fervor than martyrdom itself in a soul in which love is languid and feeble." (Book 11, Chapter 5) Put another way, the little virtues, the expression of care or concern in seemingly ordinary circumstances, may be "found more pleasing in God's sight than great and famous deeds"
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Still, there is a place for great displays of love: "I do not say that we may not aspire to outstanding virtues, but I say that we must train ourselves in the little ones without which the great ones may be false or deceptive."

Jesus may have been tempted to believe that changing water into wine was beneath his divine - perhaps even his human - dignity. In the end, however, the needs of others were more persuasive than the desire to make a "big splash" in the eyes of others. Ironically, it may have been Jesus' willingness to employ his heavenly powers for such a down-to-earth request that enabled his disciples to "begin to believe in him."

His greater, more famous and once-in-a-lifetime displays of power would, indeed, come later. But whether on the cross of Calvary, or at a simple wedding in Cana, the power, the promise and the

person were one and the same.

The moral of this miracle? *Nothing is too small for the Kingdom of God.*

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TODAY IS COFFEE SUNDAY.... See you after the 9:00 am Mass for Coffee Fellowship...

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

Processional: #530 Table of Plenty
Glory to God (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: "Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all
the nations. "

Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia

Offertory: #570 One Spirit, One Church

Communion: #619 You Are Near

Recessional: #676 Lift Up Your Hearts

**Reading for today's Mass are found in the
Glory & Praise at number 805**

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 62:1 – 5

2nd Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 12:4 – 11

Gospel Reading ~ John 2:1 – 11

Explaining the Catholic Faith

Fr Fred will continue with the program of **Explaining the Catholic Faith** on Sunday January 31st... It will take place at the rectory. There will be a CD presentation followed by a discussion. **All are welcomed** even if you did not participate in previous episodes.

Our Stewardship Weekend 1/10/15

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$854.00	\$ 96.00	\$94
Debt Reduction	\$326.00		
Attendance	96	43	46
Principal Balance as of 12/31/2015 ~ \$220,426.19			

“He who is fretted with his own failings will not correct them. All profitable correction comes from a calm, peaceful mind.”

~ St. Francis de Sales

~ Mass Schedule ~

WEEK OF CHRISTIAN UNITY – JANUARY 18TH

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am

Friday 4:00 pm (Ocracoke)

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)

MASS ON OCRACOKE MAY TEMPORARILY BE SUSPENDED DURING THE WINTER MONTHS DUE TO WEATHER. PLEASE CALL 252.995.6370



On January 22 our nation will mark the 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the U.S. Since that tragic decision, more than 56 million children's lives have been lost to abortion, and many suffer that loss -- often in silence.

Join thousands of Catholics across the country in prayer for a Culture of Life from Saturday, January 16, 2016 - Sunday, January 24, 2016.

The Color Green

The Christmas Season is over, and the Lenten Season begins soon (Feb. 10). The period in between those two seasons and after Pentecost is called "Ordinary Time", a season focused on the Lord's three-year public ministry, His teachings and miracles. The traditional liturgical color of Ordinary Time is green to symbolize hope, life, and growth. The priest's green vestments, the altar cloth, and the vessel covers in the sanctuary help to remind us to share the hope and life of Christ with the world as we, ourselves grow in faith.

RAFFLE 2016



IN SPRING we are going to have a raffle, which will start sometime around Easter. We hope to have the same electronics as we did last year. We are looking for sponsors to donate these prizes and ask for your help.

If anyone would like to be a sponsor, donate a prize, or if you know any business that would like to donate a prize, please let Bill know. The tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20. For more information Bill Vancura can be reached at 252-995-3181. Thank you...



Altar Servers

We need **volunteers for our Masses**. If you know you can help to assist at the Mass

please step up. Thank you.

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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.



YELLOW HOUSE MINISTRY

WHEN: Monday's starting January 25th

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 for this session will be the Armor of God...We hope this study will challenge you, comfort you, and help you know Him better and love Him more.



YHM Ladies Beach Retreat Will be held on Saturday, January 23rd starting at 9:30 am. Dr. Facci will be discussing the book "Where to Draw the Line". The book may be purchased at Buxton Village Books. Gee Gee will be open Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the winter months.

Any questions or to register please call Lois 252-202-8985 or e-mail yhmofhi@aol.com.