

The Third Sunday of Lent

"Is the Lord in our midst or not?"

Salesian Perspective

From generation to generation, this is a timely (even a perennial) question, more often than not raised in moments of crisis and confusion or in the experience of suffering, tragedy, injustice or loss. Angry, frustrated and disillusioned, the Israelites - our spiritual ancestors - posed the question to Moses in the midst of the seemingly aimless desert trek on which they had been led. We ask the same question in our own ways every day, whether due to global events like terrorism, war, famine and disease or our own personal struggles, including unemployment, illness, death and relational issues.

Moreover, it is the perfect question to reflect upon as we progress in our Lenten journey.

At least intellectually, we do believe that God is truly in our midst. Francis de Sales certainly did, but for him, this was no mere intellectual assent: this was a core belief: "There is no place or thing in this world in which God is not truly present. Just as wherever birds fly they always encounter the air, so also wherever we go or wherever we are God is truly present." (Introduction to the Devout Life, Part II, Chapter 2)

However, in our eagerness for God to spring water from the rock in times of doubt or adversity, we often forget the fact God has been with us all along the way. In moments of crisis, those who encourage us with a kind word, good turn, or attentive ear can reflect to us the immediacy of God's faithful, ongoing presence: a presence likewise experienced in Scripture heard, Eucharist shared and prayer raised up.

Still, despite our best intentions and attention, we sometimes panic and miss the obvious in our frantic search for the Lord, especially in times of great need. God is, as it were, 'hidden in plain sight.' We forget that God is as near to us as the very air we breathe a mistake that the Samaritan woman almost makes in her own encounter with Jesus at the well. The Lord is in her midst - in fact, he is right in front of her - but this spontaneous request for a drink from a Jewish male is so astonishing that she almost fails to recognize who is speaking with her. Happily, she realizes that it could "possibly be the Christ" and gratitude stirs her to abandon her water jar, run to town and announce to the people the Good News of her encounter with Jesus.

Whether in the desert or at the well, signs of God's presence are always in our midst and, like the woman in the Gospel, this is something for which we should be grateful. The gratitude we feel and express for these

signs produces trust: trust in God and trust in those who are signs of God's love for us. "Just trust in the Lord," St. Francis de Sales writes, "and He will continue to lead you safely through all things. Where you cannot walk, God will carry you in His arms."

In gratitude for those times when we have been carried in the Lord's arms, may we become signs of God's presence for others.

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

Music for Sunday's Liturgy:

Entrance: # 671 Glory and Praise to Our God –
vs. 1, 2, 3

Penitential Rite:

"Kyrie eleison" - 1st time cantor; all repeat

"Christe eleison" - 1st time cantor; all repeat

"Kyrie eleison" - 1st time cantor; all repeat

Psalm: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."-chant

Lenten Acclamation: "Praise to you, Lord, Jesus Christ, King of endless glory." (1st time cantor; all repeat)

Preparation: # 706 Come to the Water

Communion: # 611 Only A Shadow

Song of Praise: # 621 This Alone

Recessional: # 615 Amazing Grace - vs. 1, 2, 3

Except for the Kyrie (Celtic Mass), our Mass responses are from Mass of Creation

Every Wednesday during March Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm, in addition to the regular Friday 8:30 am Mass.

Liturgical Ministers

Ministers of Hospitality

Tony Bisantz, Donna Marie

Lectors: Charlotte Bisantz

Eucharistic Ministers:

GaeAnn Gessner, Kathleen Jepson, Charlotte Bisantz

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 **761**

1st Reading ~ Exodus 17:3 – 7

2nd Reading ~ Romans 5:1 – 2, 5 – 8

Gospel Reading ~ John 4:5 – 42 or 4:5–15, 19b–26, 39a, 40–42



**TODAY ~ Meeting for a
"NEW" Women's Group**

Calling all women to come and have coffee TODAY, March 27.

Immediately after Mass in the social hall, the women are asked to brainstorm about a new women's group.

If you can Bake, Bring IT!!!

Help make our Palm Sunday Bake Sale a rousing success! Anyone (you too guys!) who can bake, please contact Dee Morrow at 995-6210 or Chris Cowan at 995-6708 and let them know that you will bring your baked goods to the Bake Sale on Palm Sunday, April 17th. PLEASE LABEL THE CAKE AND LIST INGREDIANCE; ALLERGIES ARE A BIG PROBLEM WITH SOME PEOPLE. Thank you.

**Don't Miss Our
Bountiful Bake Sale!**
Yum!



**Prayer
Requests**

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, Valerie Faulkner, 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, Little Mackey Peele, Mackey Peele, Pat Rice, Ann Styron, Mary Van Severen, Clyde Stowe, Regina Torreblanca, Megan Vayette, David Wark, 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.

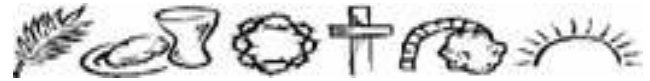
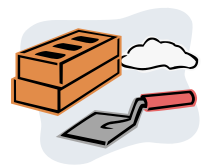
We Take Request ~ Book of Prayer Intentions



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

Pavers for the Walkway

The church is working on a new batch of pavers for our walkway. If you are interested in purchasing a paver as a gift, the forms are hanging on the bulletin board in the vestibule or you may download it from our website and mail it in. You can also find the order form in our bulletin this weekend on the last page.



Schedule for Easter

April 14th	Palm Sunday 9:00 am
April 21st	Holy Thursday 7:00 pm
April 22nd	Good Friday 7:00 pm
April 23rd	Holy Saturday
	Ocracoke Island 4:00 pm
	OLS Church 8:00 pm
April 24th	Easter Sunday 9:00 am & 11:00 am
April 24th	Spanish 5:30 pm

A Lovely Memento...

"The Welcoming Light of Our Lady of the Seas"

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!

The "Little Black Book"

Once again this year, we have available copies of the Lenten seasonal prayer reflection booklet entitled, "The Little Black Book." We have them for adults and children in English and for adults in Spanish. These are published by the Diocese of Saginaw and contain helpful daily entries to serve as an aid to prayer. Anyone interested in a copy of "The Little Black Book" (Lent 2011 edition) will be available after Mass in the vestibule today. **Limited supply available.**



"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.*

Bishop's Annual Appeal 2011

The Bishop's Annual Appeal has totaled **\$7,205.00** as of March 20 from **29 families pledging**. Bishop Burbridge is thankful for your generosity that benefits many members of the diocesan community.



EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY



Our Flower Fund has been established to enable you to donate flowers for the church throughout the year. Both residents and visitors are invited to contribute to the Flower Fund “in memory” of loved ones, “in thanksgiving”, or “in honor of” a special someone. A minimum donation of \$25 is requested.

Please look for the forms as you exit today. They can be found in the clear plastic pockets hanging at each of the doors to our church. (*The Flower Fund replaces the existing procedure for ordering and dedicating flowers*)

Please make your check payable to:

Our Lady of the Seas (*in memo section “Flower Fund”*) and mail to:

Our Lady of the Seas ~ Flower Fund,
PO Box 399, Buxton, NC 27920

OR you may place your order in the 2nd collection basket. **Be sure to mark the envelope ‘Flower Fund’**

Seeds for sowing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Our common faith in Jesus Christ moves us to search for ways that favor a spirit of solidarity. It is a faith that transcends borders and bids us to overcome all forms of discrimination and violence so that we may build relationships that are just and loving. Under the light of the apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe to the littlest of her children, who were as powerless as most migrants are today, our continent's past and present receive new meaning. It was St. Juan Diego whom our Mother asked to build a temple so in it she could show her love, compassion, aid, and defense to all her children, especially the least among them. Since then, in her Basilica and beyond its walls, she has brought all the peoples of America to celebrate at the table of the Lord, where all his children may partake of and enjoy the unity of the continent in the diversity of its peoples, languages, and cultures.

Strangers No Longer, Catholic Bishops of Mexico & U.S., 2003



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.

Lenten Food Drive

As you prepare your Friday meals or fast on holy days, pray for the poor among us. Pray that we may help and advocate for them.

Eating simple meals meets our Lenten obligations and shows our solidarity with the poor. Use funds that would have purchased meat or elaborate meals to



purchase items for our local food pantry. Children can help pick out food. If “shopping” from home, please check expiration dates.

If you don't have time to shop, make a financial contribution to the Food Pantry or to the rice bowl campaign of Catholic Relief Services.

Food can be dropped off in the vestibule basket before/after Mass. 24 hour drop box is on the Social Hall porch.

Items Commonly Needed by the Food Pantry – Standard Sizes Preferred

- Basic foodstuffs – vegetable oil, flour, sugar, coffee, tea, rice, pasta
- Canned meats – chicken, tuna, crabmeat
- Canned vegetables – beets, tomatoes and greens are local favorites
- Cereals – both hot and cold
- Personal care products – toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap
- Paper Products – individually wrapped paper towels, toilet paper
- Laundry care and cleaning products
- Pet products

Checks may be made out to United Methodist Men, PO Box 1591 Buxton, NC 27920.

Thank you for your generosity!

Saturday, April 9th is the next KCA Really Really Free Market.

Please join us on Saturday, April 9, 2011 for another KCA Really Really Free Market!

It's like a yard sale~except everything is FREE! Seasonal children's clothing is always in need as well. Please come out and show your support, browse the unique and beautiful items, and have a fun time!



For April, while any donations are appreciated but not required, we are collecting shoes to be sent to Japan. This shoe drive is being organized by Hatteras

Island resident Amber McDowell through Soles4Souls:
<http://www.soles4souls.org/>

****Please note the change of date from the normal 1st Saturday of the month schedule!**

Next Saturday, April 2, instead of the Free Market, stop by the Avon Fire Station for their Open House



celebration of 40 years of service in the Avon District. From 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, enjoy food, games and much more~all FREE! Also, the Forestry Service will be there giving away FREE seedlings to residents. **For more information call 995-3855.

Seal Swim



Locomotion will be hosting it's ~SEAL SWIM~ on Saturday, April 2nd, at the "OLD LIGHTHOUSE" site at Cape Hatteras Seashore Park,

starting at 9:30 am. This fund raiser event is for anyone in the community to participate in. For more information please contact. Katty Kiddy at 252-995-6010. Thank you everyone for supporting Hatteras Island's teens! Hope to see you there!!!

~Cinderella's Closet~



When: April 13, 2011

Where: Our Lady of the Seas Social Hall

Time: 6 pm - 8 pm

The night is hosted by Locomotion for the any high-school girls that would like to join their *Fairy Godmothers* in the quest to find just the right dress and accessories to attend the prom in grand style while not breaking the bank. **All ladies from the community are invited to attend as they will make the night sparkle and shine while helping the teens choose their attire.**

For more information about the night or to sign-up to help, contact Kathy Kiddy at Locomotion's Changing Tide Thrift Shop located at 47661 Hwy. 12 Buxton, NC or call (252) 995-6010.

We need dresses, shoes, jewelry and accessories as well as food and drinks for the night, after all, this will be a GRAND party for the gals before the ball.

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.

Community Yard Sale

May 7th

Time: 8:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: Cape Hatteras Secondary School

The PTA needs to raise money to fund the projects and trips that students and teachers are asking us about. If you are ready to start SPRING CLEANING and moving out things you don't use or need any more,



contact us by posting on this event, and we will arrange to pick up your donated items. We have already started collecting items and have a storage unit ready! Tables will be available for rent to community members, churches, or organizations, for \$20. We will provide the tables.

In case of rain, we will still hold the event in the Cafe and under the covered breezeways in front of the school. Coffee, donuts and baked goods will also be available for sale.

Help Cape Hatteras Elementary WIN A Visit From A Noted Author



Cape Hatteras Elementary School supporters hope that you will help them win a free visit to the school by author Jan Brett.

With more than 36 million books in print, Brett is one of the nation's foremost author illustrators of children's books. Brett is hosting a competition on her Facebook page that invites parents, teachers, friends and supporters to "like" her and cast a vote for a school to win the visit. The contest began on Jan. 3 and ends on April 2. At one point, Cape Hatteras Elementary was third in vote totals. It dropped to No. 11 in the March 5 tally, but there is still time to enter this sweepstakes and help the school win this visit from a nationally recognized author.

For more information, and to cast your vote for Cape Hatteras, go to

http://www.facebook.com/byjanbrett#!/byjanbrett?sk=app_131391993586838.

TO VOTE, YOU MUST CLICK THE CONTEST TAB AT THE LINK ABOVE AND ENTER OUR SCHOOL INFO: CAPE HATTERAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUXTON NC 27920

A Very Special Request

Attendees please take your bulletin home with you or you may leave it in the vestibule when you leave after Mass. We greatly appreciated your cooperation with helping us keep the church clean.

Thrift Shop ~ Locomotion/Changing Tides

Located on Hwy 12 in the heart of Buxton is the non-profit consignment shop, "Changing Tides" operated by Locomotion. It is selling items to help raise funds for our local teenagers and, at the same time, for partner churches and non-profit organizations. **Our Lady of the Seas' is account # 22. Please specify Account #22 when you donate items** to be sold there. When your item sells (excepting clothing), a portion of the sale, will be money in our church account. All items should be cleaned and in good condition. No mattresses, mattress pads or pillows. They ask for top quality clothing only since space is limited. Items that sell well are small kitchen appliances, furniture, lamps, decorative items, shoes, purses, sheets and blankets. For information about large items or other donations please call Changing Tide directly at 252-995-6010. We thank everyone for their support.

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Diocese on Facebook

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Bishop Burbidge on You Tube

<http://www.youtube.com/diocesefraleigh>

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<http://www.linkedin.com/company/90342>



1. A web story to be posted today regarding further information on how to assist with the relief efforts for those affected by the Japanese earthquake and tsunami.
2. The availability on-line of the March 2011 issue of our NC Catholics Magazine which includes the annual Lenten Letter of Bishop Burbidge as we begin this sacred season.
3. Information on our Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on April 1-2, 2011. Kindly note that Catholic Perspective can also be seen on our Diocesan website, under the Office of Communications. www.diocesefraleigh.org

Project Rachel

Home Page

Raleigh, NC

If you are suffering from an abortion, experience the love of Jesus Christ at a Project Rachel weekend retreat May 27-29. 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 for the retreat, contact Project Rachel at projectrachel@nc.rr.com or call (919) 852-1021. The cost is \$125 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials.

Catholic Speakers are coming to area College campuses (Duke, UNC, NC State) in the Diocese of Raleigh. 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

Marriage Encounter Weekends



The weekends are designed to give married couples the opportunity to privately examine their lives together . . . a time to share their feelings, their hopes, disappointments, joys and frustrations . . . and to do so openly and honestly in a heart-to-heart loving encounter with the one person they have chosen to live with for the rest of their life. Attend the May 20-22nd weekend in Raleigh. Register online at <http://wwmes4.org> or contact Bill & Elizabeth Nickles for more info call 704-469-3866 or go to wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com



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

TERCER DOMINGO DE CUARESMA

(Marzo 27, 2011)

Enfasis Sugerido

"El Señor esta entre nosotros o no?"

Perspectiva Salesiana

Esta ha sido una pregunta que ha trascendido de generación en generación, que casi siempre sale a relucir en momentos de crisis y de confusión, o cuando experimentamos sufrimientos, tragedias, injusticias o pérdidas.

Furiosos, frustrados y desilusionados, los Israelitas – nuestros ancestros espirituales – le hicieron la misma pregunta a Moisés, durante la travesía aparentemente sin rumbo definido por la cual habían sido guiados. Nosotros hacemos esta misma pregunta a nuestro modo todos los días ya sea a causa de los eventos globales como el terrorismo, la guerra, las hambrunas y las epidemias, o a causa de nuestros propios conflictos como el desempleo, la enfermedad, la muerte y las relaciones humanas.

Además, esta pregunta es perfecta para que reflexionemos a medida que avanzamos en la temporada de la Cuaresma.

Al menos intelectualmente hablando, nosotros si creemos que Dios se halla verdaderamente entre nosotros. Francisco de Sales lo creía también, pero para el esta creencia no era algo netamente intelectual: era una creencia fundamental “No hay ningún lugar, ninguna cosa en este mundo en la que Dios no se halla verdaderamente presente. Así como donde quiera que las aves vuelan siempre encuentran aire, de la misma forma donde quiera que nosotros vayamos allí encontraremos a Dios presente.” (Introducción a la Vida Devota, Parte II, Capitulo 2)

No obstante, en nuestro afán de que Dios haga que el agua fluya de la piedra en tiempos de adversidad, muchas veces olvidamos el hecho de que EL ha estado con nosotros en todo momento. En los momentos de crisis, aquellos que nos animan con una palabra amable, con un gesto de amistad o con un oído atento están reflejando la presencia inmediata de Dios en nuestras vidas; una presencia de la misma forma experimentada en la lectura de las Escrituras que hemos escuchado, la Eucaristía que hemos compartido, y la oración que emana de nosotros.

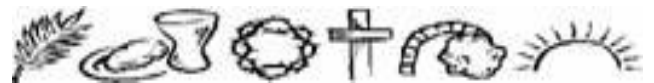
Aun así, nos llenamos de pánico y no vemos lo que es obvio cuando estamos buscando frenéticamente al Señor, especialmente durante los momentos de gran necesidad. Nos olvidamos que Dios esta tan cerca de nosotros como el aire que respiramos; un error que la mujer Samaritana casi comete en su propio encuentro

con Jesús junto al pozo. El Señor esta junto a ella – de hecho El esta justo en frente de ella- pero el hecho de que un hombre Judío espontáneamente le pidiese algo de beber es tan sorprendente para ella que casi es incapaz de reconocer aquel quien le esta hablando. Felizmente, ella se da cuenta de que “posiblemente sea Cristo” y la gratitud que siente la mueve a dejar abandonada la jarra con agua y a correr hacia el pueblo para anunciar a los habitantes las Buenas Nuevas de su encuentro con Jesús.

Ya sea en el desierto o junto al pozo, las señales de la presencia de Dios siempre se hallan entre nosotros y, así como la mujer del Evangelio, esto es algo por lo que tenemos que estar agradecidos. La gratitud que sentimos y que expresamos por estas señales produce confianza: confianza en Dios y confianza en aquellos quienes son señales del amor de Dios para con nosotros. “Solamente confíe en el Señor,” escribe San. Francisco de Sales, “y El continuara guiándolos con prudencia para que puedan afrontar cualquier cosa. Dondequiera que ustedes no puedan caminar, Dios los llevara en Sus brazos.”

Oremos para que podamos convertirnos en señales de la presencia de Dios en las vidas de los demás, como muestra de gratitud por todos aquellos momentos en que el Señor nos ha llevado entre sus brazos.

El Padre Michael S. Murray, OSFS es el Director Principal del Centro Espiritual De Sales.



Horario de Semana Santa

Abril 21	Jueves Santo 7 pm
Abril 22	Viernes Santo 7 pm
Abril 23	Sabado Santo Vigilia Pascual 8 pm
Abril 23	Sabado Ocracoke 4 pm Misa Resurrecion

Abril 24, Domingo de Pascua Misa en español 5:30 pm. Por la mañana domingo de Pascua misa a las 9 y 11 horas.

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.

Venta de Pasteles



Venta de Pasteles a beneficio de la parroquia. Domingo 17 de Abril a la mañana después de la misa de 9 horas.