

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 4, 2019

Salesian Perspective

Today's Scripture readings call us to do some reflecting on the way we live as a baptized follower of Jesus.

St. Paul reminds us that we have been given a share in the life of Jesus by our baptism. We are called to focus our way of living our daily life in a new way, a way that is influenced by Jesus' life, death and resurrection. As Jesus has told us: the only thing that gives our life here on earth ultimate value is remembering that life is a gift of God, and it is given to us to lead us to eternal life with God.

With that perspective in mind, we can appreciate the viewpoint of Qoheleth in today's first reading: "All things in this life are vanity," a mere breath, a vapor, transient and ultimately empty. All the hard work and worry we may put into accumulating things here on earth, what will it ultimately matter when we come to die? The Lord isn't going to ask us: "How much did you make during your life?"

He will ask us: "How much did you love?"

And our willingness to love flows from the new life given to us in baptism. Because we share the life of God, we are able to love as God loves. If we choose to live and love in this manner, then the way we live will be different from the way those live whose only concern is this world and all it has to offer.

In order to live and love as God does, we will have to learn to discipline our choices to follow the lead of grace. And grace will call us to rise above evil desires, passion, lust and uncleanness. Lying has no part in anyone who genuinely loves. Neither does prejudice nor discrimination. Love is about treating everyone with dignity and respect, as brothers and sisters who are the image of the Creator.

All of us can benefit from some prayerful reflection on today's word from our God. May our reflection lead us to grow in knowledge and grace. May we be formed anew each day in the image of our Creator. Then our daily living will help us to grow rich in the sight of God and bring us ultimately to share His life forever.

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

The weekend Masses are for the living and deceased members of Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Community.

To request a Mass card or prayer intention for Masses, contact Emile, (240) 357-4257, olsparish.events@gmail.com.

The Reading for today's Mass is found in the

Glory & Praise at number **853**:

1st Reading ~ Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

2nd Reading ~ Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 12:13-21



Masses For The Week

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

Pope's Intention for August

Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."

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.

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

"Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul, except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry."
- St. Francis de Sales

Summer Faith Formation

Our Lady of the Seas is dedicated to supporting the work of parents in passing on the Faith to the next generation of young Catholics.

Children who have received First Communion Sacrament are cordially invited to class for the remainder of the summer:

- Sunday, August 11, 10:30am-12:30pm (Parish Hall)
- Sunday, August 25, 10:30am-12:30pm (Parish Hall)
- Sunday, September 1, 10:30am-12:30pm (Parish Hall)

The focus will be on Mass and Mass prayers all Catholics use in their daily and weekly prayer life. Instructors **Gibbs Bricker (717) 826-8324** and **Anne DeVall (518) 842-1037** are committed to helping your children discover the realness of God's presence within and around them.

REMINDER: Registration will begin in August for Fall/Winter Faith Formation for:

- First Communion Classes
- Confirmation Classes
- Continuing Catechism

Registration forms are available in the Narthex.

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.**

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

Volunteer Appreciation



Our Lady of the Seas Church has grown its congregation significantly over the years since construction was completed in 2005. A complex project was undertaken recently to replace all of the locks on the Church, Parish

Hall and Rectory. **GaeAnn Gessner** was responsible for managing every aspect of this project, from securing and working with the vendor, to determining parishioners' and volunteers' need for replacement keys. It was truly a laborious project that required a tremendous amount of time and attention to detail. **GaeAnn, thank you for all you continue to do to support our ministry.**

News From the Diocese

The annual **Wedding Anniversary Mass** will be celebrated Saturday, October 19, 2019, at 10:00am at Holy Name of Jesus Cathedral in Raleigh. We will honor those celebrating their wedding anniversary, with special recognition to couples with 25, 50, and 60 years of marriage. For questions, call Rebekah Tolson at 919-821-9753. Register at: <https://raldioc.configio.com/go/wam2019>

Congratulations, You're Getting Married



If you're interested in getting married at OLS, or would like to inquire about renting the Parish 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:

- Sundays, August 11, 25 & September 1, 10:30am, Summer Faith Formation Class, Parish Hall.
- Saturday, August 24, 10:00am, M&M 2019-2020 Planning & Organizational Meeting at the Parish Hall.
- Sunday, September 8, the Mass celebrates our local feast, **Mary, Our Lady of the Seas**. Coffee and fellowship will follow at the Parish 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.

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.