

## The Fourth Sunday of Lent

*“Live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.”*

### **Salesian Perspective**

Blindness is cured by the touch of Jesus. Expressing our faith - being sources of the touch of Jesus in the lives of others - allows others to see and experience the healing power of Jesus, too.

Jesus took the initiative in curing the blindness of the young man born blind. This miracle provided others the occasion to come to a better understanding of Jesus and his mission.

The young man dialogued with the authorities concerning his cure. In doing so he came to a better understanding of Jesus for himself and he thereby challenged the authorities concerning their beliefs.

Francis de Sales wrote in the Introduction to the Devout Life (3,26) *“If then you are in love with God, you will often speak of him in your familiar conversations with those of your household, your friends and your neighbors...But speak always of God, as of God: reverently and devoutly; not with ostentation or affectation, but with a spirit of meekness, charity and humility...Pray secretly to God in your soul that it would please Him to make this holy dew sink deep into the heart of those who hear you.”*

As the young man spoke more and more about Jesus, he broke open the mystery of what had happened to him and how much Jesus meant to him. He went from seeing Jesus as a miracle worker, to recognizing him as/believing him to be the Son of God (*“he worshipped him”*). He gradually came to know Jesus in his fullness; encountering and making that truth his own and doubtlessly changing his life forever.

During this season of Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation provides us with the touch of Jesus that cures our own blindness, weakness and sinfulness. Prayer and meditation provide a means to break open for ourselves the mystery of our own redemption. Reading and listening to the Word of God in Scripture and sharing it with others in Bible groups and in less formal ways gives us further insight into how we can participate in the mission of Jesus and his Church.

Openness to the gift of faith permits us to see others as God sees others: Samuel saw in David God's anointed one.

St. Paul in his letter to the Ephesians says, “Live as children of the light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.”

If our life style as a Christian challenges others, we can express our beliefs with meekness and humility. We need to accept the gift of grace we have received not only as a gift but also as a responsibility: to help others be likewise open to grace and be cured of their own blindness, to come to see and experience the light that we find only in the life, death, resurrection and love of Jesus Christ.

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

### **Music for Sunday's Liturgy:**

**Entrance:** # 656 Christ Be Our Light - 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:** *"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."*-chant

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

**Preparation:** # 708 Like A Shepherd

**Communion:** # 542 Here I Am, Lord

**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*

### **Mass Intention for this Weekend**

*So that they and their families may be remembered in prayer by the community.*

**9:00 am** ✚ **In memory of Father Randy Miller**

*Requested by Marcie Shoemaker & Jeanne Holda*

**Father Miller was priest from St John the Evangelist, Jackson, MI., a parish in the Diocese of Lansing. Father was celebrating the Saturday evening Mass and quietly gave his Chalice to a parishioner. He then sat down in the 1<sup>st</sup> pew where he collapse from a heart attack. Father passed away Monday night, March 28, he was only 51 years old.**

## Liturgical Ministers

### Ministers of Hospitality

Volunteers (2)

Lectors: Kathleen Jepson

### Eucharistic Ministers:

Kathleen Jepson, Nancy Rinda, John Rice

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 **764**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading ~ 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6 – 7, 10 – 13b

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading ~ Ephesians 5:8 – 14

Gospel Reading ~ John 9:1 – 41 or

9:1, 6 – 9, 13 – 17, 34 – 38

### 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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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, 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.

## Our Stewardship

(Last Week)

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$740.00	\$25.00
Debt Reduction	\$686.00	
Parish Needs	\$ 00.00	
Attendance	130	164

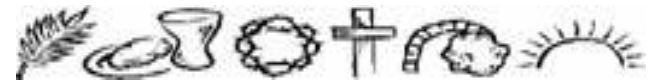
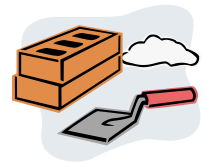
### We Take Request ~ Book of Prayer Intentions



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.



### Schedule for Easter

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



**April is  
National Child Abuse  
Prevention Month**



Seeds for sowing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers. In a linked and limited world, our responsibilities to one another cross nation and other boundaries. Violent conflict and the denial of the dignity and rights to people anywhere on the globe diminish each of us. This emerging theme of solidarity, so strongly articulated by Pope John Paul II, expresses the core of the Church's concern for world peace, global development, environmental and international human rights. It is the contemporary expression of the traditional Catholic image of the *Mystical Body*. "Loving our neighbor" has global dimensions in an interdependent world.

**Sharing Catholic Social Teaching, U.S. Catholic Bishops, 1999**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> collection basket. **Be sure to mark the envelope 'Flower Fund'**



**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!**

**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.**



"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.*

**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/>

**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 7<sup>th</sup>

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.

**Hatteras Island Spring Litter Sweep  
April 16-23, 2011**

Sponsored by: Outer Banks National Scenic Byway, Kinnakeet Civic Association, Rodanthe-Waves-Salvo Civic Association, Hatteras Village Civic Association



*Annual Spring Litter Sweep of Cape Hatteras National Seashore beaches, Outer Banks Scenic Byway corridor and island villages starts Saturday, April 16 and continues for a week.*

On Saturday, April 16 from 7:30 -11:30 a.m. North Carolina Beach Buggy Association members will be stationed at all national seashore ocean access ramps handing out trash bags for picking up beach litter and debris.

From April 16<sup>th</sup> thru the 23<sup>rd</sup> : Volunteers will sweep litter from NC 12 and villages' streets.

To volunteer your help contacts are:

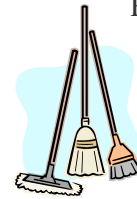
***In Avon and Kinnakeet***, call 995-3855

***In Rodanthe, Waves and Salvo***, call 987-2249

***In Hatteras Village***, call 475-4388

***For other areas of Hatteras Island***, call 987-1303

For sweeping NC 12 shoulders between Buxton and Avon, call 995-4955 to volunteer for this massive effort. Hatteras Spring Sweep coincides with NCDOT's statewide spring litter cleanup. Groups interested in sweeping other areas of Dare's Outer Banks, contact the NCDOT Manteo maintenance office at (252) 473-2990 to secure clean-up supplies. Young people between the ages of 12 and 18 must be accompanied by an adult to participate. Thank you for helping clean up Hatteras Island!!!



**~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.***



**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 TODAY**. 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](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**

**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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The Diocese of Raleigh & Bishop Burbidge is now posting regular reflections, news and updates on Facebook, Twitter, You Tube and Linked in.



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**Bishop Burbidge on Twitter**

<http://twitter.com/BishopBurbidge>



**Bishop Burbidge on You Tube**

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

**Diocese on Linked in..**

<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](http://www.diocesefraleigh.org)

**Project Rachel**

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](mailto:projectrachel@nc.rr.com) or call (919) 852-1021. The cost is \$125 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials.



**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](mailto:wmandbethnickles@hotmail.com)

**Cuarto Domingo de la Cuaresma**  
**Abril 3 de 2011**

Hoy Jesús nos recuerda que El es la luz del mundo; fuente de toda bondad, justicia, y verdad. Todos hemos sido exhortados a vivir en Su Luz. San Francisco de Sales nos comenta lo siguiente:

La mente humana encuentra total satisfacción en el descubrimiento, en poder conocer la verdad de las cosas. Entre más grande sea una verdad, más grande será el deleite. Aún así, nuestra condición humana nos hace diestros en la búsqueda de honores, riquezas y poder. Diariamente la experiencia nos enseña que todos estos amores inútiles nos vuelven propensos a apartarnos de la verdad, en lugar de considerar la verdad del amor de Dios. El amor de Dios nos hace pensar sobre la verdad de un Paraíso colmado de felicidad eterna.

El amor sagrado refresca y fortalece nuestros corazones, cuando aceptamos con fe la verdad que encierran las enseñanzas de Jesús. Cuando la bondad de Dios nos da la luz para poder percatarnos de nuestra ceguera, esto es señal de que ha habido una conversión interna. Es entonces que nos reconocemos como hijos de la Luz. Cuando quitamos todos los obstáculos que nos impiden amar a Dios, adquirimos la capacidad para amarnos los unos a los otros, tal y como EL desea que nos amemos. Cuando descubrimos una imperfección humana, ya hemos hecho la mitad del trabajo necesario para corregirla; porque habremos recibido el entendimiento que nos permitirá liberarnos de nuestra ceguera. Sin embargo, es importante que tengamos paciencia al afrontar nuestras faltas. Debemos aprender a reconocerlas con calma y sin alboroto. Nada es más favorable para el crecimiento de ese tipo de "maleza", que nuestra ansiedad por deshacernos de ella. Caminen siempre por la senda de la santidad, y verán como esas imperfecciones se irán debilitando.

Nuestro Salvador nos tuvo en sus manos, y se encargó de guiar nuestra vida aún cuando no quisimos entregarnos a EL de lleno. En este momento, en que lo único que deseamos es cumplir fervorosamente con la voluntad de Dios, ¿no creen que EL desea proteger a esos pequeños corderos que se han apartado del dulce Pastor? Concentrémonos fielmente en nutrir, con

reverencia y confianza, el don de la conversión que Dios nos ha otorgado. Hagamos de la gracia de Dios algo efectivo en nuestras vidas, perseverando en nuestras sagradas resoluciones, y en nuestros buenos deseos. Será entonces que podremos vivir en la Luz de Cristo, y generar verdad, justicia, y bondad.

*(Adaptación de los escritos de San Francisco 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 Resurreccion  
**Abril 24, Domingo de Pascua Misa en español 5:30 pm.** Por la mañana domingo de Pascua misa a las 9 y 11 horas.

**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.

*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.*



***When traveling and you need to know where the closes Catholic Church and the times for their masses please check out [masstimes.org](http://masstimes.org)***