

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 24, 2019

Salesian Perspective

Today's readings reveal to us that being made into the image of God we are called to be compassionate and forgiving as Jesus was. St. Francis de Sales notes: "Our Lord came into this world so that all might live a more abundant life and receive a better life. When we see the excessive evils that our loved ones endure, they arouse great compassion and love in us. Yet, we ought to help and express our love to all those who have great need of us. Frequently it is those who bring us more pain than comfort."

Console the sick and visit the poor. Have compassion for their infirmities, letting these acts touch your heart. It is here that we show that we love from holy love. Pray for them as you help them. Yet, be careful that you do not neglect your responsibilities to your own family household while you care for others. We must ask God to help us love others, especially those for whom we have no inclination to love. They will have a more abundant life by the example you give them.

Since God wants us to love and cherish others, we must see God's love in our neighbor. Even though at first we seem reluctant to do so, we must not give up practicing this love of neighbor outwardly. But we must not be surprised if we find ourselves not equally kind and gentle. Be patient with everyone's imperfections but especially your own. Have the courage to pick yourself up after a fall. There's no better way to grow in God's love than to always start over again and never think that we have done enough.

Do not worry whether or not your work will bear the fruit you intend to produce, for you will not be asked for the fruit. You will only be asked if you faithfully occupied yourself in cultivating well these barren and arid lands. You will not be asked whether you have gathered in a harvest, but only if you have taken sufficient care to sow the seed.

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales.)

Our Lady of the Seas Pastor - Fr Fred Smuda

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<https://www.facebook.com/DeSalesOblates/> on our new page. We look forward to continue sharing our Salesian Spirituality with you!



**Reading for today's Mass are found in the
Glory & Praise at number 820**

1st Reading ~ 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 8

2nd Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 15:45 - 49

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 6:27 - 38

Mass Schedule This Week

- **Tues, Wed, Thurs 8:30 am**
- **1ST Friday 8:30 am with 1 hour devotion following the Mass for the Sacred Heart**
- **1ST Saturday 8:30 am for Immaculate Heart**
- **Saturday 5:30 pm**
- **Sunday 9:00 am**
- **Domingo 5:00 pm (Lengua Española)**

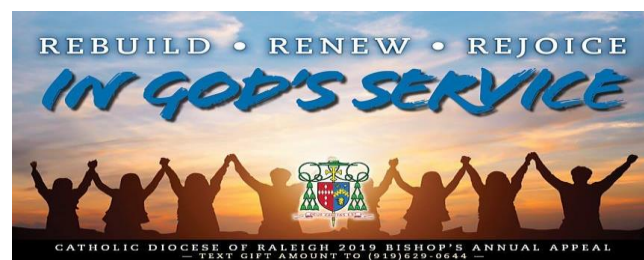


Flowers this Sunday

The altar flowers were donated by:

Janet & Dave Dawson, Jeff & Lisa Morrow and grandchildren Clifford & Lauren Pate, Blake & Annie Pate, Emily Morrow & Erin Morrow.

***In loving honor of Dee & Cliff Morrow on their
Anniversary February 25th***



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!

PRAYING THE ROSARY PROGRAM

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.



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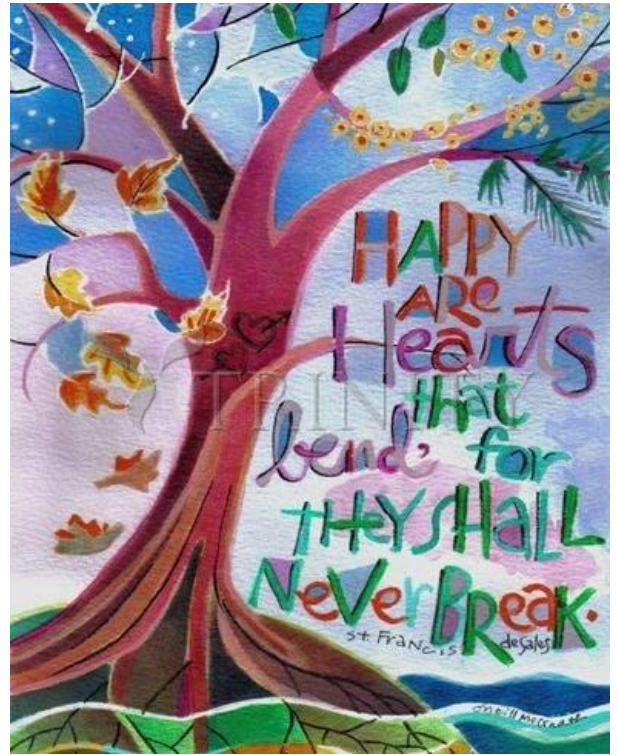
Pope's Intentions February

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

COMMUNION, CCD, RCIA, & CONFIRMATION

- **COMMUNION** – will be held after 9:00 am Mass TODAY, 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 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 26th, 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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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**



It's time to take a stand for life! Join other like-minded Americans in the 2019 **40 Days for Life** spring campaign

in Chapel Hill. This campaign of prayer, fasting, and peaceful witness for an end to abortion, begins on Ash Wednesday, **March 6, and ends April 14** (7am-7pm daily). Location: public right-of-way outside of Planned Parenthood, 1765 Dobbins Drive. For more information or to volunteer: 40daysforlife.com/chapel-hill or email 40dayschapelhill@gmail.com.