

The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Salesian Perspective

It goes without saying that we've all had times in our lives when we could relate to the words in today's selection from chapter forty-nine from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah: "The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me." Whatever the circumstances – the loss of a job, a chronic illness, the death of a loved one, the souring of a relationship – each of us has wondered if we haven't somehow managed to fall off God's divine radar screen. However, what we may actually experience in tough or troubling times is not that God has forgotten us; ironically, it may be that we, in fact, forget about God.

In Francis de Sales' Introduction to the Devout Life, we read: "God is in all things and in all places. There is no place or thing in this world where God is not truly present. Everyone knows this truth but not everybody keeps this in mind. Blind men do not see a prince who is present among them, and therefore do not show him the respect they do after being told of the prince's presence. However, because they do not actually see him they easily forget his presence, and having forgotten it, they still more easily lose the respect and reverence owed to him. Unfortunately, we do not see God who is present with us: although faith assures us of God's presence, because we do not see God with our own eyes we often forget about him and behave as if God were far distant from us..." (Part II, Ch. 2)

It's not that we intentionally choose to forget God. Most days it's simply a matter, I suppose, of "out of sight, out of mind." While tough or troubling times may heighten our awareness of experiencing what we interpret as the absence of God, what actually happens on an all-too-frequent basis – especially in the ordinary, everyday give and take of daily life – is that we become absent-minded about the real, ongoing presence of God. That having been said, the truth is that the bad hands that life sometimes deal are tough enough to handle without feeling like God has abandoned us, too. Francis de Sales advises us "to remember that God is not only in the place where you are but also present in a most particular manner in your heart, in the every center of your spirit... This is by no means a mere figment of the imagination but the every truth. Although we do not see him, it remains true that from on high God beholds us." (*Ibid*)

In tough times – in easy times – remember (no pun intended) that God has never forgotten you; God does not forget you: God will never forget you. Although we don't see Him with our own eyes, God, as it were, always has his eye on us: more importantly, God dwells within us, most intimately in our mind and in our heart; in our body, in our soul and in our spirit. God is always with us, in us and among us.

Try to remember that... always.

Rev. Michael S. Murray, OSFS, is the Executive Director of the De Sales Spirituality Center.

Music for Sunday's Liturgy:

Entrance: # 612 For You Are My God

Gloria: #47 Glory Be

Psalm: "Rest in God alone, my soul." (chant)

Alleluia: #10 Celtic Alleluia

Preparation: # 611 Only A Shadow

Communion: # 550 Servant Song

Song of Praise: # 711 Isaiah 49

710 I Have Loved You

Recessional: # 714 If God Is for Us - vs. 1 & 2

All other sung Mass parts are from Mass of Creation

Liturgical Ministers

Ministers of Hospitality

John Rice, Volunteer

Lectors: Nancy Rinda

Eucharistic Ministers:

Kathleen Jepson, GaeAnn Gessner, Dolores Scott

Sacristan: Volunteer

Cantors and Song Leaders:

Linda Browning and Dave Greider

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **821**

1st Reading ~ Isaiah 49:14 – 15

2nd Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 4:1 – 5

Gospel Reading ~ Matthew 6:24 – 34

Our Stewardship

(Last Week)

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$761.00	\$000.00
Debt Reduction	\$466.00	
Parish Needs	\$30.00	
Attendance	95	

Please Pray For The Sick of the Parish

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, Paul O'Neal, Joseph Obringer, Carol Oliver, Mackey Peele, Pat Rice, Ann Styron, Mary Van Severen, Clyde Stowe, Regina Torreblanca, Megan Vayette, Kelly Willis, also the caregivers, homebound, hospitalized & those in special needs.

OCTAVO DOMINGO EN EL TIEMPO ORDINARIO (FEBRUARY 27, 2011)

Enfasis Sugerido

“¿Puede acaso una madre olvidarse de su hijo, no sentir ternura por la criatura en su vientre? Aún si ella lo olvidara, yo jamás lo olvidaré”

Perspectiva Salesiana

Está de más decir que todos hemos pasado por momentos en nuestras vidas en que nos sentimos plenamente identificados con las palabras de hoy, tomadas del capítulo cuarenta y nueve del Libro del Profeta Isaías: “El Señor me ha abandonado, mi Señor se ha olvidado de mí”. Cualquiera que sea la circunstancia- la pérdida de un trabajo, una enfermedad grave, la muerte de un ser amado, el fin de una relación- todos y cada uno de nosotros nos hemos preguntado si acaso habremos desaparecido de la pantalla del radar divino de Dios. Sin embargo, aquello que experimentamos en tiempos difíciles y problemáticos no es olvido por parte de Dios, irónicamente, puede que de hecho seamos nosotros quienes se olvidan de Él.

En la Introducción a la Vida Devota San Francisco de Sales nos dice: “Dios está en todas las cosas, y en todas partes. No hay un solo lugar u objeto en este mundo en donde Dios no esté realmente presente. Todos conocemos esta verdad, pero no todos la mantenemos presente en nuestras mentes. Los ciegos no tienen forma de saber cuando un príncipe se encuentra entre ellos, por lo tanto no le demuestran el tipo de respeto que exhiben una vez han sido informados de su presencia. No obstante, como no pueden verlo fácilmente, se olvidan de su presencia, y una vez la han olvidado, dejan a un lado el respeto y la reverencia que es debida. Desafortunadamente nosotros no podemos ver a Dios aún cuando El está presente entre nosotros: Aún cuando la fe nos garantiza Su presencia constante, como no podemos verlo con nuestros propios ojos, frecuentemente nos olvidamos de Él y nos comportamos como si estuviera completamente alejado de nosotros. ...” (Parte II, Cap. 2).

El asunto no es que intencionalmente escogemos olvidarnos de Dios. Lo que sucede es que la mayoría de los días simplemente es como dice el dicho, “ojos que no ven, corazón que no siente”. Es cierto que los tiempos difíciles y las preocupaciones agudizan nuestra percepción de lo que interpretamos como la ausencia de Dios. Pero lo que realmente ocurre, y con demasiada frecuencia- especialmente en los momentos del diario vivir- es que nos olvidamos que Su presencia es real y constante. Habiendo dicho esto, la realidad es que las malas pasadas que a veces nos juega la vida son lo

suficientemente duras de afrontar, como para que también nos sintamos abandonados por Dios. Francisco de Sales nos aconseja lo siguiente: “recuerden que Dios no sólo está presente donde ustedes están, sino que también está presente de forma muy especial en sus corazones, en el centro mismo de su espíritu... Esto no es de ninguna manera un producto de la imaginación, es la absoluta verdad. Aún si no podemos verlo, la realidad es que Dios nos contempla desde las alturas”. (*Ibid*)

Durante los tiempos difíciles – durante los buenos tiempos– recuerden (sin intención de bromear) que Dios no se ha olvidado de ustedes: El jamás se olvidará de ustedes. Aún si no podemos verlo con nuestros propios ojos, Dios siempre mantiene su ojo fijo en nosotros, por así decirlo. Más importante aún, Dios mora en nosotros, de forma muy íntima, en nuestras mentes y en nuestros corazones, en nuestro cuerpo, en nuestras almas, en nuestros espíritus. Dios siempre está con nosotros, en nosotros, y entre nosotros.

Traten de recordar eso... siempre.

Anuncios (announcement)

El domingo 6 de marzo a las tres de la tarde habrá en el salón parroquial una plática para todos los interesados en la relación de pareja. Hablara el Sr. José Mendoza del Ministerio Hispano. La plática será seguida de la Misa en español a las 5.30. Estamos tratando de organizar una guardería infantil para esa tarde. Te esperamos.

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.

Really Really Free Market

Sábado, 5 de Marzo, 2011

de 09:30-12:30 en la Estación de

Bomberos de Avon

Todos es GRATIS!



Mientras toda donación es apreciada,

estamos colectando camisetas para

el club de CHSS ECO para convertirlas en bolsas de

compras reutilizables. Donaciones no son requeridas.

A Bi-lingual Justice for Immigrants Study Day

Ofreceremos un taller bilingüe el 5 de marzo del 2011 en Our Lady of Guadalupe, Newton Grove. Se les invita a asistir a este taller a los líderes pastorales, diáconos, y al personal de la parroquia. Los oradores hablarán sobre los recursos educativos de inmigración, de la Iglesia Católica y de la parroquia. Para más información por favor de contactar a lettie.banda@raldioc.org.



Plazo extendido hasta el 4 de marzo para la Peregrinación Diocesana

Viaje con cientos de fieles de toda la Diócesis a la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción, con el Reverendísimo Michael F. Burbidge, Obispo de Raleigh, el 1 y 2 de abril, 2011. El viaje incluye actividades, tiempo para la oración y reflexión, y oportunidades para explorar la grandeza de la Basílica y todo lo que tiene que ofrecer. Regresará con un amor renovado de su fe católica y posiblemente haga amistades nuevas en el camino. Aún hay tiempo para inscribirse. Comuníquese con el promotor de su parroquia o visite el sitio Web Diocesano en www.dioceseofraleigh.org.

Llamando Anual del Obispo 2011

El próximo fin de semana, todos los fieles tendrán la oportunidad de participar en el Llamando Anual del Obispo. En todas las misas se distribuirán folletos y sobres para que los revisen, luego se le pedirá a los fieles que hagan una promesa de ayudar

económicamente a esta campaña, llenando la información en el sobre que encontrarán en las bancas de la Iglesia. Por favor sean lo más generosos que puedan.

Un Viaje de Cuaresma La Cuaresma es un tiempo maravilloso para contemplar no solo el misterio de la redención de Cristo hace dos mil años, sino también la de Su presencia en nuestras vidas hoy en día. Enriquezca su experiencia cuaresmal este año al unirse a los fieles de toda la Diócesis de Raleigh en la peregrinación con el Reverendísimo Michael F. Burbidge, Obispo de Raleigh, a la Basílica del Santuario Nacional de la Inmaculada Concepción de Washington, DC, el 1 y 2 de abril, 2011. La Basílica es la Iglesia Católica más grande en los Estados Unidos y de Norte América, y es el hogar de más de 70 capillas y oratorios. Además de realizar su misión, la Basílica es un lugar especial de culto, peregrinación, evangelización y reconciliación. Para registrarse o para obtener más información sobre este evento espiritual, comuníquese con el promotor de la peregrinación de su parroquia, visite el sitio Web Diocesano: www.dioceseofraleigh.org o vea la edición de enero de la revista NC Catholics.

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.



Really Really Free Market

On Saturday, March 5th from 9:30 - 12:30 at the Avon Fire Station While any donations are appreciated, but not required, we are collecting t-shirts for the CHSS Hatteras Green Eco Team to turn into reusable shopping bags. For more information call 995-3855. Sponsored by the Kinnakeet Civic Association.

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

Do YOU Know Someone who could use help?

2011 Newman House Mission Trip

The John Newman Association (JNA) is a group of students from Millersville University, Millersville, PA, who gather to socialize, pray, and do service projects. The JNA has a variety of events throughout the year. They are a Catholic Christian organization; however, their students come from all faiths and walks of life!



The JNA organizes a variety of service opportunities. Through there **Be the One** program the students practice service outreach in their local community by working with charities and performing service projects: working at a soup kitchen, an AIDS hospice, a women's shelter and many other opportunities.

On their "2011 Spring Break" this year they want to spend part of their break helping others in need and giving of their time and talent for the service of others here on Hatteras Island.

Under the direction of Father Tcheou, the Campus Minister and the Newmanites, they will be working Thursday to Saturday, March 10th to the 12th.



Their day will be broken down into 4 sessions. During these sessions, if you or someone you know needs any yard work, house work, repairs, etc., either for your own property or for the surrounding neighbors, **please contact Anita by e-mail olssecretry@aol.com no later than March 6th** We will need their name and the **physical address of any parishioners or island residents who could use a little help.**



Bishop's Annual Appeal 2011

Our Gifts. Our Call. Our Mission.
This is our theme for the 2011
Bishop's Annual Appeal. Saint Teresa
of Avila said, "Yours are the eyes
through which Christ looks with
compassion on the world; yours are
the feet with which He walks to do

good." The Bishop's Annual Appeal reminds us that
Our Lord Jesus does indeed act in and through us.
Next week every Parishioner will have the opportunity
to participate in the 2011 Bishop's Annual Appeal. To
receive your pledge envelope, see one of the Ushers.
Prayerfully consider your support for the BAA.
If you care, pledging your gift over 6 months will
allow you to be as generous as you wish while
managing payments.

The Total Diocesan Goal for 2011 is \$6,337,825.00
Our Parish Goal is \$9,473.00 with 100% participation.
As of February 25th, a total of \$4815.00 has been
collected which is 51% of our obligation from 14 pledge
cards that have been completed.

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!

A Lovely Memento...

Our parish's beautiful limited-edition fine art prints that
you see on the cover of this bulletin make lovely
remembrances of your wedding, anniversary
celebration, child's baptism, or vacation. "The
Welcoming Light of Our Lady of the Seas" is signed
and numbered by the artist - Linda Browning, our
guitarist/song leader. Each print comes sleeved, backed,
and ready to frame in a 12"x16" mat. Price: \$39.50.
Proceeds go towards our debt reduction. Please see
Linda after Mass if you would like her to personalize
your print for you. Thank you!

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.



"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.

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Parish Needs or Debt Reduction. Thank you for being
with us.

Catholic Speakers coming to area College campuses (Duke, UNC, NC State) in the Diocese of Raleigh. Feb. 28: Michael Pakaluk (Professor of Philosophy at Ave Maria University); Apr. 7: Alfred Freddoso (John and Jean Oesterle Chair of Thomistic Studies at the University of Notre Dame). This speaker series, provided by the Thomas International Center, is a wonderful opportunity to hear Catholic scholars on matters impacting the public square. All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information contact Robert Jones, Office of Evangelization. Email: Rob.Jones@raldioc.org or Phone: 919/821-9740



Diocesan Pilgrimage DEADLINE

EXTENDED to March 4th Journey with hundreds of faithful from across the Diocese to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the

Immaculate Conception with the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Raleigh, April 1 & 2, 2011. The trip includes Mass, time for prayer and reflection and opportunities to explore the grandeur of the Basilica and all it has to offer. You'll come away with a renewed love of your Catholic faith, and maybe even make a few new friends along the way. There's still time to register. Contact your parish promoter or visit the Diocesan website at www.dioceseofraleigh.org.

A Bi-lingual Justice for Immigrants Study Day will be held March 5, 2011 at Our Lady of Guadalupe, Newton Grove. Parish leaders, deacons and parish staff are invited. Speakers will address immigration and the Catholic Church and parish resources for education. For more information please contact the Office of Peace and justice/Parish Social Ministry at Jurski@raldioc.org.



AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION:

Do you and your spouse fight a lot? Or hardly speak? Fear you are growing apart? Feel misunderstood, angry, "used"? Come learn new ways to handle old problems. Come hear couples who have overcome their problems. The Wednesday, March 16 meeting will be St. Francis of Assisi, 11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh, NC 27613 from 7-9 in Laverna (log cabin house). For more information go to www.dioceseofraleigh.org or call 919-821-9753.

Fan the Diocese of Raleigh



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.

Catholic Perspective You are invited to watch Catholic Perspective, the Diocese of Raleigh's weekly television program, which is available on most Time-Warner Cable Channels in the Diocese and posted each week on the Diocesan website. The program features news and information on events, activities and ministries in the Diocese of Raleigh.

Lenten practices and ways to enrich one's prayer life are the topics of **Catholic Perspective** for the week of February 27. The program reviews the important aspects of the Lenten season, offering suggestions on ways to carry out the Lenten practices of prayer, penitence and almsgiving.

The Diocese of Raleigh's weekly television program is available on many Time-Warner Cable Channels in the Diocese and is posted each week on the Diocesan website. Catholic Perspective airs in Raleigh on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. on Cable Channel 22; in Durham on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. on Cable Channel 8; in Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Hillsborough on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. on Cable Channel 8; and in Greenville on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. on Cable Channel 69. The program will air on the Time-Warner Faith on Demand Channel in Craven, New Hanover, Brunswick, Onslow and Pender Counties, allowing viewers to watch at any time during the week. Watch for further weekly updates on Catholic Perspective programming in your parish bulletin and on our Diocesan website at www.dioceseofraleigh.org.

A Lenten Journey Lent is a wonderful time to contemplate the mystery not only of Christ's redemption two thousand years ago, but also of His presence in our lives today. Enrich your Lenten experience this year by joining the faithful from across the Diocese of Raleigh on pilgrimage with the Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Raleigh to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC, April 1 and 2, 2011. The Basilica is the largest Roman Catholic church in the United States and North America and is home to over 70 chapels and oratories. Fulfilling its mission, the Basilica is a special place of worship, pilgrimage, evangelization and reconciliation. To register or for more information about this spiritual event contact your Parish Pilgrimage Promoter, visit the Diocesan website: www.dioceseofraleigh.org or see the January issue of the *NC Catholics* magazine.



Bishop Burbidge on Twitter – Bishop Burbidge is now posting regular reflections, news and updates on Twitter. You are invited to follow him @**bishopburbidge**.

Family Honor: Real Life, Real Love Attention All Families with 7th and 8th Graders! Need ideas for talking to your child about chastity, sexuality, dating, marriage and other important topics? **GET HOPE, TOOLS and a PLAN with Family Honor's Real Love & Real Life program!** This program is for parents and their 7th or 8th grade son or daughter and helps families build communication and anticipate and deal with the challenges of adolescence. **Topics include:** self-worth, fertility appreciation, peer pressure, real love, developing values, and much more. This fun, interactive, and informative family program will be hosted by **St. Andrew the Apostle, Apex in April: Sessions 1 & 2: Saturday, April 9, 9:00 – 2:15 pm Sessions 3 & 4: Saturday, April 16, 9:00 – 2:15 pm** All sessions are for parents and children. The total cost is \$45 per family and includes lunch. To register, contact Kati Rodgers at (919) 362-0685 or jym@saintandrew.org. **Registration deadline is MARCH 26.** To learn more about Family Honor, visit www.familyhonor.org.

Project Rachel

Home Page

Raleigh, NC

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.

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.

Catholic Charities Board Seeking Candidates for Board Nomination

– deadline is March 7, 2011
Catholic Charities Board of Directors has announced the recruitment of candidates for Board membership. This year, in order to balance the Board, there is a special need for candidates from the Albemarle, Fayetteville, Newton Grove and Tar River deaneries; from smaller/rural parishes; from diverse ethnic and racial communities. Prospective members will be proven leaders with non-profit Board experience who have time and skills which will complement others on the Board. A pastoral recommendation is required. Identified areas of experience are resource development, public relations and finance. If you are interested in being considered as a candidate for the Board of Directors or are suggesting a candidate, please go to www.catholiccharities.dioceseofraleigh.org for the volunteer job description and a Candidate Recommendation Form or call (919) 821-9750.

A Very Special Request

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