

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2019

Salesian Perspective

During the last month, Jesus has been reminding us that being His disciple isn't easy.

It takes courage and commitment. It isn't enough to eat and drink with Jesus on Sunday and listen to His words. Discipleship is a daily way of living. We must make an effort to live what we have heard from Jesus. And, as Jesus nourishes us, we must be willing to nourish each other.

Today's second reading offers us a very needed reminder as we struggle each day to be a disciple. Our God created each of us because God is love. Everything that we experience in our life is part of God's loving providence for us, even the difficulties and trials.

The writer of the Letter to the Hebrews encourages us not to forget this basic truth. As we heard, the writer compares God's care for us to a parent's care. A loving parent disciplines a son or daughter for loving reasons, to help the child grow as a person. Our loving God treats us in the same way.

In order to be able to appreciate this truth, we must first be willing to accept as true that our God loves us with an everlasting love. God's great desire for us is that we be one with God, right now here on this earth and forever in eternity. When we learn to accept that God's everlasting love is the reason we exist at all, then we can begin to appreciate God's presence in our life.

In light of God's providential care for us, St. Francis de Sales encourages us to accept whatever comes to us as coming from the hand of our good God, whose only purpose is to make us merit from these happenings so that God can reward us out of the abundance of divine love. Everything in our life contributes to our growth with God in holiness.

In order to live this way, we must learn through prayer to develop a great trust in God's providential love for us. As we grow in our trust, we will be able to strengthen our drooping hands and our weak knees, and walk more surely with our God on the path that God has lovingly set for us.

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 **862**:

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 66:18-21

2nd Reading ~ Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 13:22-30



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."



Cross Catholic Outreach

We welcome **Father Patrick J. McCormick** of *Cross Catholic Outreach* who is speaking this weekend at all 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 priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Father McCormick, born and raised in Erie, PA, was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Atlanta in 1968. He served in five parishes in Atlanta, and was on the faculty of the North American College in Rome for four years before entering on active duty as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy in 1990. He was stationed aboard two aircraft carriers, served three years in Italy, five years in Japan, and a year and a half in Afghanistan. After retiring from the Navy, he served for three years as a civilian priest for the Air Force at Tyndall Air Force Base.

Safe Environment Training

Deacon Ramon Ferrer from the Raleigh Diocese will be conducting **Safe Environment** training September 7 (English), 10:00am-1:00pm, and September 8 (Spanish), 12:00pm-2:00pm. These classes are free, and anyone who has an interest in mentoring or teaching our youth is required to be certified.

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!**

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.

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

5th Winner – Debbie McCoy, Hatteras Island

Special Collection for Mary’s Feast Days

The second collection from the Mass on September 8 will be contributed to the **2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal**. Please consider the needs of others in our Diocese and give what you can.



Volunteer Appreciation

A welcoming environment is one of the most special things about Our Lady of the Seas. **Ushers and Greeters** play a major role in creating that environment.

They strive to make sure each person attending Mass is greeted with a bulletin, a kind word and a warm smile upon arrival. As the offertory begins, they present the collection baskets throughout the congregation and bring forth the gifts offered by those gathered together for worship. Being an Usher or Greeter is an important but simple commitment – extending love and welcome to all people!

Please join us in saying “Thank You” to: Donna Marie Fabel, Patty Curtin, Betty Greider, Dave Heffron, Joann Mason, Bill Vancura, Mike Hennessey, Jeff Kloss, Karen Kelmer, Dave Kelmer & GaeAnn Gessner.

Feast of Our Lady of the Seas

On Sunday, September 8, immediately following the 10:00am Mass, we will celebrate Mary by gathering together in the Parish Hall for fellowship and a light breakfast. **Please bring a dish to share and join us!**

Dates to Remember:

- Sundays, August 25 & September 1, 10:30am, Summer **Faith Formation Class**, Parish Hall.
- Sunday, September 1, Summer Mass schedule ends. **This is the last Sunday for the 11:00am Mass.**
- Sunday, September 8, the second collection is for the 2019 **Bishop’s Annual Appeal**.
- Saturday, September 7, 10:00am-1:00pm & Sunday, September 8, 12:00pm-1:00pm, **Safe Environment Training**, 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. **This will be the only Mass celebrated this weekend.**
- Friday & Saturday, September 13 & 14, “**Day at the Docks.**” Village of Hatteras Marina.
- October 20, **Coffee Sunday**. Fellowship follows the 9:00am Mass in the Parish Hall.

When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.

~ St. Francis de Sales