

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 10, 2019

Salesian Perspective

What a wonderful set of life-vocation stories in today's Scriptures.

Isaiah experiences (sees) the Lord of hosts in the Temple. He is humbled: "Woe is me, I'm doomed. I'm a man of unclean lips." The ember carried by the seraph removes his wickedness. And Isaiah is ready to go forth: "Here I am, send me!"

Jesus has confronted Paul on the road to Damascus. Paul acknowledges that he is not worthy to be an apostle. And yet he preaches faithfully: "By the grace of God I am what I am."

Peter reluctantly puts out into deep water at the command of Jesus – and witnesses nets so full that they are breaking. He kneels before Jesus in great humility: "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Jesus gently tells him not to be afraid: "from now on you will be catching men." Peter and his mates leave everything and follow Jesus.

Each of these encounters with God became life-changing. Isaiah will speak God's word for his lifetime, whether he is accepted or rejected. Peter and Paul engage in "catching men" for the rest of their lives until they are killed for their preaching.

How many times in their lives as apostles would they be asked again to "put out into deeper water and lower your nets." Often their security was not to be found near the shoreline but with Jesus in the deep water.

Jesus' invitation always seems to be "put out into deep water." As we grow older, the invitation to let Jesus live in us more fully leads us into the deeper waters of our own life and that of our community. We can only fill our nets with the grace of God when we're willing to leave our own security and trust in the invitation to come deeper.

Like Isaiah, the Lord will remove our sins and failings that keep us close to shore and prepare us to go deeper. Like Peter, we will hear Jesus gently tell us: "Do not be afraid."

May our willingness to put out into the deep with Jesus lead us to be able to say with St. Paul: "By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective."

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Our Lady of the Seas Pastor - Fr Fred Smuda

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Be My Valentine Bake Sale



This Wednesday, February 13th from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM, in the Hall, OLS bakers and goodie makers! Let's make this the BEST sale ever!

Be creative and make Valentine gift baskets, cupcakes, cakes, candies-- anything chocolate or hearts or red!!!! Please bring your goodies between 1:00-2:00 PM. Tell everyone you know!! Questions, please call Linda Monsell 252-670-3509 (INGREDIENT LABEL FOR ALLERGIES)

Reading for today's Mass are found in the Glory & Praise at number 814

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 6:1 – 2a, 3 – 8

2nd Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 15:1 – 11

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 5:1 – 11



Next Sunday is Coffee Fellowship Sunday

Mass Schedule This Week

- **Tues, Wednesday, Thurs 8:30 am**
- **Feb 16th - NO Saturday 5:30 pm**
- **Feb 17th - Sunday 9:00 am (ONLY MASS)**
- **NO MESSA Domingo 5:00 pm**

Pope's Intentions February

Human Trafficking: For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.

Project Rachel



Project Rachel Post Abortion Healing Retreat

Christ at a Project Rachel weekend April 26-28, 2019. The weekend retreat is strictly **confidential** for both women and men includes discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion. For more information or to register for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at project.rachel@raldioc.org or call (919) 852-1021. The cost is \$150 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. If you desire healing from a past abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus.

PRAYING THE ROSARY PROGRAM



Our Lady of the Rosary

On Tuesday mornings following the 8:30 am Mass, our parish is starting a "Parish Rosary Program" NEVER BEFORE HAS ROSARIES BEEN SO NEEDED.

For the reparation for sin, world peace, political civility, the end of abortion, souls in purgatory, the intentions of the Holy Father, discernment between good and evil, vocations, lukewarm and fallen away Catholics, marriages, and those in the most need of God's mercy.

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO SAY **"YES"** TO BLESSED MOTHER.



ANYONE INTERESTED IN THE PARISH ROSARY PROGRAM?

NEVER before has rosaries been so needed... IT'S A SIMPLE MATTER of collecting "TALLY SHEETS" which parishioners drop in the collection basket of the # of rosaries prayed and publishing weekly, year-to-date, and grand totals each week we publish the bulletin. THE TALLY SHEETS ARE LOCATED IN THE VESTIBULE.

Rebuild, Renew and Rejoice in God's Service



The 2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal is off to a good start. It is recommended that, in order to prevent check cashing delays, you send your contributions directly to the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh in the envelope provided in your recently received mailing. If you did not receive a mailing, you can pick

up an envelope in the vestibule of the church. Be sure to indicate OLOTS #108 as your parish. Then, watch the "Donation Angel" spread her wings as we track our parish's progress toward our OLOTS' goal of \$4,000!



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.



RCIA ADULT CLASS

WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAYS, 4:00 PM AT THE RECTORY. THIS

COURSE IS DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH AND FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THEIR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IN THE CHURCH. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SPEAK TO FR. FRED.



An unwatermarked version is available for purchase as a print from bromickeyomcgrath.com.

"You must not wish to live outside the 'actual moment.' It contains the light that you must follow and the help necessary for each circumstance."

~St. Leonie Aviat, OSFS

COMMUNION, CCD, RCIA, & CONFIRMATION

- **COMMUNION** – will be held today after 9:00 am Mass, over in our Social Hall. Please have your parents pick you up at the Social Hall at 12:30 pm.
- **CONFIRMATION** – Will meet this afternoon, Sunday, February 10th, from 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm. Please have your parents pick you up at the Hall at 4:45 pm.
- **CCD Class**- will meet tomorrow, Monday, February 11th, from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm. Please have your parents pick you up at the Hall at 4:30 pm.
- **YOUTH RCIA** – This Tuesday, February 12th, from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Please have your parents pick you up at the Social Hall at 4:30 pm.

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