

**Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**November 8, 2015**

**Salesian Perspective**

All of us are familiar with today's Gospel parable.

Did you notice that the end of the passage doesn't fit the content of the story? All the young women in the story feel asleep. So the command, "Stay awake" must not be the point of the story. Wisdom is the real point of the story – wisdom which led the five young women to prepare themselves for their duties. They did everything they could to get ready, so they were able to wait patiently for the wedding party.

There is a very practical message for us in Jesus' parable. When it comes to the events of daily life, we humans make two contributions: intention and attention. Often, we don't have much control over the outcome. That's a very hard lesson for us humans to learn, but it's an important one. It can prevent a lot of agitation and negative self-talk. Often enough, I've heard my frustrated self say: "I worked so hard. I put my best in, and it didn't turn out as I planned. Where did I go wrong?" I forgot the difference between human control of input and outcome.

The application of Jesus' story reaches into all aspects of our life. As disciples, we believe that God's providence cares for all creation and the plan of God's will is always effective. God's grace makes us holy; our responsibility is to use the grace we are given. If that is our belief, then my responsibility in human actions is limited to: **good intention** for doing whatever I do (I want to please God) and **good attention** to what I do (I put myself fully into what I do). God will take care of the rest.

This is what living a holy life means: asking for the grace of God as I begin any action, then doing well what I am doing with the intention of pleasing God. When I do this, then I can accept whatever results as God's will for me. I am free to "let go and let God."

Wisdom is a gift of God which enables us to understand life from a divine perspective. Wisdom allows me to place my trust in God whose provident care upholds the universe. Wisdom encourages me to ask the best of myself and be happy with that best.

Let us ask for the gift of wisdom so that we will be prepared each day with our best and have the patience and calmness to wait for the coming of the Lord?

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

***"Take courage, and turn troubles which you cannot remedy into material for progress and maturity."***

***- St. Francis de Sales***

**Extraordinary Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy**

December 8, 2015, the Church throughout the world will begin our observance of this Jubilee Year.

In our observance of the Jubilee, Pope Francis has invited us to renew our ministerial outreach in service to those who are most in need of the mercy and healing of Our Lord. Specifically, this means an opportunity for us to catechize and encourage the exercise of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy and to have a renewed zeal for souls in the promotion of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially for those who are ill.

*The Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy illustrate the ways to show charity toward others. –*

**The Corporal Works of Mercy**

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Visit the imprisoned
- Bury the dead

**The Spiritual Works of Mercy**

- Admonish the sinner
- Instruct the ignorant (This and the next work are extremely pertinent categories today, when so many people are confused by what the Church teaches on contraception, abortion, homosexuality, etc.)
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive all injuries
- Pray for the living and the dead

**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 9 episodes.

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the

**Glory & Praise** at number **894**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ 1 Kings 17:10 – 16

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Hebrews 9:24 – 28

**Gospel Reading** ~ Mark 12:38 – 44 or 12:41 – 44

**Music for the Liturgy at 9:00 am**

**Processional:** # 668 I Sing the Mighty Power of God  
Gloria (Mass of Creation)  
**Psalms Response:** "Praise the Lord, my soul."  
**Gospel Acclamation:** Celtic Alleluia  
**Offertory:** # 622 Lord of All Hopefulness  
**Communion:** # 558 Whatsoever You Do  
**Recessional:** # 656 Christ Be Our Light - vs. 1 & 2

**~ THIS WEEK Mass Schedule ~**

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



**Our Stewardship 10/11/2015 Weekend**

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Spanish</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$1,090.00	\$139.00	\$45.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 824.00		
Attendance	161	33	9

**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](mailto:olssecretary@aol.com) by noon the prior Sunday. Song leaders will make any necessary announcements prior to Mass.*

We'd like to thank Hatteras Sol for an excellent catered volunteer dinner! Please support their deli located in Hatteras.



**ANSWERING THE CALL**

Thank you to the newest members of the OLS Count Team! Karen Kelmer, Bob Mackall and Pat Weston have joined Tina Chandler, Bill Lengyel, Rosie and Rich O'Neal, Marcie Shoemaker and Pati Thompson in counting our Offertory collections.

**UPDATE ON SUMMER FUNDRAISER**

Thank you to Dave and Karen Kelmer and to everyone who made the summer fundraiser an enormous success. The remaining mortgage is a bit less than \$240,000 and we are working with Raleigh to reduce our monthly payment. Reducing the payment will make it easier to meet our obligation every month and allow us to save funds toward major maintenance and repairs. Ron Tasso is the point-of-contact for this effort. OLS parishioners will be updated as events occur.



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

**PARISH RETREAT NOVEMBER 14 & 15**

**"Day of Reflection"**

*We all have a time each year when we do clean up and throw out - a time when we repair things that we've put aside for attention. Our spiritual life needs the same "cleaning" and "repair."*

Jennifer Fiduccia and Jim Wahl from St Francis of Assisi, Raleigh will facilitate our retreat next weekend. 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**

11/14 Saturday ~ 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (1 hour for lunch)  
11/15 Sunday ~ Starting with 9:00 am Mass, then finish up at the Social Hall, with a light breakfast.

IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU PLACE YOUR NAME ON THE SIGN UP SHEET IN THE VESTIBULE, SO WE CAN GET AN ESTIMATED HEAD COUNT FOR FOOD.

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



*So that they and their families may be remembered in prayer by the community.*

Ocracoke Friday 4:00 pm Mass

✠ **In memory of Bob Martini**

*Requested by Barbara Martini*

November 10th, Tuesday 8:30 am Mass

✠ **In memory of Jack Kepler**

*Requested by Shirley Kepler*

**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.



**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 in the vestibule. Or, on the church website, click on the FORMS button on the left, download, fill it in and mail it with your check.



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**THANKSGIVING DAY MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 9:00 AM**