

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 21, 2019

Salesian Perspective

Today's Gospel story is so familiar to us that it's easy to miss how extraordinary it is. Jesus is going against all the cultural conventions of His day. He is a guest at the home of unmarried women; unmarried men didn't do that. He allows a woman to serve him. Notice that Abraham served the guests in today's first reading, and Jesus is teaching Mary, a woman. In Jesus' day, only men were disciples.

While the circumstances of this event are unconventional, so too is its message. Poor Martha is very busy about all the tasks of hospitality. That is a very important virtue in the Middle East. I'm sure we can all identify with her when she's upset that her sister isn't helping her to be hospitable.

Jesus gently reminds her that her anxiety has distracted her from what's really important in hospitality; listening to her guest. Hospitality, first and foremost, concerns making the guest feel welcome, feel at home. It's hard to do that if we don't take the time to sit down with the guest and listen to whatever he or she has to say.

Today's story of Abraham's hospitality reminds us that God is present in every guest. We can reverence his presence by listening to one another. We might be surprised at times by what we hear!

There is also a wider lesson in the story. Always wanting to be busy about serving, and becoming anxious about it, are traps for the disciple. In order for our serving to have its greatest benefit, we must first take time just to be with the Lord in prayer, listening to whatever he may have to say to us. Our effort to listen first keeps our service focused on sharing the Lord's love in all we do.

Hospitality, a welcoming attitude, is a great virtue in a disciple. Taking the time just to be with a person allows the Lord's love to touch them. May each of us learn a valuable lesson from listening to the Lord's instruction to Martha today. May our welcoming attitude to all we meet today bring them a greater sense of being loved by our God, of being at home.

Remember the Homebound



Please let Father Fred know when a parishioner or family member is 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 **Father Fred** at **(252) 995-6613**.



Mass Intentions

✠ **In Memory of Lisa Calabrese, Saturday, 5:30pm**
Requested by Patty & John Curtin

✠ **In Memory of Kenny Couri, Sunday, 9:00am**
Requested by Joan Moore

One weekend Mass is reserved in dedication to our living and deceased parishioners and for visitors sharing the Mass with us. To request a Mass card or prayer intention for other Masses, contact Emile at (240) 357-4257, olsparish.events@gmail.com.

The Reading for today's Mass is found in the

Glory & Praise at number **847**:

1st Reading ~ Genesis 18:1-10a

2nd Reading ~ Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 10:38-42



Masses For The Week

- ❖ Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30am
- ❖ Friday 4:00pm **Ocracoke**
- ❖ Saturday 5:30pm
- ❖ Sunday 9:00am & 11:00am
- ❖ Domingo 6:00pm (Lengua Espanola)

Pope's Intention for July

The Integrity of Justice

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.

Bulletin Announcements

If you have any church or community information, recognition or general items you would like to include in an upcoming bulletin, please email submissions to Riley Greider at olsparish365@gmail.com. Deadline for weekly submissions is Sunday @ 5:00pm.

Local Food Pantry

IF YOU HAVE UNOPENED, NON-PERISHABLE



FOOD that you haven't used during your stay, please donate it to the Hatteras Island Food Pantry. Our 24-hour drop-box on the porch of the Hall is OLS' pick up point. Checks may be made out to: **United**

Methodist Men, PO Box 1591 Buxton, NC 27920. **Thank you for your generosity!**

Summer Raffle



Tickets are on sale after each Mass. One ticket for \$5 or five for \$20. Proceeds go toward funding new hurricane shutters. Drawing for \$500 will be held every time the sales total \$1,000. But that's not all!

This year, we are saving every single one of the 50/50 ticket stubs. In the final drawing, all of the stubs will be entered to win the use of a beautiful Hatteras Island vacation home for one full week. Don't miss your chance to win some bucks and the bonus prize, too. Get your tickets today!

1st Winner – Kathy McNamara, Woodbridge, VA
2nd Winner – Keith Palen, South Park, PA

Bishop's Initiative on Marriage

Are you anxious and worried about many things? Learn how to make Jesus a part of your marriage and take your worries away.

Couples who attend Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekends not only rediscover the joy, intimacy and romance in their relationships but also become more active in their parish. Together, we are making marriages, families and our Church stronger and healthier.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Sept. 20-22, 2019, in Charlotte, NC, and Nov. 8-10, 2019, in Atlantic Beach, NC. Early sign up is recommended. For more information, visit our website: <https://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or call (704) 315-2144.

Beware of Rip Currents

There have been 7 drownings on the NC Coast so far this year. If a visitor were to find themselves in a rip current, the best thing to do is to remain calm and float. Panic and fatigue are the reason for most rip current drownings.

Swimming parallel to the shore will eventually get you out of the rip current, as most are only 10-20 feet wide.

Many beach towns and the National Park Service are working to keep beachgoers aware of the dangers of rip currents by using warning flag systems, and having lifeguards patrolling the beaches. Visitors should also be reminded to never let small children out of their sight or in the water alone.

The **Hatteras Island Rescue Squad** (located right across from the Buxton Post Office) hosts a free, weekly safety program every Monday at 9:30am.

Please be safe and have a wonderful vacation!

Help Needed – Training Provided



Altar servers help our liturgies flow smoothly and reverently, which facilitates the prayer and worship of our congregation. Parents, please encourage your children to become an integral part of our worship by participating in the Ministry of Altar Server. Contact the Church Registrar, Gibbs Bricker at gb5965@gmail.com regarding training or if you would like more information about how your child can assist Father and be a vital part of this long tradition. Both boys and girls are welcome.

Fund Raiser 2019

We have an amazing opportunity this summer to pay off the mortgage on our church. A major sponsor has agreed to match 11 weeks of the second collection over the summer. Their only request is that we find individual sponsors to cover or share each of the 11 weeks.

If you would like to join with other sponsors to cover a weekend, please contact Dave Kelmer at (252) 986-2719 or email karenkelmer@gmail.com. **With your help we can make this happen! Thank You.**

Congratulations, You're Getting Married

If you're interested in getting married at our Church, or would like to inquire about renting the Hall for a special event, please contact our Outreach Coordinator, Emile Garry at ols.events@gmail.com or (240) 357-4257. She will provide you the necessary information to start your planning.

Dates to Remember:

- Saturday, August 24, 10:00am, M&M 2019-2020 Planning & Organizational Meeting at the Hall.
- Sunday, September 8, the Mass celebrates our local feast, **Mary, Our Lady of the Seas**. Coffee and fellowship will follow at the Hall.
- Friday & Saturday, September 13 & 14, "**Day at the Docks**". This yearly celebration began after Hurricane Isabel in 2003 as a way to celebrate the commercial and charter fishermen of Hatteras.

Humility consists in not esteeming ourselves above other men, and in not seeking to be esteemed above them.

- St. Francis de Sales