

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Life can be frustrating enough at times without making it worse by failing to look ahead. How many times have we had to go back to the grocery store because we didn't first make a list of what we needed to buy? How often have we run to Lowe's or Home Depot three, four, five times or more on the same day because we simply didn't take the time to first consider all the materials that we would need in order to accomplish a project? How many vacations or trips have been soured because we failed first to sit down and consider all the things we should bring?

Anything worth doing - no matter how simple or complex - is worth doing well. And the first step in doing something well is to plan ahead.

We clearly hear echoes of this truth in the parable from Luke's Gospel. Jesus admonishes his audience to determine first what it is they will need to complete an important task before embarking on the task itself. For his part, St. Francis de Sales recommends: *"Be careful and attentive to all the matters that God has committed to your care. Since God has confided them to you, God wishes you to have great care for them."*

Of course, we know that the Salesian tradition cautions us not to become so obsessed with advanced planning that we become anxious or compulsive. However, this same tradition cautions us against performing tasks or projects in a careless or haphazard manner. Our own experience clearly demonstrates that when we fail to plan we are frequently planning to fail.

Take a page from the life of Jesus himself. Before undertaking his public ministry he went into the desert where he no doubt took stock of all that he would need to accomplish God's great project for him: the salvation of the human family. Jesus didn't begin his ministry in a haphazard fashion; he didn't make it up as he went along. He was deliberate; He was prudent. Before He began His ministry in earnest He first considered all that He would need - with the Father's love - to redeem all creation through His life, His love, His passion, His death and His resurrection.

God has entrusted to us the most important of all projects: to continue Christ's work on earth, to be sources of God's peace, justice, reconciliation, truth, hope, care, concern and love for one another. Like the tower in today's Gospel parable, accomplishing this task can sometimes be a tall order indeed. Few of us, however, have the luxury of setting aside forty days in the desert to determine what we need in order to follow God's will, and to be the kind of people that God calls us to be. When are we supposed to calculate what we'll need to be successful - to be faithful - in pursuing this greatest of all projects?

How about the first few minutes of every new day?

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

**Gloria:** # 47 Glory Be

**Psalm: chant** - # 172 Psalm 19

*Lord, You Have the Words*

**Gospel Acclamation:** # 10 Alleluia (Celtic Mass)

**Preparation:** # 706 Come to the Water

**Communion:** # 550 Servant Song

**Song of Praise:** # 575 Only This I Want

**Recessional:** # 580 Lord, You Have Come

*All other sung Mass parts are from Mass of Creation*

### SHOULD WE STAND, SIT, OR KNEEL?

**Answer:** Following the reception of Holy Communion, communicants should return to their places in the Assembly and **remain standing until the celebrant is seated.** (*General Norms for the Celebration of the Sacred Liturgy of the Mass, Diocese of Raleigh*)

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **868**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Wisdom 9:13 – 18b

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Philemon 9 – 10, 12 – 17

**Gospel Reading** ~ Luke 14:25 – 33



**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.**

### Our Stewardship

	<u>Buxton</u>	<u>Ocracoke</u>
Offertory	\$1765.00	\$100.00
Debt Reduction	\$ 525.00	
Parish Needs	\$ 485.00	
Attendance	345	16



**Ruegue por: Please Remember:** in your prayers all those on our **Parish Prayer List**, especially Richard Bacik, Robbie Bendula, Jim Benton, Jim & Linda Carolan, Carrie Easley, Betty Fulcher, Joe Gallagher, Keith Gardner, Delores Gilliken, Stephen Hissey, TQ Lewis, Grey McDowell, Donna Midgett, Elizabeth Moffit, Cliff Morrow, Ella Newmiller, Mackey Peele, Pat Rice, Ann Styron, Mary Van Severen, Megan Vayette, 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.

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.

### **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



### **Winter Schedule ~ Starts September 12, 2010**

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

### **Year Round ~**

- Friday 8:30 am

### **Ocracoke Island ~**

- Friday 6:30 pm

### **Confessions before Mass or by Appointment**



### **School Supply Drive**

At the Little Grove Church, off Highway 12 in Frisco, a big donation box is available for receiving school supplies. Call 252-216-8009 for additional information, to make confidential referrals or to schedule a pick-up. This ministry of Little Grove United Methodist Church makes sure that students arrive at school with what's needed for the new school term.

### **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](http://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.



### **Riding for MS**

Ty Vayette, (Megan's husband) will be "Riding for MS" on September 10 – 12. Anyone interested in making a pledge can call Megan at 252-216-7176.

### **Liturgy Committee**

Parishioners and visitors are reminded that we have a liturgy committee at Our Lady of the Seas, with the mission of enhancing our spiritual growth and parish life. Many times, through attendance at services in other parishes, we learn of practices which might be implemented in our own parish. If anyone has issues or questions, or ideas that they would like the committee to consider, please contact one of the Committee members. Listed here are the members of the Committee with their areas of responsibility, but feel free to bring any issue or question to any member:

- Mary Bisantz (Chair, Lectors)
- Linda Browning (Music)
- Gae Ann Gessner (Liturgical Ministers)
- Dee Jensen (Funeral & Wedding Coordinators, Hospitality)
- Rita Doerr (Altar Servers, Sacristans)



"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, which are very high on military salary.

We would appreciate any help from our community family by cutting out the coupons you don't use and place them in the basket, which you will find in the vestibule. GaeAnn Gessner will take on the task of mailing them out weekly. .

If our visiting parishioners/guest 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.

## Outer Banks Christian Music

### Summer Concert Series

The 2010 Christian Music Concert Series hosted by Kim Kalman, Holy Redeemer Church music minister and national recording artist continues! Concerts are held each Monday evening at 7:00 pm at Holy Trinity Church in Nags Head. Kim will be performing material from her Christian CDs including her new release, I LOOK TO YOU. *Joining Kim on September 6<sup>th</sup> will be the Nags Head Church Praise & Worship Band.* Admission is FREE. Come enjoy great Christian music at the beach. Love offering proceeds will benefit the OBX food bank & ICO. The weekly concert is an excellent opportunity to relax, have fun and renew the spirit with God's music. For further information, contact Kim Kalman 252-441-2555 or [www.kimkalman.com](http://www.kimkalman.com).



## Hatteras Island Food Pantry



Our pantry is still busy and requires regular replenishment. Please consider adding a few items each time you shop. Since the size of the families accessing the food pantry varies, please avoid bulk sized items. Shopping suggestions and items needed are on the bulletin board in the foyer.

### 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 and dried beans
- Cereals – both hot and cold, including oatmeal and grits
- Personal care items – toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, razors
- Cleaning products, including dish and laundry detergent
- Paper products
- Pet Foods

Don't want to pack the car again? Visitors are invited to leave unopened non-perishable items on our 24-hour drop-box for the Food Pantry, located on the front porch of our social hall. A second drop off location is at Frisco Rod & Gun located across from Billy Mitchell Airport Road in Frisco, (Ramp 49).

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

***Thank you for your generosity!***

### 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. **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.



### 6th Annual Day at the Docks

A Celebration of Hatteras Island Watermen will take place Saturday, September 18, 2010, on the Hatteras village waterfront.

The day brings island fishing families and visitors together on the waterfront to celebrate the living traditions and heritage of Hatteras Island, a special place where the pull of the sound and the sea remains as irresistible today as in years past for commercial fishermen and charter-boat captains and mates.

An enthusiastic and spirited band of volunteers, headed by Lynne and Ernie Foster, deliver a fun-filled day packed with friendly competitions and contests, boat and gear displays, cooking demonstrations, children's activities, and more. But there are expenses associated with the celebration, such as tent and other infrastructure rental fees and the costs of signs, supplies, prizes, posters and entertainment. We hope you can help make Day at the Docks a success this year by contributing a donation to help cover those types of expenses. No contribution is too small, and all contributions are deeply appreciated. Contributions can be made by mailing a check made out to "Day at the Docks" mail to Day at the Docks, P.O. Box 120, Hatteras, NC 27943.

Thank you for your support of one of eastern North Carolina's most unique celebrations.

### 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***



## **“OLS 2010 Fund Raiser Raffle”**

### **Tickets on Sale Today**

Raffle tickets are on sale before and after the Mass which will support our church. Cost \$5.00 a ticket and 5 tickets for \$20.00. The drawing date will be Sunday, November 28, 2010

#### **Prizes are;**

- \* 7 Day Cruise to the Caribbean
- \* 2 Kayak trips and 1 Parasail ride
- \* Two day stay at the Comfort Inn in Buxton
- \* \$50.00 Gift Certificate to the Askins Creek BP in Avon. **(there are 2 of these gift certificates to be raffled off individually)**
- \* A weeks stay in an ocean front home in Frisco
- \* Gift Certificate for Conner’s Market
- \* \$50.00 Gift Certificate to The Inn on The Pamlico Sound, Buxton.
- \* Dinner for 6 prepared by Father Bob at his house.
- \* A Picture Donated by Local artist Raphael Robinson
- \* Garmin GMR 21/41 closed array radar and GPS Map400 with 10-inch screen. All connections and manuals included.
- \* Rod & Reel ~ Ocean Master OM60 spinning reel 4.6:1 ratio mated to a OM20STB 7-foot Med/Heavy rod.
- \* Rod & Reel ~ Ocean Master OM80 spinning reel 4.6:1 ratio mated to a OM20STB 7-foot Med/Heavy rod.
- \* Rod & Reel ~ Okuma Titus TG 15 II Reel w/cover mated to Custom Powerstick 6-foot 20 – 40 pound line with roller tip. **(there are 3 of these rods and reels to be raffled off individually)**
- \* Penn International 50W Reel **(there are 2 of these reels to be raffled off individually)**
- \* \$100.00 Gift Certificate to Home Port Gifts, Rodanthe
- \* \$50.00 Gift Certificate from Birthday Suits (BS) at Hatteras Landing
- \* Fine art print of this beautiful church, numbered and sign by local artist Linda Browning
- \* A fishing trip to the Gulf Stream on the Miss Hatteras for one.
- \* A ½ day fishing trip inshore with Ken Dempsey Guide Service worth \$300.00
- \* North Carolina Basket from Lee Robinson's General Store in Hatteras.
- \* A White-Dove Release from Hatteras Doves (\$375.00 value) for your Hatteras Island celebration.
- \* REAL Kites 5 DVD Series & a Slingshot Trainer Kite worth \$300.00

**ALL** proceeds from the raffle will go toward reduction of the church mortgage.

## **Catholic Convocation 2010**

CONVOCATION – from the Latin *convocare*, to call together; to summon an assembly.

*The Sacred Liturgy: Proclaiming, Celebrating and Witnessing to the Mystery of Christ.* October 16, 2010, Cardinal Gibbons High School, 1401 Edwards Mill Road, Raleigh, NC 27607, 8:30 am-4:30 pm. A wide variety of speakers and workshops to choose from throughout the day. The day includes tracks for: All the Faithful; Youth and Youth Ministers; RCIA Catechumens and Candidates; Hispanic Ministry; Music Ministry. Keynote Address and Principal Celebrant - The Most Reverend Wilton D. Gregory, Archbishop of Atlanta. Keynote Address in Spanish - Sister Doris Turek, S.S.N.D., Secretariat of Divine Worship, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Principal Concelebrant and Homilist - The Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge, Bishop of Raleigh. Featured speakers include: Monsignor Ray East, Executive Director of the Office of Black Catholics, Archdiocese of Washington, DC, and Dr. Fanny Cepada Pedraza, RCL Benziger, National Consultant for Hispanic Catechesis, as well as many other outstanding speakers. Registration Fee: \$40 Individual; \$35 each for Groups of 5 or more; \$30 High School Youth; and \$50 day of Convocation (walk-ins). For more information or to download registration forms visit the Diocesan website: [www.dioceseofraleigh.org](http://www.dioceseofraleigh.org) or to have a registration brochure mailed to you call 919.645.4447.

**CURSILLO NEWS:** The Diocese of Raleigh is offering Cursillo for men Oct. 7 - 10. If you are interested in making a week-end or request further information, please contact us. If you have made a Cursillo, we welcome your personal contact to hear of your experience and offer you reconnection with our Community. As you know, there are a variety of ways to support the Cursillo movement ~ as the Spirit of Christ leads. Call or email: Rick & Elaine Pfaff, 252-426-3812; [elainerick@inteliport.com](mailto:elainerick@inteliport.com).  
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## **Catholic Relief Services for Pakistan**

CRS, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States, is bringing critical aid to thousands of people affected by the recent flooding in Pakistan, the worst in the country’s history. To donate, please call 1-877-HELP-CRS, donate online at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org) or send a check to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090. In the memo portion of your check, please write: Pakistan Flooding.