

Second Sunday of Easter
April 12, 2015

Salesian Perspective



The heart of Thomas longed to see what the others had seen. He wanted to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. And we just heard Jesus respond to Thomas' longing in today's Gospel.

Jesus' gift of peace entered the heart of Thomas and Thomas' faith and love poured out in response: "My Lord and my God!" Then we heard Jesus speak to disciples down through the ages: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

There is a longing in the heart of every disciple to have the experience of Thomas – a deep encounter with Jesus. Our longing doesn't come from unbelief or disbelief. It is a longing of love and faith that seeks even deeper union with Jesus.

This longing draws us to prayer, to the Scriptures, to the Eucharist. When we come with faith and an open heart, we express our longing for union. Jesus responds in love, giving us his body and blood and often a word to encourage us to long even more deeply.

We are truly blessed Even though we haven't seen as Thomas did, we believe and seek to deepen our faith and love. As Jesus responded to the longing of Thomas, he will respond to our longing by drawing us closer to him each day. May we learn to echo Thomas's cry of faith and love: "My Lord and my God!"

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

"Do not look forward to what might happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day."

~ St. Francis de Sales



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The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **775 B**

1st Reading ~ Acts of the Apostles 4:32 – 35

2nd Reading ~ 1 John 5:1 – 6

Gospel Reading ~ John 20:19 – 31

~ Spring Mass Schedule ~

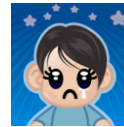
- Saturday 5:30 pm
- Sunday 9:00 am
- Sunday 5:30 pm (Spanish)
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am
- 1st Friday 8:30 am with 1 hour devotion



**April is
National Child Abuse
Prevention Month**



Child Abuse Prevention Month



April is national Child Abuse Prevention Month. It is most appropriate that Child Abuse Prevention Month is held during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of

our children, a precious gift from God. For information on how you can become more informed and involved in keeping our children safe, please call: *The Diocese of Raleigh Office of Child and Youth Protection at 1-866-535-7233 or email safe@raldioc.org. Information is also available at:*

www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth or <http://www.preventchildabusenc.org/>



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.

Music for the Liturgy

Proclamation: # 454 River of Glory

Gloria (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love is everlasting." (chant)

Celtic Alleluia

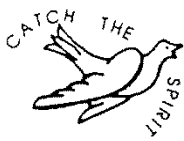
Presentation: # 648 Peace Is Flowing Like A River

Communion: # 524 Behold the Lamb

419 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus



Recessional: # 639 There's A Wideness in God's Mercy



~ Confirmation ~

Next Saturday, April 18th starting at 11:00 am, OUR Confirmation Candidates will be will be making this important sacrament . ALL parishioners are welcome to attend.



A HEARTFELT.... Thank you to all the soup angels that helped make our Lenten Supper a joy. Claudia Hennessey who spear headed this event especially wants to thank Elidia & Magdalena Roldan , Mariana Palacios, Betty Greider, Jane Grimm & Gibbs for cooking or

baking every week for us. They stepped up for the long haul. I couldn't be happier to work with Marcie Shoemaker & Anita who set up the hall for us and made sure all the incidental necessities were available.

| Our Stewardship (3/28/2015 Weekend) | | |
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| | <u>Buxton</u> | <u>Ocracoke</u> |
| Offertory | \$1265.00 | cancelled |
| Debt Reduction | \$1193.00 | |
| Attendance | 183 | 00 |

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

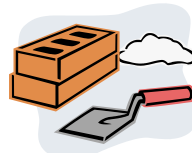
from Memorial Weekend to Labor Day weekend. That totals 16 weekends.

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.

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.



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>

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!

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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

Checks may be made out to United Methodist Men, PO Box 1591 Buxton, NC 27920.

Thank you for your generosity!

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.