

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 30, 2015

Salesian Perspective

Today, the Scriptures focus our attention on two basic attitudes that are to characterize us as a community. The first: the law of God (the word of God) is meant to change our hearts, and then our actions. The second: God's word is meant to be lived, not just heard.

Jesus reminded the Pharisees in today's Gospel that good and evil come from what is in our hearts, not from some outside law. Jesus keeps calling us to a change of heart. That's the only way that our actions can truly be holy actions. When we allow ourselves to be open and receive the immense love that God has for us and understand how passionately God desires us to live in his love, then our hearts will truly change. As a result, we are better able to hear God's word for what it is – a word spoken to us because he loves us and desires us to be one with him.

We all know what happens in our life when someone truly loves us: how free we feel to be our self, how openly and generously we act, how much we seek to do what pleases the one who loves us. The same is true when we open ourselves to the love God has for us. God's love for us is unconditional and everlasting; God loves us just because he made us in his image. I know we have all heard those words many times. But do you, do I, really believe them?

Have we spent time with God alone and asked God to open us to experience the depths of his love for us? God desires to do just that if we are willing to spend quiet time with him.

When we do begin to understand and accept God's great love for us, then we are drawn to love in return. Loving God with our whole being is the gift we receive, and that love overflows to touch the lives of all around us, especially those who are in need of experiencing God's love.

Today's Scriptures call us to look more carefully to our God who loves us, and then look inside ourselves, at our heart. Am I hearing God's word as a word of love for me? Am I letting God's word of love change my heart? Do I spend enough time with God so that I am renewed by his love?

God's love is what makes us the Body of Christ, a

community of faith. May we be wise in choosing to live by God's love.

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

"If I want only pure water, what does it matter to me whether it be brought in a vase of gold or of glass? What is it to me whether the will of God be presented to me in tribulation or consolation, since I desire and seek only the Divine will?"

~ St. Francis de Sales

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **864**

1st Reading ~ Deuteronomy 4:1 – 2, 6 – 8

2nd Reading ~ James 1:17 – 18, 21b – 22, 27

Gospel Reading ~ John 7:1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 – 23

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

Processional: # 728 Morning Has Broken
Gloria (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: # 172 **Lord, you have the words to everlasting life" OR "The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord"** - chant

Gospel Acclamation (Celtic Mass)

Offertory: # 558 Whatsoever You Do

Communion: # 656 Christ, Be Our Light
620 There Is A Longing

Recessional: # 671 Glory and Praise to Our God
– vs. 1 & 2



Summer Fund Raiser

Our Church Family has a unique opportunity to pay down our \$446,000 mortgage. A family has generously offered to match our second collection from

Memorial weekend through Labor Day weekend, up to a total of \$75,000. Here's how it works: We have individual or group sponsors for each weekend. The sponsors will match the amount in the second collections for their weekend. Our Donor Family will also match the collection. Example... second collection totals \$500, the weekend sponsor or sponsors will donate \$500 and our Donor Family will also donate \$500 ~ \$500 ~ \$500 becomes \$1500. All money collected will be used to reduce the mortgage. **We still need shared sponsors. Call Dave Kelmer at 252-986-2719 if you can help**



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.

Our Stewardship 8/23//2015 Weekend

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$1,275.00	\$50.00	\$ 152.00
Debt Reduction	\$3,299.00		
Attendance	451	20	21

Principal Balance as of 7/31/2015 ~ \$413,024.51

~ Mass Schedule ~

Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am
Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am



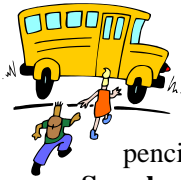
"The Welcoming Light of Our Lady of the Seas"

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!

EXTRA Liturgical Ministers & Altar Servers

We need volunteers for our Masses today. If you know you can help to assist at the Mass please step up. Please see one of the ministers with a name tag on

and let them know you are available to help fill the void. Thank you.



2015 Hatteras Island School Drive

In order to fill the needs we need your help. Everything is needed - back packs, paper, pencils, glue sticks, tissues, colored pencils, 3 ring-binders, markers, and much more!

Supply donations can be dropped off at the following locations:

- Little Grove United Methodist Church
- Hatteras United Methodist Church
- Buxton United Methodist Church
- Hatteras Realty Avon & Hatteras
- Yadkin in Hatteras

Call 252-216-7408 if you have a child that has school needs that you can't fill or to make confidential referrals.

Monetary donations can be sent to:

Little Grove United Methodist School Drive
PO Box 293
Frisco, NC 27936

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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. Please do not leave sheets/pillows/or any other items in the box. This is only used for food for the pantry.

Thank you for your generosity!

Day at the Docks

Starts Thursday, September 17th, and runs through mid-day Sunday, September 19th this year.

The kick-off event begins at the Civic Center at 4:00 pm. Learn more

by visiting Facebook Day at the Docks-Hatteras Village, NC



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Parishioners & Visitors ~ for your convenience you can now make donations to our church, on-line.

Just go to www.ourladyoftheseas.org

On the home page click on 'DONATION' Thank you.

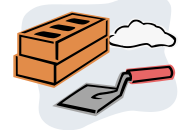


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PAVERS FOR THE WALKWAY

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>



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.

GETTING MARRIED? If you're making wedding plans, consider renting this beautiful church for your nuptials. The parish hall is also available for wedding receptions (and parties, too!). For information including how to book your reservation, please pick up one of our wedding brochures near the church doors or contact our church office manager, Anita Bills, at 252-995-7892 (email: olssecretary@aol.com).