

The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel the testimony of John the Baptist proclaims that Jesus, the Son of God, comes to take away the sin of the world. St. Francis de Sales remarks:

John the Baptist accepted and proclaimed Jesus as the Son of God. Others refused to acknowledge Jesus as Savior. John the Baptist had great humility. The first step into humility is not to seek to be held or esteemed for what we are not. John the Baptist rejected the honors and titles offered him. He could have led others to himself but instead he recognized Jesus as the Redeemer and pointed others to Him.

Now success can be an excellent thing: if we enjoy and rejoice in it because it gives glory to God, who is the author of our accomplishments. Yet, success and ambition are both capable of seducing the human heart. Unfortunately, our human nature is all too anxious to attract whatever is to its advantage. People seek ways to erect idols and images that are regarded as gods among them. How many of us are greatly taken with worldly elegance, prestige, superiority, and personages? In this we act quite differently from John the Baptist. His spirit was far from that of our times. Walking in humility, he accepted the greatness of Our Lord, and recognized his dependence on the Son of God to guide him.

John the Baptist refused to be moved by pretense. A lover of truth, he suffered martyrdom. While we may not be called to martyrdom, we ought to have the courage to suffer and fight when small temptations present themselves. If we wish to enter the combat against evil, we must be armed with a humility that recognizes our dependence on God's greatness and goodness. If we wish to grow in divine love, let us begin by imitating John the Baptist in accepting the Master of truth and goodness into our hearts. And then, let us lead others to Our Savior: Light to all nations.

(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales, especially Sermons, L. Fiorelli, ed.)

Liturgical Ministers

Ministers of Hospitality

John Rice, Volunteer

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Eucharistic Ministers:

Gae Ann Gessner, Kathleen Jepson, Chris Cowan

Sacristan: Rita Doerr

Cantors and Song Leaders:

Linda Browning and Dave Greider



Coffee Fellowship Sunday

Today is Coffee Sunday You are all invited to the social hall immediately following the 9:00 am Mass to share coffee, cake, and other goodies. Please remember to bring your goodies in with you to the Social Hall.

Music for Sunday's Liturgy:

Entrance: # 671 Glory and Praise to Our God

Psalm: "Here am I, Lord. I come to do your will."

Celtic Alleluia

Preparation: # 542 Here I Am, Lord

Communion: # 524 Behold the Lamb

Song of Praise: # 478 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Recessional: # 548 City of God

All other sung Mass parts are from Mass of Creation

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **803**

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 49:3, 5 – 6

2nd Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 1:1 – 3

Gospel Reading ~ John 1:29 – 34

Our Stewardship

(Last Week)

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$1995.00	cancelled
Debt Reduction	\$1169.00	
Parish Needs	\$135.00	
Attendance	55	

Ruegue por: Please Remember: in your prayers all those on our **Parish Prayer List**, especially Richard Bacik, Jean Belcher, Robbie Bendula, Jim Benton, Jim & Linda Carolan, Stephen & Phyllis Dyer, Carrie Easley, Joe Gallagher, Keith Gardner, Delores Gilliken, Stephen Hissey, TQ Lewis, Grey McDowell, Donna Midgett, Elizabeth Moffit, Ella Newmiller, Carol Oliver, Mackey Peele, Pat Rice, Ann Styron, Mary Van Severen, Megan Vayette, Kelly Willis, also the caregivers, homebound, hospitalized & those in special needs.

Please let Fr. Bob know when a parishioner or family member is in the hospital or 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 Fr. Bob 252-995-6613 or Anita 252-995-7892.

Visitors ~ our pews have envelopes in the pockets for your convenience, which you may take with you and mail back to us.

Please mark the box if the donation should be for Parish Needs or Debt Reduction. Thank you for being with us.



2ND DOMINGO EN TIEMPO ORDINARIO (Enero 16, 2010)

Enfasis Sugerido

“Ustedes han sido consagrados en Cristo Jesús y han sido llamados a ser personas santas.”

Perspectiva Salesiana

San Francisco de Sales creía que todas las personas han sido llamadas a ser santas. Todas las personas han sido llamadas a ser santas. Nosotros hemos oído o hemos leído esto muchas veces antes, pero algunas cosas – especialmente las cosas que son importantes- merecen ser repetidas: *“Cuando el creó las cosas Dios ordenó a las plantas que produjeran sus frutos, cada una de acuerdo con su tipo. De la misma forma, Dios le ordena a los Cristianos, las plantas vivientes de la iglesia, que produzcan los frutos de la santidad, cada quien de acuerdo con su posición y con su vocación.”* (Introducción a la Vida Devota, Parte I, Capítulo 2)

Aspirar a la perfección- crecer en la santidad- “vivir en Jesús”- es un reto formidable. Adoptar una vida de virtud requiere fuerza y coraje. Renunciar al pecado requiere fuerza y coraje. Hacer oídos sordos a la tentación requiere fuerza y coraje. En un día cualquiera, nuestro progreso por el camino de la devoción puede verse marcado por éxitos o por contratiempos.

Aun así, esta aspiración a la santidad se vuelve todavía más difícil cuando tratamos de ser santos de una forma que no encaja con la etapa o el estado en el que se hallan nuestras vidas: una forma de vida que no tiene nada que ver con quienes somos. Aun cuando verdaderamente todos estamos llamados a ser santos, esto no significa que todos estamos llamados a ser santos de la misma forma. Francisco nos recuerda: *“La devoción (la santidad) debe ser ejercida de forma diferente por el caballero, el trabajador, el sirviente, el príncipe, la viuda, la muchacha joven y la mujer casada. Yo les pregunto, es propio que un obispo desee vivir su vida en soledad como un monje? O que un hombre casado no quiera tener mas propiedades de las que tiene un monje, o que un artesano se pase el día entero en una iglesia, o que un religioso este constantemente sujeto a los llamados a ayudar a sus vecinos, lo cual es una labor mas acorde con la vida del Obispo? Que acaso esa clase de santidad no seria objeto de risa, confusión y algo imposible de vivir?”* (Ibid)

Francisco de Sales trato de explicar el mismo asunto de otra manera en una conferencia (Sobre las Virtudes de San José) a la antigua comunidad de la Visitación: *“Algunos de los santos sobresalieron en ciertas virtudes, otros en otras, y aun cuando todos salvaron sus almas, todos lo hicieron de formas muy diferentes.*

Por que hay tantas clases de santidad como hay santos.” (Conferencia XIX, p. 365)

Una reflexión más contemporánea sobre este asunto fue hecha por el autor ganador del premio Nóbel, y sobreviviente del holocausto Elie Wiesel: *“Hay una y mil puertas que conducen a la huerta de la verdad mística. Cada ser humano tiene su propia puerta. Nosotros cometemos el error de querer entrar en la huerta por una puerta diferente a la que nos corresponde.”* (Night, Página 3)

Para estar seguros, si hay verdaderamente un modelo de la santidad Cristiana, ese modelo es Jesucristo, aquel en quien todos nosotros hemos sido consagrados. Pero ser santos – de la misma forma que Jesús es santo – no es tratar de ser como los demás. Por el contrario, ser santo se trata de tener la fuerza y el coraje para ser quienes y como Dios quiere que seamos, precisamente en los lugares, las circunstancias y las relaciones en las que nos envolvemos cada día.



EL OBISPO BURBIDGE ENCABEZA LA PEREGRINACIÓN DIOCESANA EL 1 & 2 DE ABRIL DEL 2011

Por favor marque su calendario para este hermoso evento espiritual. La Diócesis de Raleigh honra a la Santísima Madre en su Santuario Nacional, la Basílica de la Inmaculada Concepción en Washington, D.C. Todas las personas de la diócesis están invitadas a acompañar al Obispo y Sacerdotes, Diáconos y Hermanas Religiosas en estos días de oraciones. Viajaremos el viernes 1 de abril, en uno de los muchos autobuses que partirán desde varias parroquias. Nos hospedaremos en el hotel, Hyatt Regency Crystal City, tendremos una cena maravillosa con el Obispo y juntos haremos la oración de la noche. Después del desayuno el sábado, nos iremos al Santuario Nacional donde honramos a María con nuestras oraciones, una presentación hermosa por el director de la Basílica, participaremos en los recorridos por la Basílica de sus capillas, mosaicos y de las obras de arte. Habrá confesiones, hora santa, rosario y almuerzo. Después que el Obispo Burbidge celebre la Misa para nosotros, los autobuses regresarán a las parroquias a las 5:00 pm. Los folletos están disponibles con los precios y con las inscripciones. Esta es una oportunidad maravillosa a un precio muy razonable. Inscríbase pronto. Para más información comuníquese con el promotor de su parroquia o visite la página Web de la Diócesis: www.dioceseofraleigh.org

Por favor comuníquese al padre Bob cuando un feligrés o un miembro de su familia está en el hospital o enfermo en casa. El padre Bob querría tener la oportunidad de visitar a los enfermos y de ofrecerles sus servicios.



“Almighty God, we stand before You, asking for Your divine mercy and protection.

Embrace with Your invincible amour our loved ones in all branches of the service. Give them the courage and strength against all enemies, both spiritual and physical, and hasten their safe journey back to their homes and families. Amen.” *Please, also remember those killed or wounded and their families, friends and acquaintances.*

We Take Request ~ Book of Prayer Intentions



Our church family can now make prayer requests by way of our Book of Prayer Intentions, which is provided specifically for that purpose. The dark blue book is in back of the nave near the baptismal font. Just write your intentions in it, and they will be remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful at our Sunday Masses. *“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving make your requests known to God.” -Philippians 4:6*

Hatteras Island Food Pantry



The Hatteras Island Food Pantry continues to see an increased number of families this winter. The drop box on the social hall porch is available year round for your convenience. Please add a few items each time you shop.

Items on sale, coupons, or simply “one extra” of your family’s favorite foods are a quick ways to help. You may give items to form a meal such as spaghetti sauce and noodles, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and jelly, etc.

Since the size of the families accessing the food pantry varies, please avoid bulk sized items.

URGENT NEEDS:

- Canned meats, fish and stews
- Cereals – hot and cold
- Cooking oil, flour, sugar

Items Commonly Needed by the Food Pantry

- Basic foodstuffs – flour, sugar, coffee, tea, rice, pasta, cooking oil
- Canned vegetables – beets, tomatoes and greens are local favorites
- Peanut butter
- Personal care items – toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, razors
- Cleaning products, including dish and laundry detergent
- Paper products

Tax deductible monetary gifts are also appreciated. Mail to: Methodist Men/Hatteras Island Food Pantry, PO Box 1591, Buxton NC 27920

Thank you for your generosity!

Food coupons for the Military



Any manufactures' coupons from the Sunday paper can be sent to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society. This will help our military families overseas with living expenses. We would appreciate any help from our community family by cutting out coupons you don't use and place them in the basket in the vestibule. GaeAnn Gessner will take on the task of mailing them out weekly. If our visitors are interested in helping, the address is: N.M.C.R.S.

875 N. Randolph Street
Suite 225
Arlington, VA 22203.

Thank you for your support.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception April 2011



BISHOP BURBIDGE TO LEAD DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE APRIL 1&2, 2011

Please mark your calendars for this beautiful, spiritual event. The Diocese of Raleigh will honor the Blessed Mother at her National Shrine, the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. All people of the diocese are invited to join the Bishop and their Priests, Deacons and Sisters in these days of prayer. We journey on Friday, April 1, by one of the many buses leaving from various parishes. We will stay at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City Hotel, have a wonderful dinner with the Bishop and have night prayer together. After breakfast on Saturday, we go to the National Shrine where we honor Mary with our prayers, have a beautiful presentation by the Director of the Basilica, participate in tours of the basilica with its chapels, mosaics and artwork. There will be confessions, a holy hour, rosary and lunch. After Bishop Burbidge celebrates Mass for us, the buses will leave for our parishes on April 2nd at 5pm. Brochures are available with cost and registration. This is a wonderful opportunity at very reasonable expense. Sign up early. For more information contact your parish promoter or visit the Diocesan website: www.dioceseofraleigh.org.

A Very Special Request

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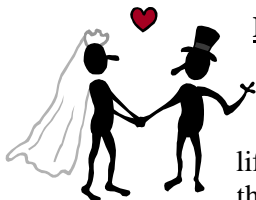
Project Rachel



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Project Rachel Support Group Abortion is one of the most common procedures in the US, experienced by millions of women, many of whom are Catholic. Abortion creates a wound in post -abortive woman, (and men) resulting in spiritual and emotional problems. The Project Rachel ministry assists women and men who have been wounded by abortion to find truth and healing. There is a support group beginning in the Triangle area in late January. If you have experienced an abortion and would like more information about the support group, contact Project Rachel at (919) 852-1021 or email projectrachel@nc.rr.com. For more information go to <http://projectrachelnc.org/> (website) Calls and appointments are kept strictly confidential.



Marriage – Love and Life In The Divine Plan: Marriage and Procreation

It is the nature of love to overflow, to be life-giving. Thus, it is no surprise that marriage is ordained not only to growing in love but to transmitting life: -- by its very nature the institution of marriage and married love (s) ordered to the procreation and education of the offspring and it is in them that it finds its crowning glory. Look what the United States Catholic Bishops are saying about marriage [http://www.usccb.org/laity/love and life/](http://www.usccb.org/laity/love%20and%20life/)

A Study Day on Immigration will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Center, in Raleigh on Thursday, February 24, 2011. The day is part of the Diocesan plan for immigration education that Bishop Burbidge has approved for the Diocese. Pastoral Administrators, parish leadership, staff, deacons, school and faith formation leaders are invited to participate. The session will address Catholic teaching as it relates to immigration as well provide practical ways to involve parishioners in justice for immigrants.

Young Adult Mission Trip to Honduras We are still seeking a medical physician. Young adults 21-39 with no previous mission experience are especially encouraged to apply. Limited financial assistance is available for first-time young adult mission team members. The date of the trip is March 12-19, 2011. For more information, contact Trip Coordinator, Harriet Johnson (harriet@nc.rr.com) or Robert Jones (Rob.Jones@raldioc.org) with the Office of Evangelization - 919-821-9740). Visit the diocesan website to download an application or learn more about the trip: www.dioceseofraleigh.org/how/youngadult/missiontrip/



Bishop Burbidge on Twitter – Bishop Burbidge is now posting regular reflections, news and updates on Twitter. You are invited to follow him **@bishopburbidge**. Non- Twitter subscribers may receive the Bishop’s tweets by cell phone text message (SMS) by texting **follow BishopBurbidge** to **40404**. While the service is free, accessing it through SMS may incur phone service provider fees. Please check with your provider.



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The Diocese is now on Facebook! Through this new form of communication, the Diocesan Facebook page is intended to share stories, photos and videos from across Eastern North Carolina. Also, the Diocesan website, www.dioceseofraleigh.org, now allows you to share news stories to your personal Facebook and Twitter pages and to easily email and print news stories.

Get Ignited! 9th Annual IGNITED BY TRUTH



Registration is now open for the 9th Annual **IGNITED BY TRUTH** Catholic Conference February 25-26, 2011 at the NC State Fairgrounds in Raleigh. FREE Friday workshop “Discover the Catholic Church” 6-9:30pm. Full program Saturday 8:30am-6:30pm featuring Matthew Kelly, Dr. Brant Pitre, Live Praise & Worship Music, and more! Bishop Michael F. Burbidge closing Mass celebrant and homilist. Early registration discounts available through Feb 6: Adults \$25 (for groups of 5 or more), Individuals \$35, Students \$20. Lunch is included! For complete details and to register online, visit www.IgnitedByTruth.com. Questions: (919) 789-11BT.

The January/February issue of the NC Catholics magazine will be arriving in your mailboxes shortly. You can check it out in advance online at www.nccatholics.org. The new issue features a cover story of Father Thomas Price, the first native-born North Carolina priest and co-founder of Maryknoll Religious Order. A cause for canonization of Father Price is currently underway. The issue also contains stories on three Religious women celebrating jubilee anniversaries, the upcoming Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine and the annual Diocesan financial report.



When traveling and you need to know where the closes Catholic Church and the times for their masses please check out masstimes.org