

**Easter Sunday**  
**April 21, 2019**

**Salesian Perspective**



Happy Easter! Today we celebrate the most unique moment in the history of humankind: The Resurrection of Jesus who triumphs over death. We welcome our newly baptized whose new life in Christ prepares them for eternal

glory. St. Francis de Sales speaks of our need to renew each year our desire to serve God in order to live Jesus.

Jesus, surviving death, lives on in His works. A day will come when we shall rise from the dead. Our mortal bodies, now subject to corruption, will be immortal. Jesus took on our likeness and gave us His so that we might have a new life in abundance. Our God has so lovingly inspired and urged you to conversion. In baptism you became a child of God, forming your self-according to the Law of the Gospel. Letting go of your old self, you rose anew in Christ.

Yet, as long as we live, we shall need to renew ourselves and begin over. Like some clocks that need to be cleaned and repaired, so it is with our heart. We must straighten out bent parts and repair those parts worn out. Each year such an exercise will warm up your heart, bring new life to your good resolutions to serve God and make you flourish with fresh vigor.

In winter the earth relaxes, rests and does not produce. When spring comes it renews itself with flowers that bring us joy. Because our nature grows cold easily, we need to renew our promise to love God above all, and love all other things because they are agreeable to God, profitable to God's honor, and destined for God's glory. Before we enter eternal glory, the Gardener wishes to plant in our garden many flowers. Let us serve God as God wishes and we will see that one day God will do all we wish, and more than we know how to wish. When we are raised to a life of divine love, we live for our Savior who has risen. It is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice. Alleluia!

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

**Reading for today's the Easter Vigil Mass are found in the Glory & Praise at number 773**  
**Gospel Reading – C**  
**Reading for today's the Easter Mass are found in the Glory & Praise at number 774**

***Principal & Balance on Mortgage ~ \$91,803.27***

**Pope's Intention April**

*Doctors and their Collaborators in War Zones.  
For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save others.*



Did you know that when a person is assaulted as a child, he or she may wait years or decades to tell another person about it? The reasons for this vary. Victims may want to deny the fact that someone they trusted could do this to them; they may want to just put the abuse behind them and move forward. They may believe that they caused the assault by their behavior; or they may fear how other people will react. For more information on learning how you can help ensure the safety of children and how to help them when they do not feel safe, call 1-800- CHILDREN (1-800-244-53736).

You may also call: ***The Diocese of Raleigh Office of Child and Youth Protection at 1-866-535-7233 or email [safe@raldioc.org](mailto:safe@raldioc.org)***

**LITTLE WHITE BOOKS** The seasonal prayer reflection booklet (Easter 2019) contain helpful daily entries to serve as an aid to prayer. You can find them in our vestibule on the table.

***The Color White and Gold***  
***Jesus' Birth and Resurrection***  
Symbolic of purity and light, these shades are most often seen at Christmas, Easter and other celebrations of life, including Weddings and Funeral.  
As the pope is God's representative on earth, these hues are also closely associated with him.  
Even the Vatican flag is white and gold.

**Our Lady of the Seas Pastor - Fr Fred Smuda**

If you need to reach our Pastor please call (home) 252.995.6613 or please contact Anita Bills, Church Administrator at (home) 252.995.7892 or (cell) 252.202.1412

**~ SPECIAL THANKS ~**

To ALL the cooks & servers who participated on Wednesday evenings in the "OLS LENTED SUPPERS" We came together as "one community" where we shared our cultural soups & fellowship.



**Thank You For Helping**

To all the fantastic bakers who helped to make our annual Easter Bake Sale be a rousing success!

Special thanks to Marcie Shoemaker who took care of running the sale this year. KUDOS!!!

**GIVING TREE MEMORIALS**



Do you want to share in the GIVING TREE? A donation of \$500 will purchase a leaf which has 4 lines to list an inscription. It is quite fitting that the new "GIVING TREE" has taken root in the vestibule of our church. Any questions

please contact Dave Kelmer 252-986-2719.



Easter teaches us the meaning of faith and what it is to feel the Lord's blessing in our lives. May the Lord

bless your home with happiness and unwavering faith this Easter. *May you find the renewal of hope, health, love and the spirit of God. Happy Easter to you and your lovely family.*

**DONATING MADE EASY ON OUR WEBSITE!!!**



If you're one of the "billions" of people, who do your charitable giving on line, then you will be glad to know that 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. Currently four categories are available for donation: Offertory, Debt Reduction, Pastor Discretionary & Hurricane Relief.

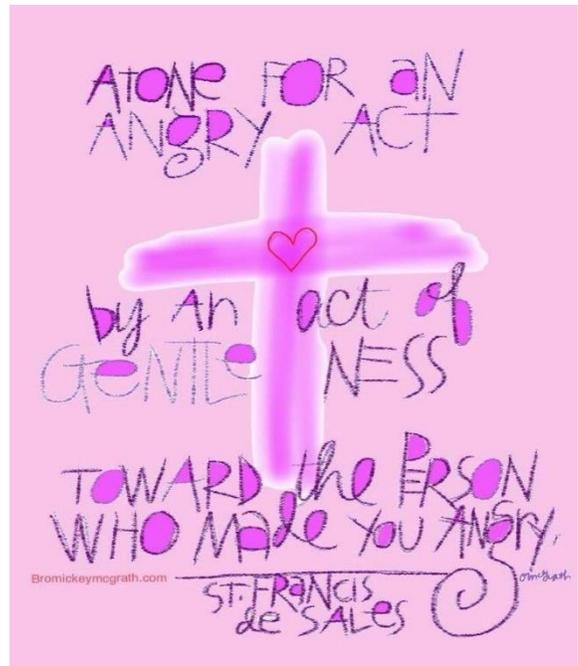
[www.ourladyoftheseas.org](http://www.ourladyoftheseas.org)



**Mass Schedule for Easter Week**

**April 23, 24 & 25**

- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 am
- **April 27 & 28**
- Saturday 5:30 pm
- Sunday 9:00 am
- Sunday 5:00 pm Spanish



**"What we need is a cup of understanding, a barrel of love, and an ocean of patience."**

**~Saint Francis de Sales**

**Divine Mercy Sunday – The Octave Day of Easter**

**April 28, 2019**



Our Lady of the Seas will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited at 10:15 am on April 28, 2019 following the 9:00am Mass. Please join us! More information on Divine Mercy

can be found at: [www.divinemeracy.com](http://www.divinemeracy.com) or [www.divinemeracy.org](http://www.divinemeracy.org)