

All Saints Day
November 1, 2015

Salesian Perspective

“Let us join our hearts to these heavenly spirits and blessed souls. Just as young nightingales learn to sing in company with the old, so also by our holy associations with the saints let us learn the best way to pray and sing God’s praise.” (Introduction to the Devout Life, Part II, Chapter 16)

We stand on the shoulders of giants. Over the last two thousand years countless men, women and children of many eras, places and cultures have spent their lives in the service of the Good News of Jesus Christ. From among these many, a smaller group of individuals have earned the distinction of being known as “saints.”

These are real people to whom we look for example. These are real people to whom we look for inspiration. These are real people to whom we look for encouragement and grace.

These saints – these real people - have blazed a trail in the midst of trials while living and proclaiming the Gospel. The challenge to us is to follow their example in ways that fit the state and stage of life in which we find ourselves.

In case you haven’t yet figured it out, you, too, are called to live a saintly – a God-centered, self-giving – way of life in the very places in which you live, love, work and play every day. Francis de Sales wrote: “Look at the example given by the saints in every walk of life. There is nothing that they have not done in order to love God and to be God’s devoted followers... Why then should we not do as much according to our position and vocation in life to keep the cherished resolution and holy protestations that we have made?” (*Ibid*, Part V, Chapter 12)

What does it mean to be a saint? Surprisingly, it is much more down-to-earth and obtainable than we might think. Francis de Sales observed: “We must love all that God loves, and God loves our vocation; so let us love our vocation, too, and not waste our energy hankering after a different sort of life, but get on with your own job. Be Martha as well as Mary, and be both gladly, faithfully doing what you are called to do...” (Stopp, Selected Letters, Page 61)

In the view of St. Francis de Sales, sanctity – sainthood – is measured by our willingness and ability to embrace the state and stage of life in which we find ourselves. Saints are people who deeply embraced their lives as they found them, rather than wasting time wishing or waiting for an opportunity to live someone else’s life. Sainthood – sanctity – holiness – is marked by the willingness to embrace God’s will as it is manifested in

the ups and downs of everyday life.

How are you being called to be a saint today? How, in the midst of trials, can we blaze trails of love today?

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

The Reading for today’s Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **913**

1st Reading ~ Revelation 7:2 – 4, 9 – 14

2nd Reading ~ 1 John 3:1 – 3

Gospel Reading ~ Matthew 5:1 – 12a

National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW)

Beginning November 1, 2015, the Catholic Church in the US will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW), an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Especially during this week, please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God’s gift of a vocation.

We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish.

- St. Francis de Sales

“PRAY FOR VOCATIONS”

“The fraternal life and fervor of the community can awaken in the young a desire to consecrate themselves completely to God and to the Gospel. This is particularly true if such living community prays insistently for vocations and courageously proposes to its young people the path of special consecration.”

Evangelii Gaudium – Pope Francis

The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week on November 1 – 7, 2015. This observance, sponsored by the U.S. Bishop’s Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, is a special time for parishes in the U.S. to foster a culture of vocations for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life. PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.

Explaining the Catholic Faith

TODAY FOLLOWING THE 9:00 AM MASS & BAPTISM, Fr Fred will continue with the program of Explaining the Catholic Faith. It will take place at the rectory. There will be a CD presentation followed by a discussion. All are welcomed even if you did not participate in the last 8 episodes.

RETREAT NOVEMBER 14 & 15

“Day of Reflection”

Come with a friend and spend some time renewing your relationship with God who loves you very much and wants you to;

LIVE each day WELL

Saturday ~ 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (1 hour for lunch)

Sunday ~ Starting with 9:00 am Mass, then finish up at the Social Hall.

~ THIS WEEK Mass Schedule ~

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 9:00 am

Sunday 6:00 pm (Spanish)

Monday 8:30 am (All Souls)

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am

Friday 8:30 am (First Friday w/ 1 hour Adoration)



Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am

Processional: # 573 The Church's One Foundation

Gloria (Mass of Creation)

Psalm Response: *"Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face."*

Gospel Acclamation (Celtic Mass)

Offertory: # 710 I Have Loved You

577 Before the Sun Burned Bright

Communion: Blest Are They (choir sings verses; **all sing refrain**)

Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you; holy are you.

Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God.

Recessional: # 414 Holy, Holy, Holy - vs. 1 & 2



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 10/11/2015 Weekend

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$1,429.00	\$112.00	cancelled
Debt Reduction	\$ 816.00		
Attendance	185	18	

Principal Balance as of 9/30/2015 ~ \$342,366.65

Have an item of interest that you'd like to share with the OLS community? Please submit it to olssecretary@aol.com by noon the prior Sunday. Song leaders will make any necessary announcements prior to Mass.

Diocese of Raleigh office of Child and Youth Protection

Parents, guardians, and adults who care for children face constant challenges when trying to help keep children safer in today's fast-paced world. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) offers easy-to-use safety resources to help address these challenges. NCMEC's Web site offers a range of practical information for parents and guardians that will help keep children safe from harm. Visit the NCMEC Web site at: www.missingkids.com. If you need particular help you may call: **The office of Child and Youth Protection at 1-866-535-7233**

Los padres, tutores y adultos que cuidan niños enfrentan constantes desafíos al tratar de ayudar a mantener a los niños alejados del peligro en el acelerado mundo de hoy. El Centro Nacional para Menores Desaparecidos o Explotados (NCMEM) – ofician de asuntos públicos- ofrece recursos fácil de utilizar para ayudar a abordar los desafíos. La página web NCMEC's ofrece una variedad de información práctica para padres y tutores que ayudan a mantener los niños alejados del peligro. Visite la página web NCMEC www.missingkids.com. Si necesita ayuda especial puedes llamar a la Oficina de Protección de Niños y Adolescentes de la Diócesis de Raleigh al 1-866-535-7233.- See more at: <http://dioceseofraleigh.org/offices/communications/centralized-mail#sthash.LsdkWlv4.dpuf>

Prayer for the Year of Consecrated Life

O God, throughout the ages you have called women and men to pursue lives of perfect charity through the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience. During this Year of Consecrated Life, we give you thanks for these courageous witnesses of Faith and models of inspiration. Their pursuit of holy lives teaches us to make a more perfect offering of ourselves to you. Continue to enrich your Church by calling forth sons and daughters who, having found the pearl of great price, treasure the Kingdom of Heaven above all things. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Oración para el Año de la Vida Consagrada

Oh Dios, tú que a través de los tiempos has llamado a mujeres y hombres a fin de que vivan la caridad perfecta por medio de los consejos evangélicos de la pobreza, la castidad y la obediencia. Durante este Año de la Vida Consagrada te damos gracias por estos valientes testigos de la fe, que son también modelos de inspiración. Con su empeño por lograr la santidad ellos nos enseñan a ofrecerte nuestra vida de una manera más perfecta. Te pedimos que continúes enriqueciendo a tu Iglesia con hijos e hijas que, habiendo encontrado la perla de gran valor, atesoran el Reino de los cielos por encima de todas las cosas. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo, tu Hijo, que vive y reina contigo en la unidad del Espíritu Santo y es Dios por los siglos de los siglos, Amén.