

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

*"If you put up with suffering for doing what is right, this is acceptable in God's eyes."*

### **Salesian Perspective**

We hear echoes of this first Letter of Peter in one of St. Jane de Chantal's exhortations to the members of her community, the Sisters of the Visitation. She remarked: *"Let us look to our Savior in the excess of his sufferings and the excess of his love. Let us keep our hearts always on these things, so that our divine Savior may communicate and give us the strength to suffer the things that his adorable hand may send us."* (Conferences, page 255)

How can our suffering ever compare with the suffering that Jesus experienced? If we are speaking about the suffering of the last day of his life, there really is no comparison. However, if we consider the suffering that accompanies the efforts to suffer - that is, to bear with - others, we actually have a great deal more in common with Jesus' suffering than we might otherwise think.

Look at the word suffering itself. It is not only about "putting up" with something difficult, harmful or painful. Suffering comes from the Latin *sufferre*, meaning, "to carry, to bear, to give birth...or life."

Made in the image and likeness of God, redeemed by the love of Christ and inspired by the Spirit, we all have a responsibility to carry: to live our lives for others. We are called to carry the responsibility to love one another, to help one another, to challenge one another, to heal one another, to forgive one another, to encourage one another. Children of God, brothers and sisters of Christ, we carry the burdens and inconveniences that come with living lives of generous service.

In short, we are called to live like Jesus lived.....and to carry, to bear with whatever may come with that life choice. *"It was for this that you were called, since Christ suffered for you and left you an example, to have you follow in his footsteps."*

St. Jane clearly recognized the suffering, the inconvenience, the stretching that living for others will bring: *"We must have a large heart toward our neighbor, which means in affection, love and help, being ever ready to serve, to assist, to comfort, bear with and support in every way in our power, but cheerfully and cordially. A large heart is a heart ready for all sorts of inconveniences, an open heart*

*that loves before all things the will of God."*  
(Conferences, page 174)

This is God's will for us: that we should not endure a suffering that leads to death, but a suffering that leads, as St. Jane observed, *"to a new life, in God's grace and in God's love, in this world, and then forever in glory..."*, the suffering that comes from bearing with - carrying - one another in love. (Conferences, page 117 - 118) Or, as St. Paul wrote in his letter to the Ephesians, (4:2) let us live a life worthy of our calling, being completely humble and gentle, bearing with one another...lovingly.

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### Music for Sunday's Liturgy:

**Entrance:** # 378 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today -  
vs. 1, 2 & 4

**Gloria:** # 47 Glory Be (Young People's Mass)

**Psalm:** *"The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want."* -chant

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia (Celtic Mass)

**Sprinkling Rite:** # 454 River of Glory

**Preparation:** # 649 Peace

**Eucharistic Acclamations:**

Holy, Holy, Holy; Memorial Acclamation  
Great Amen; Agnus Dei (Mass of Creation)

**Communion:** # 708 Like A Shepherd  
# 602 Be Not Afraid

**Song of Praise:** # 713 Rain Down

**Recessional:** # 671 Glory and Praise to Our God -  
vs. 1 & 3



### ~ Women's Group ~

Calling all women to come next Sunday, May 22nd, immediately after Mass to our Social Hall to talk about events for our church.

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **779**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Acts of the Apostles 2:14a, 36 - 41

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ 1 Peter 2:20b - 25

**Gospel Reading** ~ John 10:1 - 10

### On Ocracoke

On Friday's at 6:30 pm, Mass will be celebrated at the Methodist Center located on School Lane.

### Liturgical Ministers

We need **volunteers for our Masses today**. If you know you can help to assist at the Mass please step up, go to one of the ministers with a name tag on and let them know you are available to help fill the void. Thank you.



### Help Needed With Sorting Sunday Collection

As we begin our summer Mass schedule, we are always in need of help for a simple sorting of the collection after the Masses. Two people to sort for each of the three scheduled weekend Masses would be ideal. If you can help us, please call Fr. Bob 995-6613 or Joanne Mason at 987-2249. Thank you!



### Ruegue por:

Please Remember: in your prayers all those on our **Parish Prayer List** especially:

Richard Bacik, Angie Balance, Jean Belcher, Robbie Bendula, Jim Benton, Jim & Linda Carolan, Stephen & Phyllis Dyer, Carrie Easley, Valerie Faulkner, Joe Gallagher, Keith Gardner, Delores Gilliken, Stephen Hissey, Dee Jensen, 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, Clyde Stowe, Regina Torreblanca, Megan Vayette, David & Pat Wark, also the caregivers, homebound, hospitalized & those in special needs.

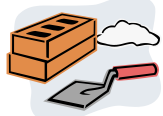
*Please let Fr. Bob know when a parishioner or family member is in the hospital or homebound. He would appreciate the opportunity to visit and offer his services. Also if you would like a Eucharistic Minister to visit you at home during an illness or when unable to attend Mass, please call Fr. Bob 252-995-6613.*

### LOOK on the back of the bulletin!

We are able to provide this bulletin each week, without cost to the parish because of the advertisers. Please patronize our advertisers. **To advertise your business and support the church please call Dee Printing at (800)292-9020**

### 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, the form is located on the last page of this bulletin. They are also available in the clear plastic sleeves by the doors. Another place you can find the form is on-line at our website. Just click on the forms button, download it from our website and mail it in with your check.



### 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!

### "NEW OLS FUND RAISER RAFFLE"

#### Tickets on Sale Today

Raffle tickets are on sale before and after all the Masses, this raffle will support our church.

~ 2 tickets for \$5.00 ~  
~ 10 tickets for \$20.00 ~

**Drawings will be held every time total ticket sale reaches \$1000.00.**

The winner will take home \$500.00 and the church receives the remaining \$500.00. This raffle will continue throughout the summer. A winner will be notified immediately following the drawing. So buy your tickets today to win.



### AVAILABLE LITTLE WHITE BOOKS

This seasonal prayer reflection booklet entitled, "The Little White Books" (Easter 2011) contain helpful daily entries to serve as an aid to prayer. They are free and available to anyone. You can find them in our vestibule on the table.

**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.**

### 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





“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.*

### 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.***



### Dare County Arts Council's Community Music School

Dare County Arts Council's Community Music School is coming to Hatteras Island!!! Forms are available at the Fessenden Center. PLEASE stop by the Fessenden Center and fill out a form for the DCAC Community Music School if you think your child (age 6-18) would be interested! Kids will have weekly lessons in their choice of either voice, drums, guitar, violin, piano and more at an affordable price. **Don't be discouraged by the financial need section~ALL of Hatteras Island youth will be eligible!! Organizers need a certain number of participants before the program can happen!!!** Completed forms should be returned to Jaki Gray at Fessenden Center.



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

Baby Jacob begins to move. At eight weeks his arms are bending and flexing. Fingers are developing and Jacobs is now swimming. He may be practicing for the 2032 Olympics. “for nothing will be impossible for God.” Luke 1:37

### Hatteras Island Food Pantry



Please consider shopping for the food pantry as part of your grocery routine. You may want to purchase items on sale, coupon items, or simply “one extra” of your family’s favorite items.

You may also want to consider giving items that form a meal. For example, spaghetti sauce and noodles, pancake mix and syrup, peanut butter and jelly, casserole ingredients, etc.

Since the size of the families accessing the food pantry can vary from a single person to one of two parents and children, please avoid bulk sized items to ease distribution.

Let us remember no matter how small, our gifts are seen by our Lord. Your donation to our Food Pantry is just one way to consider Lenten almsgiving. Food can be dropped off in the vestibule basket before/after Mass. 24 hour drop box is available 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!***

### ~ Diocese of Raleigh ~News & Updates

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



### Diocese on Facebook

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

### 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>



# 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](mailto:projectrachel@nc.rr.com) or call (919) 852-1021. The cost is \$125 for lodging, meals and all retreat materials. If you have a financial burden, assistance is available. Registration deadline May 20.



**Single/Single Again Ministry** – Single/Single Again Ministry (Single, separated, divorced or widowed persons 35) – once a month Sunday Mass is held at Cardinal Gibbon HS chapel at 5:30PM with a priest from the Dominican Friars of Raleigh. A social with pizza and activity information follows. For more information contact Joanne at 380-7546 or Celia at 267-4759 or visit the website: [www.singlesingleagain.com](http://www.singlesingleagain.com). The Mass Schedule for Singlesingleagain is June 12, 2011.

## **DOES YOUR MARRIAGE NEED A BOOST?**

Join The Third Option and discover how changes in your behavior can have a positive impact on your marriage. Come with your spouse or come alone. There is no cost or any registration. Just come. The Third Option now meets at two locations in the Raleigh Diocese:

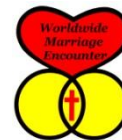
May 16, and June 6 from 7-9pm at St. Patrick Catholic School, 1620 Marlborough Rd, Fayetteville, NC  
May 11 and May 25 from 7-9pm at St. Francis of Assisi, LaVerna Center, 11401 Leesville Rd, Raleigh, NC  
All are welcome. For more information go to [www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org) or call 919-821-9753.

## **Marriage Love and Life In the Divine Plan:**

**Marriage – Love and Life In The Divine Plan: Natural and Spiritual** While marriage is a special blessing for Christians because of the grace of Christ, marriage is also a natural blessing and gift for everyone in all times and cultures. It is a source of blessing to the couple, to their families, and to society and includes the wondrous gift of co-creating human life. Look what the United States Catholic Bishops are saying about marriage <http://www.usccb.org/laity/love and life/>

## **Marriage Encounter Weekends**

“I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” (today's Gospel) God wishes for us to have a happy and abundant life with our spouse. We need to take time to learn how to make this happen. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is May 20-22, 2011 in Raleigh, NC. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: <http://NCMarriageDiscovery.org> or contact William & Elizabeth Nickles at [applications@ncmarriagediscovery.org](mailto:applications@ncmarriagediscovery.org) or 704-469-3866.



## **CUARTO DOMINGO DE PASCUA** **(Mayo 15, 2011)**

### **Enfasis Sugerido**

*“Si aceptan el sufrimiento al que conlleva hacer lo correcto, eso es aceptable a los ojos de Dios.”*

### **Perspectiva Salesiana**

Nosotros escuchamos ecos de esta primera Carta de Pablo en una de las exhortaciones de Santa Juana de Chantal a los miembros de su comunidad, las Hermanas de la Visitación. Ella argumentó: *“Miremos a nuestro Salvador, su excesivo sufrimiento y su excesivo amor. Mantengamos nuestros corazones alerta ante estas cosas, para que nuestro divino Salvador nos pueda comunicar y dar la fuerza para soportar las cosas que de su adorada mano nos lleguen.”* (Conferencias, página 255)

Cómo puede llegar a compararse nuestro sufrimiento con el sufrimiento que Jesús experimentó? Si hablamos del sufrimiento que vivió en su último día, no hay comparación. Pero si consideramos el sufrimiento que implica el esfuerzo que hacemos al padecer – al aguantar- a los demás, entonces nos daremos cuenta de que en verdad tenemos muchas cosas en común con el sufrimiento de Jesús; muchas más de las que podemos llegar a imaginar.

Analicen la palabra sufrimiento por sí misma. Esta no implica solamente “aguantar” algo difícil, doloroso o incluso dañino. La palabra sufrimiento viene del Latín *sufferre*, que significa, “cargar, aguantar, dar a luz... o vida a.”

Hechos a imagen y semejanza de Dios, redimidos por el amor de Cristo e inspirados por el Espíritu, todos tenemos una responsabilidad que cargar: vivir nuestras vidas por los demás. Todos estamos llamados a cargar con la responsabilidad de amarnos los unos a los otros, de ayudarnos los unos a los otros, de desafiarnos los unos a los otros, de sanarnos los unos a los otros, de animarnos los unos a los otros. Hijos de Dios, hermanos y hermanas de Cristo, todos cargamos con las inconveniencias que conlleva el vivir una vida de servicio generoso.

Para resumir, estamos llamados a vivir de la misma forma en que Jesús vivió.....y cargar, soportar todo lo que nos llegue a consecuencia del estilo de vida que hemos escogido. *“Fue por esto que ustedes han sido llamados, por que Cristo sufrió por ustedes y les dejó un ejemplo para que ustedes pueden seguir sus pasos.”*

Santa Juana claramente reconoció el sufrimiento, la inconveniencia, los esfuerzos que tenemos que hacer cuando elegimos vivir por los demás: *“Debemos tener un gran corazón para con nuestros vecinos, que en términos de amor, afecto y ayuda significa estar dispuesto a servir, asistir, confortar, soportar y apoyar de cualquier forma que nos sea posible, pero con alegría y cordialidad. Un gran corazón es un corazón que está dispuesto a enfrentar toda clase de inconvenientes, un corazón abierto que ama, ante todas las cosas la voluntad de Dios.”* (Conferencias, página 174)

Esta es la voluntad de Dios para con nosotros: No debemos soportar un sufrimiento que nos lleve a la vida, sino un sufrimiento que nos lleva, como dice Santa Juana, *“a una nueva vida, en la gracia de Dios y en el amor de Dios, en este mundo y después para siempre en la gloria...,”* el sufrimiento que causa el tener que soportar –que cargar- a los demás con amor (Conferencias, páginas 117 - 118) O como San Pablo escribió en su carta a los Efesos, (4:2) vivamos una vida que dignifique nuestro llamamiento, ser completamente humildes y gentiles, cargando a los demás ...con amor.

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



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

Please make your check payable to:  
Our Lady of the Seas (write “Flower Fund” in memo section) 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’**



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**Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Church**  
**(Please print legibly) I wish to donate flowers...**

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**Our Lady of the Seas**

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**I would like to give the flowers anonymously and not have my name printed in the bulletin.**

**If the flowers are for a particular Sunday, please write the date here:** \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

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