

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 17, 2019

Salesian Perspective

Today's readings remind us of the life-giving qualities received by those who follow God's teachings and who trust in God's goodness. St. Francis de Sales similarly notes: "The greater our trust in God, the more life-giving is our spirit. If we are to allow God's love to operate in us, we must make room in our heart so that the Holy Spirit may flood our heart with holy love. When our concerns and responsibilities are full of anxiety and fear, we limit our ability to act in the way God desires us to act."

What are we to do if we have the desire to serve God but lack sufficient strength to put that desire into practice? Offer this desire to God. God renews our desire as often as is necessary to make us persevere in our desire to do God's Will. Placing our trust in God's goodness makes us eventually capable of acting on our desire to belong to God.

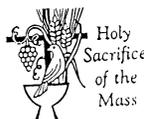
I am not saying that you must always feel this determination to belong entirely to God. We may always have feelings of reluctance to the events in our life that God does not desire but permits. Do not be troubled by such feelings, for few people are able to get rid of them. Yet, you ought to constantly recognize that you belong to God even though you do not always feel that way. We must deliberately choose to keep ourselves focused on the goal to belong to God alone. As we focus on pursuing our goal, our reluctant feelings will gradually be transformed as we allow God's love to flood our heart.

Let us frequently place our good will in God's hands, and God will renew our true willingness as often as is necessary in this mortal life. Those who place themselves peacefully in the hands of God's Providence let themselves move forward, like a person sleeping in a ship that never stops moving forward on a tranquil sea. Blessed are they who put their trust in God, for confidence in God brings life to their human spirit!
(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales.)

Our Lady of the Seas Pastor - Fr Fred Smuda

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THANK YOU TO ALL THE HELPERS WHO MADE OUR 1ST VALENTINE SALE SUCH A GREAT SUCCESS. ESPECIALLY LINDA MONSELL



Our Lady of the Seas
MASS CARDS MASS INTENTIONS to be said at OLS please talk to Fr. Fred and specify the date for the Mass. Donations would be accepted.

Reading for today's Mass are found in the Glory & Praise at number 817

1st Reading ~ Jeremiah 17:5 – 8

2nd Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16 – 20

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 6:17, 20 – 26

Mass Schedule This Week

- **NO WEEKDAY MASSES THIS WEEK**
- **Saturday 5:30 pm**
- **Sunday 9:00 am**
- **Domingo 5:00 pm (Lengua Española)**

TODAY IS OUR LAST COFFEE SUNDAY



It's an extension of our Eucharistic celebration and helps us see ourselves as a community of human beings rather than just individuals. Please come and enjoy a good cup of coffee or tea and some good cake with your friends and family.

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 FROM HOME?



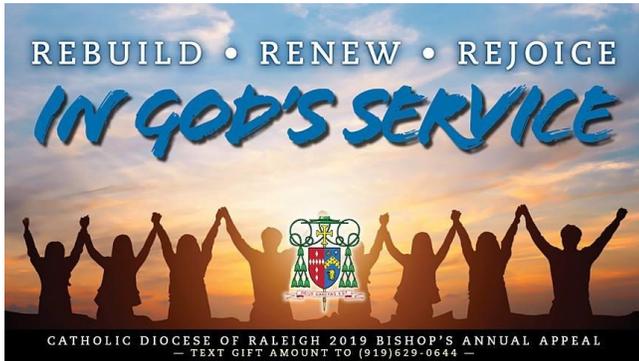
NEVER before has rosaries been so needed... IT'S A SIMPLE MATTER of collecting "TALLY SHEETS" which parishioners drop in the collection basket of the # of rosaries prayed and publishing weekly, year-to-date, and grand totals each week we publish the bulletin. **THE TALLY SHEETS ARE LOCATED IN THE VESTIBULE.**



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

Pope's Intentions February

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



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!

COMMUNION, CCD, RCIA, & CONFIRMATION

- **COMMUNION** – will be held NEXT SUNDAY 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 Sunday afternoon, February 24th, 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 25th 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 19th, 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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DONATING MADE EASY ON OUR WEBSITE!!!



Our Lady of the Seas website now has the ability to accept on-line donations. It is a secure easy way to make your donation and is available 24-hours a day for your convenience. www.ourladyoftheseas.org



Those who love
to be feared
fear to be loved.
St. Francis de Sales

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

"Half an hour's meditation each day is essential, except when you are busy. Then a full hour is needed."

~St. Francis de Sales

CARE MINISTRY



The Parish Council is establishing a Care Ministry. Anyone who lives alone and/or anyone who would like a WELLNESS CHECK with a daily phone call is encouraged to sign up. You may sign up to receive a call or you may sign up to make a call. You can find the sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church. **PLEASE CONTACT GAEANN at 252-995-5973**



Ministries to the Sick—The compassion and caring of the parishioners of Our Lady of the Sea for the sick and homebound are truly a work of mercy. We are grateful to know if there is a person you feel should be on our prayer list, or who would benefit by a visit from a Eucharistic Minister or anointing by a priest. Please ask the individual to call our pastor with that request, or, if he or she is unable to call, please ask the next of kin or an immediate family member to contact us. The Sacrament of the Sick is available to all in need of healing. PLEASE DO NOT WAIT until death is imminent to offer your loved one this grace, please call Fr. Fred 252-995- 6613 or Anita 252-995-7892.