

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019

Salesian Perspective

During the past several Sundays, the Church has presented us with some of the challenges we will face as disciples of Jesus.

We will have to learn to let go of our possessions, and even of our desire to possess. Jesus calls us to be generous, sharing whatever we have with those who are in need. Last Sunday, we were cautioned to be watchful and ready. Jesus will come to us in ways that will surprise us. And today, Jesus tells us that our efforts to be faithful disciples may cause dissension, even in our families.

All of us would like to believe that following Jesus would lead us to peace. Jesus is telling us very clearly that that may not be the case. We have only to look at Jesus' life. It wasn't the case for Him – and He is Lord and Master and could have done something about it.

Long before Jesus, the prophet Jeremiah suffered because of the message God gave him to deliver to his people. Despite his suffering, Jeremiah continued to call the people to hear God's word to them.

The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that we are part of a long tradition of witnesses to God's faithfulness. We are encouraged to persevere in running the race that lies before us, while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus. As we heard: "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him, Jesus endured the cross and has taken His seat at the right of the throne of God." Jesus' example is meant to give us hope so that we will persevere.

Keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus each day! That becomes our way to keep focus as we go about our daily living. We ask Jesus to be with us as our strength. We ask Him to show us the way to our Father's home through the ups and downs of life.

When we keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, when we let Him live in us, we can be sure that whatever fire we may have to enter in our life, we will always emerge more purified, like fire-tried gold. Jesus is at our side.

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 Loving Memory of Scott Day, Saturday, 5:30pm, Requested by Kristin Day**

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

The Reading for today's Mass is found in the

Glory & Praise at number **859**:

1st Reading ~ Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

2nd Reading ~ Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 12:49-53



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."

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 was that we find individual sponsors to cover each of the 11 weeks.

We have found the individual, weekend sponsors, but we still need your help with the "second collection." Whatever you can donate will be tripled, i.e. \$20 becomes \$60, \$100 becomes \$300. **With your help we can make this happen! Thank you so much for your support!**



DON'T MISS IT! All ladies are encouraged to attend the **Martha & Mary Ministry Meeting** at 10:00am on Saturday, August 24, in the Parish Hall. Plans will be finalized for Coffee Sundays, Soup Suppers, and Bake Sales, along with other fundraisers and church events.

Plan now to attend and lend your helping hands, creative ideas, enthusiasm and love to this vital church ministry!

Project Rachel



If you are suffering from an abortion, you are invited to experience the love of Jesus Christ at a **Project Rachel** weekend retreat, November 22-24, 2019. The weekend retreat, for both women and men, will combine discussions, spiritual exercises, the sacrament of reconciliation, a Memorial Service and a Mass of the Resurrection. Participation is strictly confidential and offers a beautiful opportunity to experience God's love, forgiveness and compassion.

For more information or to register, call (919) 852-1021 or Project.Rachel@raldioc.org. Cost is \$150 for lodging, meals and materials. The retreat is located at Trinity Conference & Retreat Center in Salter Path, NC. If you would like to give the gift of healing to a woman that may need a scholarship to attend, please mail your check to Project Rachel, 7200 Stonehenge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27613.

Cross Catholic Outreach



Father Patrick J. McCormick of *Cross Catholic Outreach* will be visiting Our Lady of the Seas the weekend of August 24-25 to speak at all the Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries.

Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. ***Please join us for Father McCormick's homily, an uplifting and informative presentation that will energize our parish!***

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

3rd Winner – Mary Melville, PA

4th Winner – Michele Hughes, Manchester, CT

Safe Environment Training

Deacon Ramon Ferrer from the Raleigh Diocese will be conducting **SAFE ENVIRONMENT** training the weekend of September 7-8. The Saturday class will be in English, and the Sunday class will be in Spanish. These classes are free, and anyone who has an interest in mentoring or teaching our youth needs to be certified. Class is 3-4 hours, and times will be announced next week.

Volunteer Appreciation



Volunteers are the unsung heroes of our church and the lifeblood of our ministry. The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. Very few embody these qualities as much as **Rita Doerr**.

Rita is a choir member, leads the Rosary each week, and organizes Daily Mass readers. She is a quiet breeze of the Holy Spirit, working every day to keep things running smoothly. She helps the Sacristans train, she's a Eucharistic Minister, Catechist, Proclaimer of God's Word, wedding coordinator, Martha & Mary Ministry member and quilter of many beautiful pieces. And without her sausage gravy & Scotch eggs, we would not have a successful Coffee Sunday!

Rita, we thank you for giving selflessly of your time, talent and treasures!



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Project Youth Ministry

Youth ministry leaders, priests and core team members are invited to join us and Michael Marchand with Project Youth Ministry for a day of conversation, information, connections and support. Come learn more about the generation we are called to serve, the current best practices in youth ministry, and make support connections with other youth ministry leaders in our diocese.

Does your youth ministry need a boost of extra energy? Let us work with you to create a plan of action that takes your existing youth ministry program to the next level.

RSVP to **Andy Baker**, *Coordinator of Youth Ministry for the Diocese of Raleigh*, at andy.baker@raldioc.org, or call (919) 821-9764.

Dates to Remember:

- Sundays, August 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, 10:00am, 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.**" Village of Hatteras Marina.