

Palm Sunday
March 29, 2015

Salesian Perspective



In today's readings we experience Jesus, as the suffering servant who brings God's love to the human family. St. Francis de Sales reminds us that we are called to be like Jesus:

The most powerful reason for Jesus' death is to fill the human spirit with God's love. Out of death has come life, the wondrous paradox, which the world does not understand. Jesus not only died a cruel death to bring God's love to us, but He also suffered fear, terror, abandonment, and inner depression such as never had and never shall have an equal. He did this so that we too may persevere in pursuing divine love.

Jesus' human feelings left his entire heart exposed to sorrow and anguish. For this reason he cries out: "My God, why have you forsaken me?" Mount Calvary is the mount of lovers. All love that does not take its origins from the Savior's passion is foolish and perilous. On Calvary, we can not have life without love. Nor can we have divine love without dying to our false loves. Christian wisdom consists in choosing rightly. Hence we ought to consecrate every moment of our lives to the eternal divine love of Our Savior's death. This means we need to empty ourselves of all other loves that are destroying us so that we may be filled with God's eternal love that gives life!

So when injured by others, look often with your inward eyes on Christ Jesus, crucified, forsaken and overwhelmed, by every kind of anguish. Then think of the many people who are incomparably more afflicted than you are and say: "Are not my hardships roses in comparison with those, who without help, assistance, or relief live a continual death under the burden of afflictions infinitely greater than mine? When all things fail us, when our distress is at its height, say the final words of Jesus on the cross: "Into Your hands I commend my spirit."

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales)

HOLY WEEK

- 31 ~ Tuesday ~ 8:30 am
- 2 ~ Holy Thursday ~ 7:00 pm
- 3 ~ Good Friday ~ 7:00 pm
- 4 ~ Easter Vigil Saturday Mass ~ 7:00 pm
- 5 ~ Easter Sunday Mass ~ 9:00 am
- Easter Bilingual Misa ~ 11:00 am



Just trust in Him and He will continue to lead you safely through all things. Where you cannot walk, He will carry you in His arms.

~ St. Francis de Sales

Sponsor Sunday ~ We need your help!
Summer Fund Raiser-Not a raffle!!!



We have a great opportunity to significantly reduce our mortgage debt. A family has offered to match our entire summer 2nd collections from Memorial Weekend to Labor

Day weekend. That totals 16 weekends.

They have asked us to find a sponsor or shared sponsor for each individual weekend. A donation of \$20 becomes \$60, \$50 becomes \$150, \$100 becomes \$300.

If you are interested in being a weekend sponsor or share a sponsorship this summer, please contact Fr Fred at 995-6613 or Dave & Karen Kelmer after church or call at 986-2719.



Reading for today's Mass are found in the Glory & Praise at number 770 B
The Passion of the Lord - B
PROCLAIMING THE PASSION OF OUR LORD.

This year the Passion will be proclaimed entirely by our celebrant and two readers, one of whom will read the part of the "Crowd". Therefore, the congregation is asked to participate by listening to the Gospel rather than joining in the proclamation of it. Thank you!



Connect with our Parish!!! "LIKE"
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Our Local Food Pantry

Food can be dropped off at our 24-hour drop box on the Social Hall porch. Items Commonly Needed by the Food Pantry – Standard Sizes Preferred

- * Basic foodstuffs – vegetable oil, flour, sugar, coffee, tea, rice, pasta
- * Canned vegetables and meats– beets, tomatoes and greens are local favorites
- * Cereals – both hot and cold
- * Personal care products – toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap
- * Paper Products – individually wrapped paper towels, toilet paper
- * Laundry care and cleaning products
- * Pet products

Our Stewardship (3/14/2015 Weekend)

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Latino</u>
Offertory	\$1167.00	\$66.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 611.00	
Attendance	166	25

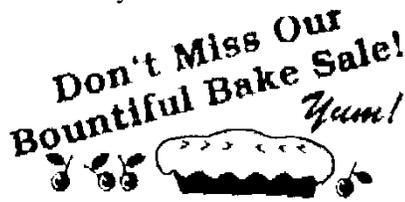
If you can Bake, Bring IT!!!

Help make our Easter Holiday Bake Sale a rousing *success!*

Anyone (you too guys!) who can bake, please contact Karen Kelmer at

986-2719 OR Marcie Shoemaker at 995-5799 to let them know that you are available to help or that you will bring your baked goods to the Bake Sale THIS WEDNESDAY BY noon....

PLEASE LABEL THE CAKE AND LIST INGREDIANCE; ALLERGIES ARE A BIG PROBLEM WITH SOME PEOPLE. Thank you.



Music for the Liturgy

Processional: # 423 The King of Glory

Psalms Response: "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" (chant)

Gospel Acclamation: "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory."

Presentation: # 369 Behold the Wood

Communion: # 579 Unless A Grain of Wheat

575 Only This I Want

621 This Alone

Recessional: # 368 Were You There

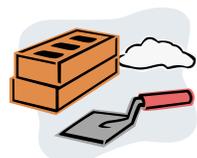
A Note from our Bishop Burbidge on Lent

Norms for Fasting & Abstinence

Good Friday, April 3, is a day of fasting and abstinence. Fasting is to be observed by all 18 years of age and older, who have not yet celebrated their 59th birthday. On a fast day one full meal is allowed. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and juices, are allowed.

Abstinence is observed by all 14 years of age and older. On day of abstinence, no meat is allowed. Note that when health or ability to work should be seriously affected, Church law does not oblige. When in doubt concerning fast and abstinence, the Parish Priest should be consulted.

Fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the three traditional disciplines of Lent.



PAVERS FOR THE WALKWAY

The church is working on a new batch of pavers for our walkway. We need 100 pavers total to place the order. 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>



Bake Sale

Just for You!

We are having our annual bake sale which funds many of our faith community projects. Be sure to stop by the Hall to check out all the wonderful treats this Wednesday, April 1st at 1:00 pm

DONATING MADE EASY ON OUR WEBSITE!!!



If you're one of the "billions" of people, who do your charitable giving on line, then you will be glad to know that Our Lady of the Seas website now has the ability to accept on-line donations. It is a secure easy way to make your donation and is available 24-hours a day for your convenience. Currently four categories are available for donation: Offertory, Debt Reduction, Pastor Discretionary & Hurricane Relief. Your comments and suggestions on this new capability, or other aspects of our web site, are encouraged and welcomed.



When a parishioner or family member is in the hospital or homebound. Fr Fred 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.

A Lovely Memento...

"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!

AVAILABLE LITTLE WHITE BOOKS

This seasonal prayer reflection booklet entitled, "The Little White Books" (Easter 2015) contain helpful daily entries to serve as an aid to prayer. They are available today. You can find them in our vestibule on the table. We have them for adults in English and Spanish. These are published by the Diocese of Saginaw and contain helpful daily entries to serve as an aid to prayer.

Anyone interested in a copy of please help yourself.

Limited supply available.



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