

The Ascension of Our Lord

“Go, make disciples of all nations.”

Salesian Perspective

In speaking on the mystery of the Ascension of Our Lord, Francis de Sales wrote: “We forsake our merely human life in order to live a loftier life above ourselves. We hide all this new life in God with Jesus Christ who alone sees it, knows it and gives it. Our new life is heavenly love, which vivifies and animates our soul, and this love is wholly hidden in God and the things of God with Jesus Christ. As the sacred words of the Gospel say, after Jesus had shown himself for a little while to his disciples, he ascended up to heaven, and at length a cloud surrounded him, took him and hid them from their eyes. Jesus Christ, then, is hidden in heaven in God. Jesus Christ is our love, and our love is the life of our soul. Therefore our life is hidden in God with Jesus Christ, and when Jesus who is our love and therefore our spiritual life shall appear in the Day of Judgment, we shall also appear with him in glory. That is, Jesus Christ, our love, will glorify us by communicating to us his own joy and splendor.” (Treatise on the Love of God, Book VII, Chapter 6)

Our life is indeed hidden in God. The deepest reality of who we are is known only to God. Still, for Francis de Sales, living a life hidden in God is not the same as keeping that life a secret: it is about giving witness to the deepest truth of who we are - and who God is - by the quality of our relationships with one another. Appropriate, then, that Francis de Sales calls us to practice the hidden virtues, “those little, humble virtues which grow like flowers at the foot of the cross: helping the poor, visiting the sick and taking care of your family, with all the tasks that go with such things and with all that useful diligence that will not allow you to stand idle.” (Introduction to the Devout Life, Part III, Chapter 35)

Through the Ascension, Jesus has been removed from our sight: at least, from the view of our physical sight. Nevertheless, the same authority that Jesus claimed from his Father is given to us by virtue of our creation and confirmed in our baptism. We are called to continue the work that Jesus began, that is, to make disciples -- followers, leaders, believers -- of all nations. We are called to be convincing signs of the ongoing redemptive and challenging activity of the Triune God, but in the simple, ordinary and everyday tasks of everyday life.

Paradoxically, to the extent that we are faithful to practicing the little virtues -- the hidden virtues -- that grow “at the foot of the cross,” Jesus is no longer hidden: he becomes clearly visible in our love, our concern, our pursuit of justice, our promotion of peace, our willingness to forgive, our attempts to heal.

What could be a more powerful - and convincing - way of making disciples of all nations?

Or, at the very least, the people with whom we interact every day.

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

Music for Sunday's Liturgy:

Entrance: # 400 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise – vs. 1, 2 & 3

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

Psalm: #208 Psalm 47: God Mounts His Throne
or chant: “God mounts his throne to shouts of joy,
a blare of trumpets for the Lord!”

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia (Celtic Mass)

Sprinkling Rite: # 454 River of Glory

Preparation: # 611 Only A Shadow

Eucharistic Acclamations:

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

Communion: # 602 Be Not Afraid

524 Behold the Lamb

Song of Praise: # 696 Abba Father

Recessional: # 419 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus - vs. 1 & 4

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **788 A**

1st Reading ~ Acts of the Apostles 1:1 – 11

2nd Reading ~ Ephesians 1:17 – 23

Gospel Reading ~ Matthew 28:16 – 20

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.

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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.

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

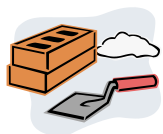
specifically for that purpose. The dark blue book is in back of the nave near the baptismal font. Just write your intentions in it, and they will be remembered during the Prayer of the Faithful at our Sunday Masses. *“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving 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.*

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.

CONGRADULATIONS TO THERESA SMITH FROM AVON on HATTERAS ISLAND...OUR 1ST DRAWING WINNER THIS PAST WEEKEND.

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



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.

Liturgical Ministers

Starting July 3rd we will be adding the 11:00 am Mass to the schedule. Please let GaeAnn Gessner know which Mass you will be attending so she can make a summer schedule. Also all Eucharistic Ministers please see GaeAnn if you are available to serve when attending a Mass. Telephone 995-5973, leave a message or email her at purrftc@embarqmail.com



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.



Christian Music Summer Concert Series

The Christian Music Summer Concert Series, benefiting our local Food Bank and ICO, will begin Memorial Day May 30 and run through September 5 Labor Day on Mondays 7-8pm at the Good Life Eatery MP 4.5 in Kitty Hawk. This year's host, music minister and Christian recording artist, Kim Kalman, has a great line up of local soloists and bands, duo and quartets. Come enjoy a great night of Christian music. Kim will start the season with material from her 3 Christian CDs on May 30. Admission is free. For more information call 441-2555 or visit www.prayerthroughmusic.com



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

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!

Fetal Development of Jacob at 11 Weeks: The most critical part of Jacob's development is now complete. Jacob enters into a period of rapid growth. His eyelids fuse close and will not open again until about 26 weeks. His eye color is already determined and Jacob can squint and even swallow. Jacob is over an inch long and is moving around in his home, the womb. The mother's uterus will increase its capacity by 1000 times during pregnancy. "For nothing will be impossible for God." (Luke 1:37)



Mass Schedule for 2011 ~ 2012

~ Summer Schedule ~

May 28th to September 4th

- Saturday 7:00 pm
- Sunday 9:00 am
- Sunday 6:30 pm (Spanish)

ADD THE FOLLOWING

July 3, 2011 to August 7, 2011

- Sunday 11:00 am

~ Winter Schedule ~

September 11, 2011 to May 20, 2012

- Sunday 9:00 am

~ Spanish ~

May 1, 2011 to October 2, 2011

- Sunday 6:30 pm

October, 2011 to May 6, 2012

- Sunday 5:30 pm

~ Year Round ~

- Friday 8:30 am

~ Ocracoke Island ~

- Friday 6:30 pm at UMC Hall on School Lane

Confessions before Mass or by Appointment



~ 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>

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BUILD A BETTER MARRIAGE:

Learn to handle anger more constructively, resolve conflicts, communicate better. Hear couples share how they overcame problems in their marriages. 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: June 6 and June 20 from 7-9pm at St. Patrick Catholic School, 1620 Marlborough Rd, Fayetteville, NC; June 8 and June 22 from 7-9pm at St. Francis of Assisi, LaVerna Center, 11401 Leesville Rd, Raleigh, NC All are welcome. For more information go to www.diocesefraleigh.org or call 919-821-9753.



Marriage Encounter Weekends

"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." Jesus wants to be part of our marriage to bring us the love and intimacy that He wants for us. Come and learn how to obtain these gifts for your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is Aug 5-7, 2011 in Hickory, 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 or 704-469-3866.



Marriage Help – Retrouvaille

(pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on October 21-23, 2011 call 434-793-0242 or email: retrouvaillenc@msn.com or visit the web site at www.retrouvaille.org



Marriage – Love and Life In The Divine Plan: Two become one

Marriage, this clinging together of husband and wife as one flesh, is based on the fact that man and woman are both different and the same. They are different as male and female, but the same as human persons who are uniquely suited to be partners or helpmates for each other. The difference between man and woman, however, cannot be restricted to their bodies, as if the body could be separated from the rest of the human person. The human person is a union of body and soul as a single being. Man and woman are two different ways of being a human person. Look what the United States Catholic Bishops are saying about marriage <http://www.usccb.org/laity/loveandlife/>

MARRIAGE PROBLEMS? Ever wish you could connect with someone who has "been there?" Some with HOPE? Someone with HELP? Someone who CARES? 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: June 6 and June 20 from 7-9pm at St. Patrick Catholic School, 1620 Marlborough Rd, Fayetteville, NC; June 8 and June 22 from 7-9pm at St. Francis of Assisi, LaVerna Center, 11401 Leesville Rd, Raleigh, NC All are welcome. For more information go to www.diocesefraleigh.org or call 919-821-9753.

Asunción del Señor
Junio 5 de 2011

En la Lectura de hoy experimentamos a Jesús resucitado; ascendiendo rumbo a la plenitud del Reino de Dios. San Francisco de Sales observa lo siguiente:

El misterio de la Asunción nos deja atónitos. Si logramos entender la Asunción, habremos obtenido el tesoro más valioso de entre todos los dones que Jesús nos da. Su cuerpo, ya no en estado físico sino espiritual, penetra los cielos y se hace presente en la Eucaristía. El se entrega a todos los que deseen recibirlo y acogerlo. Secretamente, El los está transformando a todos.

El amor de Dios diviniza nuestra humanidad constantemente. Nuestra vida de amor divino nos impone una obligación: que amemos nuestro cuerpo de forma adecuada. El cuerpo hace parte de nosotros en nuestra condición humana, y compartirá también con nosotros la felicidad eterna. Como cristianos debemos amar nuestros cuerpos, ya que éstos son la imagen viviente de la encarnación de nuestro Salvador. También debemos saber reconocer y amar esa imagen divina en los demás.

Cuando empezamos a llevar una vida “oculta en Dios, con Jesucristo”, estamos viviendo a través de nuestro verdadero yo interior. Estamos viviendo una nueva vida de amor divino. Nuestros amores egoístas quedarán entonces a merced del amor divino. ¿Cómo conseguimos hacer esto? La fuerte luz del sol hace que la luz de las estrellas desaparezca. Del mismo modo, cuando nosotros enfocamos nuestros afectos en aquellas cosas que son imperecederas, cosas que son eternas, estamos contribuyendo a sofocar esos amores desmedidos que sentimos por cosas que son efímeras. El fuego del amor de Dios, que es mucho más fuerte y poderoso, extingue nuestro amor excesivo por todas aquellas cosas que son inferiores.

La Resurrección-Asunción de Jesús nos otorga el poder necesario para vivir una nueva vida en el amor sagrado, la cual es totalmente contraria a todas las opiniones y reglas de nuestra cultura actual que tiende hacia el materialismo. El amor de Cristo es la fuente de nuestro amor. No existe nada comparable al amor para estimular el corazón de una persona. Naveguemos jubilosos por entre las dificultades de esta vida pasajera, ya que todo es perfecto, y será perfeccionado, en la eterna bienaventuranza del Cielo. Será entonces que Nuestro Salvador nos glorificará con Su esplendor, por que habremos amado todas las cosas, no para nuestro beneficio, sino por la gloria de Dios.

(Adaptación de los escritos de San Francisco 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 2nd collection basket.

Be sure to mark the envelope ‘Flower Fund’



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\$25.00 donation, checks payable to:

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If the flowers are for a particular Sunday, please write the date here: _____

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