

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 1, 2019

Salesian Perspective

Today's Scripture readings encourage us to ask ourselves: Am I humble, a virtue that finds favor with God?

As we know, St. Francis de Sales considered humility the acceptance of who I am in the eyes of God. I would imagine none of us has to be reminded that we are sinners. We're often all too conscious of that fact.

We don't always remember that Jesus came to earth to tell us sinners that our Father loves us. Jesus chose to die on the cross to save us from our sins and He rose to share His new life with us. Through our baptism, Jesus has made us His brothers and sisters, adopted children of His Father. We are now "graced sinners," loved by our God. When I am thankful that I am a "graced sinner" in the eyes of God, then I am practicing true humility.

All that we are and all that we have is gift, a gift of God's love for us. When we accept that fact, then we can follow the advice Sirach offered us: "Conduct your affairs with humility." That will mean recognizing our own dignity as we go about our day. It will also help us to realize that the same dignity is God's gift to every person we meet.

God is choosing to live and work in me; God is also choosing to live and work in you. As I respect and honor God's presence in me, so I must try to respect and honor God's presence in you. This is the kind of humility we are asked to live today.

Remembering that I am a sinner will keep me aware of my limitations; remembering that I am graced will help me to trust in God's providence for me. Remembering that I am a sinner will keep me from judging others; remembering that I am graced will move me to reach out to others who are suffering. Remembering that I am a sinner will lead me to call on God's mercy frequently; remembering that I am graced will lead me to be thankful often during the day.

Let us be humble before the Lord and with one another today. Sirach assures us that we will find favor with God.

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**.

Don't Forget...

The second collection on Sunday, September 8 at the 10:00am Mass will be given to the **2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal**. Please remember those less fortunate souls in our diocese.

Then join together in the Parish Hall for the Feast of Our Lady of the Seas. Bring a dish to share and enjoy the good food and fellowship.



Mass Intentions

✠ **In Memory of Joseph Cammarata, Wednesday, 8:30am, Requested by Bill and Linda Lengyel**

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 **865**:

1st Reading ~ Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29

2nd Reading ~ Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a

Gospel Reading ~ Luke 14:1, 7-14



Masses For The Week

- ❖ Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:30am
- ❖ 1st Friday w/ 1hr Adoration 8:30am
- ❖ 1st Saturday Immaculate Heart of Mary 8:30am
- ❖ Sunday, Feast of Our Lady of the Seas 10:00am



Traveling Chalice

Every month the Chalice is displayed in a parishioner's home. The Chalice is a reminder that prayers for vocations should be said daily. If you would like to hostess the Chalice, please sign up on the form in the foyer, or contact Rita Doerr (252) 995-5345.

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!**

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.

In everything, love simplicity.

~ **St. Francis de Sales**

Martha & Mary Ministry News



The planning meeting for 2019-2020 was well-attended. Lots of enthusiasm and great ideas were presented. In addition to the Coffee Sundays, Lenten Soup Suppers and Bake Sales that are our staples, logistics for a yard sale, pot-luck social, book club and movie nights were planned.

To accommodate all these activities, the ministry will be re-organized with 3 “coordinators.” We need YOUR participation. M&M welcomes all ladies from OLS to join! Send your email address to janegrimm@aol.com today!

Catechetical Online Training



The Franciscan University Catechetical Institute, launched in 2016, seeks to serve Christ and his church by forming those Catholics entrusted with the formation of others. This

includes priests, deacons, and parents, as well as lay ecclesial ministers, teachers, religious, and parish catechists.

The cornerstone of the Institute’s work is their online library of video-based catechetical workshops. Designed to complement and supplement diocesan formation and continuing education programs already in place, the Catechetical Institute’s online programming goes deep, exploring topics including basic evangelization skills, mentoring, spiritual guidance and team building.

TO REGISTER: OLS has purchased a yearly subscription to this online hub.

- To access the site, you’ll need to go to: <http://franciscanathome.com/raleigh>.
- On the right of this web page is a large blue button. By clicking on this button, you are taken to a page that asks you to fill in registration information to create a new account.
- Once you have completed the registration, you are then taken to a page that asks for the name of your diocese. In the first drop-down box, you will choose the name of our diocese. The name of our parish will appear in the second drop-down box.
- Once you have selected OLS, you will then have access to all the workshops for free:

Summer Raffle



Tickets are on sale after 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 1 week.

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



Volunteer Appreciation

As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal explains, a **Sacristan** “carefully arranges the liturgical book, the vestments, and other things necessary in the celebration of the Mass.”

The Sacristan’s work is often compared to that of being the Mom who makes everything run so smoothly that no one questions how the dinner got on the table. It’s the behind-the-scenes things that allow the priest to celebrate the mystery of the sacrifice of the Eucharist without having to worry about the details.

OLS could not function without them. They’re the least appreciated and the most important. They’re the first to arrive and the last to leave.

Please join us in saying “Thank You” to: Linda Waldd, Edyie Tormey, Claudia Hennessey, Nancy Rinda, Betty Greider and Donna Marie Fabel, and, most importantly, Rita Doerr, who teaches the Sacristans how to fulfill their task.



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

Join our choir. No auditions necessary. Music-reading skills helpful but not required. All you need is the desire to serve God’s people by supporting and encouraging their sung prayer at our liturgies. Of course, singers should also

have the ability to carry a tune in a bushel basket.

Besides receiving the grace that comes from answering God’s call to bring your gifts to the Music Ministry, you are assured a ringside seat with a great view all year long - even on Easter Sunday! Part-time residents and extended-stay visitors are most welcome.

Rehearsals are held on Wednesdays at 4 pm in the church except during the summer. They will resume this Fall on Sept. 18. Please contact Linda Browning at (252) 995-3662 or see her after the 9 am Mass if you have any questions or would like more information.

Dates to Remember:

- Sunday, September 1, 10:30am, Summer **Faith Formation Class**, Parish Hall.
- Saturday, September 7, 10:00am-1:00pm & Sunday, September 8, 3:00pm-7:00pm, **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.
- November 6, **M&M Meeting**, Pot Luck Social, 6:00pm.
- November 28, M&M Island-Wide Yard Sale. Details to follow.