

Ascension of the Lord
May 17, 2015

Salesian Perspective

Today we celebrate the conclusion of Jesus' mission from his Father. We see Jesus stand before his chosen eleven as the Christ, Lord of the universe. With full authority for the salvation of the world, Jesus sends the Eleven forth to make disciples of all the nations. They are to baptize in the name of the Trinity, and teach all they have been commanded by Jesus.

Then Jesus returns to his Father, leaving the earth in his bodily form. His leaving emphasizes the importance that faith will play in their mission. They are to put their trust in the Spirit he will leave with them, and they are to act on all they have been taught to believe. They will have doubts and fears as they go, so they are to remember his final words to them: "I am with you always." Jesus' abiding presence with them through the Spirit will give them strength and courage when they need it to continue their efforts.

Over the past few weeks, you and I have been renewed in our faith by our celebration of Jesus' death and rising. Today, as we celebrate his return to his Father, Jesus speaks to us, his disciples, with the full authority of the Christ: I send you forth to make even more disciples. Announce the truth of what I have taught you by living it every day. When you feel the insecurities of the journey, recall my promise to you: "I am with you always." My Spirit will provide the strength you need to continue on.

As we carry out our mission each day, we are not to waste time trying to judge our success or failure. Jesus asks us to place our faith in him and give the best effort we can each day. St. Francis de Sales reminds us to begin each day anew, trying to be faithful today to letting Jesus live in us and love through us.

As we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father, let us renew our faith in all that Jesus has taught us. With confidence, let us set about living today with grace and enthusiasm. Remember: Jesus is with us always!

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

If you really want to love God, keep loving Him more and more. Never look back! Move forward constantly!
- St. Francis de Sales



~ **Spring Mass Schedule** ~

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am
Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)
Tuesday, Wednesday 8:30 am
NO MASS ON THURSDAY 5/21



Connect with our Parish!!! "LIKE" Our Lady of the Seas Catholic PARISH

Music for the Liturgy 9:00 am

Processional: # 400 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
Gloria (Mass of Creation)
Psalm Response: #208 Psalm 47, God Mounts His Throne
Alleluia: (Celtic Mass)
Presentation: # 385 Behold the Glory of God
Communion: # 602 Be Not Afraid
419 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus
Recessional: # 681 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

Our Stewardship 4/26/2015 Weekend

| | <u>Buxton</u> | <u>Spanish</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| Offertory | \$1,603.00 | \$284.00 |
| Debt Reduction | \$ 698.00 | |
| Attendance | 194 | 73 |
| Principal Balance as of 4/30/2015 | ~ \$465,019.42 | |

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **788 B**

1st Reading ~ Acts of the Apostles 1:1 – 11

2nd Reading ~ Ephesians 1:17 – 23

Gospel Reading ~ Mark 16:15 – 20



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.



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.



Join us Wednesday **June 17** at Our Lady of the Seas at **7:00 pm** for a **concert featuring vocalist/guitarist Kim Kalman. "YOU RAISE ME UP"** will accept donations that will benefit the church. Kim will be performing material from her Christian CDs. Visit www.kimkalman.com for more information.



Coffee Fellowship Sunday

Today is Coffee Sunday You are all invited to the social hall immediately following the 9:00 am Mass to share coffee, cake, and other goodies. Please remember to bring your goodies in with you to the Social Hall.

DONATING MADE EASY ON OUR WEBSITE!!!



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 www.ourladyoftheseas.org

PAVERS FOR THE WALKWAY



The church is working on a new 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>

Our Local Food Pantry

IF YOU HAVE UNOPENED, NON-PERISHABLE FOOD that you haven't used during your stay, please donate it to the Food Pantry. You can use our 24-hour drop-box on the porch of the Social Hall anytime. If you prefer to buy food for the pantry, "standard" sizes rather than bulk items are preferred..

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

Thank you for your generosity!



Pope Francis in Philly!! The World Awaits You and so does the Pope! It's official...Pope Francis is coming to the 8th World Meeting of Families! Plan

your trip to Philadelphia, PA for September 22-27, 2015. The city will come alive with multicultural family-centered activities, a congress for youth and for adults and a Papal Mass. Register NOW! For more information see:

<http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org/worldmeeting>

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!

Living God's Word

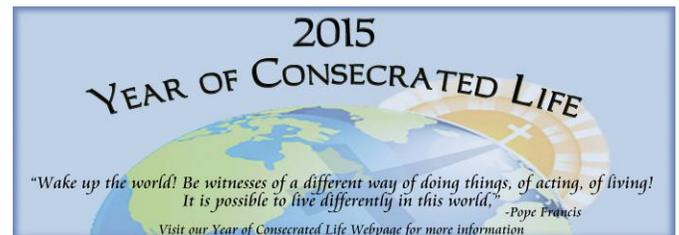
Jesus tells us: "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you" (John 15:7). Which words of his are calling you to life? Ask him to help you to trust in the Father and surrender to what the Father wills for you. Copyright © 2014, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

"When God created each of us, He did so with precision and purpose, and He looks on each of us with love that cannot be outdone in intensity or tenderness. Moreover, the Lord invites each of us to behold ourselves and each other with the same wonder and awe."

— 2014-15 Respect Life Program flyer, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities (<http://bit.ly/2014Flyer>)

Cuando Dios creó a cada uno de nosotros, lo hizo con precisión y con un propósito, y mira a cada uno de nosotros con un amor que no se puede superar en intensidad ni ternura. Además, el Señor nos invita a contemplarnos a nosotros mismos y a contemplarnos mutuamente con la misma maravilla y asombro.

— Volante del Programa Respetemos la vida 2014-15, Secretariado de Actividades Pro-vida de la USCCB (<http://www.usccb.org/about/pro-life-activities/respect-life-program/upload/Flyer-RIP2014-Color-SPN.pdf>)



Pray as Spouses for your children: Find a prayer that you can say as husband & wife asking the Lord to consecrate your family to him and to the Mission he has for you. Some couples compose their own prayer and pray it regularly. If a couple can pray together the witness of united prayer speaks untold volumes to the children.

Pray with your children: Nighttime prayer is a natural time to teach prayer to children and to develop in them this important habit. When you pray the meal prayers, use a variety of prayers and prayer forms including spontaneous prayers for the heart. Teach them how to bring their concerns and needs to Jesus in prayer. They will learn only what you model for them.



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