

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2015

Salesian Perspective

We have just heard that curious command of Jesus: “Don’t tell anyone about the miracle you’ve just witnessed.” And Mark tells us that the people went about telling of Jesus’ power to heal. Why would Jesus make such a strange command?

Jesus knew human nature all too well. He knew how easily we are attracted by power, by the miraculous. He also knew that power can distract us from examining reality.

Today’s Scripture readings call us to look beyond the miraculous, the powerful and seek to understand reality. Jesus makes the deaf hear and the mute speak clearly in order to point to the reality that God is present among his people. He is the fulfillment of God’s promise made through the prophet Isaiah. Jesus is trying to tell the people whose hearts of frightened: “Be strong, fear not! Here is your God; ... he comes to save you.” Jesus’ power to heal reveals the compassionate faithfulness of God.

But he’s concerned that the people will be distracted by the miraculous and never come to understand who he really is and why he has come. And we all know that his concern was justified. Many found it difficult to identify the miracle worker with the crucified Savior.

The words of St. James remind us that we are part of the human race, and we’re susceptible to the distraction of power. The attractiveness of power can blind us to reality in everyday living. How easily we are attracted by wealth, power and position. How often we choose to pay attention to people who have and ignore those who don’t have. Power distracts us from the reality that all of us are equally made in the image and likeness of our God. And Jesus revered the needy as well as the well-off as deserving of God’s compassionate love.

The Scriptures seem to call us to look more deeply within ourselves. What has my God told me about reality? Does power distract me from that reality? Jesus desires to live in each of us as crucified savior, as well as miracle worker. Each person desires to be revered for who he or she is by creation, as well as for what he or she says or does.

May we ask for the grace each day to discipline ourselves to see through power and love the reality of our God and our brothers and sisters.

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

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

The Reading for today’s Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **867**
1st Reading ~ Isaiah 35:4 – 7a
2nd Reading ~ James 2:1 – 5
Gospel Reading ~ Mark 7:31 – 37

Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

Processional: # 423 The King of Glory
Gloria (Mass of Creation)
Psalm Response: # 284 Psalm 146
Praise the Lord, My Soul
Gospel Acclamation (Celtic Mass)
Offertory: # 615 Amazing Grace
Communion: # 656 Christ, Be Our Light
620 There Is A Longing
Recessional: # 725 America the Beautiful



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.

Explaining the Catholic Faith

Starting **Sunday the 25th of October**, Fr Fred will continue with the program of **Explaining the Catholic Faith**. It will take place at the rectory following the 9 am Mass. There will be a CD presentation followed by a discussion. **All are welcomed** even if you did not participate in the last 5 episodes.



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	\$1,458.00	\$77.00	\$ 133.00
Debt Reduction	\$3,080.00		
Attendance	361	16	50

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

~ Mass Schedule ~



Saturday 6:00 pm
 Sunday 9:00 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.

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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

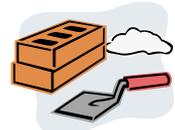
Starts Thursday, September 17th, and runs through mid-day Sunday, September 19th this year.

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

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.

A Dozen Days in the Holy Land

Reverend Dr. William F. Walsh, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, will be the Spiritual Director for a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, January 25 to February 5, 2016. Walk with Father Bill and fellow pilgrims in the footsteps of Jesus through Bethlehem, Nazareth, Jerusalem, the Mount of Olives, and Gethsemane. Prices start as low as \$3299 per person, double occupancy, and include:

- Roundtrip airfare from Norfolk, VA to Tel Aviv
- Hotel Accommodations with private bathrooms
- Some Meals
- Transportation and Sightseeing with English speaking guides
- Daily Mass

For more information contact Boyd and Mimi Tolman at 252.903.6598 or at btolman1@suddenlink.net

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