

## **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**July 14, 2019**

### **Salesian Perspective**

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells us that Jesus was first in the mind of God when He created the universe.

God decided to unite himself with creation in the person of Jesus. Everything has been created through Jesus and for Jesus. And Jesus has reconciled everything to God through His blood shed on the cross. Jesus is the image of the invisible God; because Jesus has shared our human life, every human person has dignity as an image of God.

That is why it is so important that we understand today's Gospel parable. Jesus is telling us how we are to live as an image of God; loving God with our whole being, and loving our neighbor as we love ourselves.

The parable we have just heard is meant to shock us into realizing the extent to which we are to love. Because we all share the dignity of image of God, we are to love as God loves. There is to be no limit to our love. "Neighbor" is a way of acting, and not a person located outside of us. "Neighbor," then, is the way I treat anyone I meet; whether I know them or not, whether I like them or not, whether I consider them friend or foe.

Jesus' point is made when the lawyer identifies the Samaritan as the "neighbor" in the parable, "The one who treated the injured stranger with compassion." Like the lawyer in the Gospel, all of us ask: "What must I do to inherit everlasting life?" Jesus tells us: "Go and do the same."

The challenge is great. It calls us to be mindful each day that "I am the image of God and I am called to love today as God loves." The law of love is written on our hearts from our very creation as an image of God. The more my heart beats with the love of God, the more I will strive to be neighbor to everyone who crosses my path each day.

Each person I meet calls me to be the best person I can be; to image to them as the love of the God who loves them. That's enough challenge for any of us. Trying to meet that challenge each day will assure us of our inheritance; everlasting life with our God. Let us be renewed at this Eucharist and go forth to be a compassionate neighbor today.

### **Our Lady of the Seas Pastor – Fr. Fred Smuda**

If you need to reach our Pastor, please call (home) 252-995-6613 or contact Riley Greider, Office Manager (cell) 585-409-5179. Have a life event you need to schedule for the Church or Social Hall? Contact Emile Garry, Manager of Outreach: [olsparish.events@gmail.com](mailto:olsparish.events@gmail.com), 252-995-6370.



### **Mass Intentions**

✠ **In Memory of Robby Reidmiller, Saturday, 5:30pm**

*Requested by Patty & John Curtin*

One weekend Mass is reserved in dedication to our living and deceased parishioners and for visitors sharing the Mass with us. Please email [olsparish.events@gmail.com](mailto:olsparish.events@gmail.com), or call 252-995-6370 to request a Mass card and prayer intention for other Masses.

The Reading for today's Mass is found in the

**Glory & Praise** at number **844:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Deuteronomy 30:10-14

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Colossians 1:15-20

**Gospel Reading** ~ Luke 10:25-37



### **Masses For The Week**

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

### **Pope's Intention for July**

#### **The Integrity of Justice**

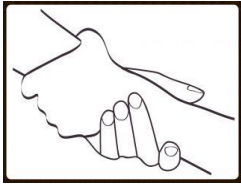
*That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.*

### **A Special Invitation**

All women in the church are invited to be a part of the **Martha & Mary Ministry** (formerly the *Women's Guild*).

This ministry is a busy and vital part of our parish community. All the Fellowship Coffees, Soup Suppers, Bake Sales, and special celebrations are planned and carried out by M&M Ministers. To add your name to the email list, please send your information to Jane Grimm at [janesgrimm@aol.com](mailto:janesgrimm@aol.com).

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the 2019-2020 Planning and Organizational Meeting on Saturday, August 24 at 10:00am in the Social Hall. **Bring your ideas, your talents, and your enthusiasm!**



## Lend a Hand to Children in Need...

Dare County is in need of new, loving foster/adoptive homes for our children and youth.

Classes begin on September 17, 2019, Every Tuesday night for 10 weeks, 6-9pm in Manteo, NC

Registration opens July 15, 2019

**Call or email for more information and to register!**

**Brittany Canter**, Foster Home Licensing Social Worker  
(252) 475-5561 canterb@dcdss.org

## 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 Social Hall is OLS' pick up point. If you prefer to buy food for the pantry, "standard" sizes are most useful. Checks may

be made out to: **United Methodist Men**, PO Box 1591 Buxton, NC 27920. **Thank you for your generosity!**

## Dates to Remember:

- Saturday, August 24, 10:00am, M&M 2019-2020 Planning & Organizational Meeting, Social 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.

## 50/50 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!

**1<sup>st</sup> Winner – Kathy McNamara, Woodbridge, VA**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Winner – Keith Palen, South Park, PA**

## HEY VACATIONERS!!



Do you sing in your parish choirs back home? If you do, then come add your voices to **OUR** choir on Sundays at 9:00am. Just let our Choir Director or any of our Music

Ministers know several minutes before Mass starts so that a seat may be reserved for you. **All are welcome!**

## Hurricane Shutter Update

Thanks to the grant money we secured from Raleigh and to the successful 50/50 raffle, the new hurricane shutters have been ordered! Watch for their installation within the next several weeks.

Continued success of the raffle will reduce the amount of money we need to pull out of our Raleigh account, so keep buying those tickets! All raffle proceeds, as well as the grant money, will be applied to the purchase.

Stop by after mass and talk to Bill Vancura and/or Joanne Mason for YOUR chance to win \$500!

## 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 sponsor a weekend or share a weekend with another family, please contact **Dave Kelmer** as soon as possible at **252-986-2719** or **karenkelmer@gmail.com**. **WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

## 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.

**The worst way of speaking is to speak too much. Therefore, speak little and well, speak little and gently, speak little and charitably, speak little and amiably.**

**- St. Francis de Sales**