

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 15, 2018

Salesian Perspective

We have just heard St. Paul remind us that we are an integral part of God's mysterious plan of salvation. Think for a moment about the wonderful truths he tells us about ourselves. Like the prophet Amos and the Twelve in the gospel, we are ordinary people.

Yet Paul tells us, in the eyes of God who made us, we are special:

- before the world came into being, God has chosen us in Christ to be holy
- because God loves us, he has destined us to be his adopted children in Christ
- in Christ, we have been blessed with every spiritual blessing
- in the blood of Jesus, our sins are forgiven; we are redeemed
- the riches of God's grace have been lavished upon us
- God has revealed to us in Jesus his mysterious plan of salvation
- we are chosen by God to praise his glory
- we have been sealed with the Holy Spirit as God's possession
- the Spirit within us is the sure promise of our inheritance – life with our God forever.

No matter how ordinary we may appear in our own eyes or in the eyes of the world around us, our God has made us special – each of us, all of us. And God sends us into the world, as Jesus sent the Twelve, to announce that good news of God's gracious love to everyone we meet.

God wants us to live in a way that shows that we have understood what God has done for us – that we treasure the work in grace in us. How we choose to live today and everyday reflects what we believe about ourselves. If I believe I'm ordinary, then I don't have much to bring to others. If I believe that God's grace makes me and others special, then I have something worthwhile to bring to others, and they to me.

God has given each of us a destiny – an inheritance. Our God made us to be holy as God is holy. How we choose to live our daily lives will give honor and praise to our God who has loved us and chosen us in Jesus. As we place our hope and trust in Jesus and try to follow the inspirations of the Spirit within us each day, we are being led home to our Father's house.

May the words we have heard from St. Paul today help us to remember who we really are. The mercy and grace of our loving God has made us so.



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The Reading for today's Mass are found in the
Glory & Praise at number **843**
1st Reading ~ Amos 7:12 – 15
2nd Reading ~ Ephesians 1:3 – 14 or 1:3 – 10
Gospel Reading ~ Mark 6:7 – 13

“There is no better way of growing toward perfection in the spiritual life than to be always starting over again and never thinking that we have done enough.”

-St. Francis de Sales
“2018 50/50 OLS RAFFLE”



Raffle tickets are on sale after all the Masses, this raffle will support our church.
~ 1 tickets for \$5.00 ~
~ 5 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.

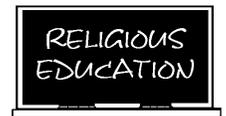
OUR 3rd WINNER – Becky Kruer of Indiana



The Sacrament of Penance

Fr Fred will minister to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays, starting at 4:45 pm, to provide sufficient opportunities for the faithful to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Penance.

1. **Registration for Fall catechism** classes call:
Claudia Hennessey:
252-995-6662



2. **Confirmation Class summer events:**
~ Aug. 14th. Tues. details to follow
~ Sept 11th. Tues. Pool Party & Cookout 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

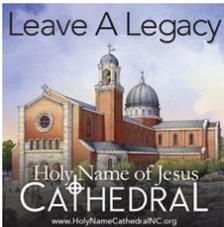


OLS Cleanup and Repairs

A cleanup event for the OLS campus grounds is scheduled for **Saturday, 7/28 from 8 AM**

to Noon. We're soliciting volunteers to come out and help us complete several light grounds keeping and repair tasks. Donuts and water will be provided. Please bring your work gloves and any trimmers or shears you may have. If you plan to come out, even for hour or two, please contact Bob Rinda at [\(919\) 604-9673](tel:9196049673), or bob_rinda@yahoo.com.

Inspirational artwork by Brother Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales. You can learn more at bromickeymcgrath.com



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STAY SAFE - LEARN ABOUT RIP TIDES

Every Monday morning 9:30 am at Hatteras Island Rescue Squad, (which is located right across from the Buxton Post Office), there is a special

presentation on how to know what to look for and what to do if caught in a "RIP TIDE"

Please be safe and have a wonderful vacation.

Raleigh to Rome

<https://www.youtube.com/user/DioceseofRaleigh> is a weekly Catholic news brief of local and global Catholic news hosted by Kate Watson, Editor of the *NC Catholics* magazine. New episodes are posted every Friday morning! **Watch and subscribe to the Raleigh to Rome You Tube channel.**

The Pope's Intentions for July

Intention for Evangelization: Priest and their Pastoral Ministry. That priest, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

Join Pope Francis for 30 days of prayer

On July 7TH the Holy Father is bringing together the leaders of the Churches of the Middle East in Bari, Italy. "Pray with me, that they may experience the support of all the Churches and communities, through prayer and material assistance." In the lead-up to this meeting, **Aleteia** is answering the pope's call. As people of faith, we know there is genuine power in prayer, but there is something uniquely powerful and uplifting about praying together. **Aleteia** is mobilizing our global community of Christians for **30-days of prayer** to support our brothers and sisters of the middle east.



30 Days We Pray ~ 7/7 thru 8/6

O God of all the nations, the One God who is and was and always will be, in your providence you willed that your Church be united to the suffering of your Son. Look with mercy on your servants who are persecuted for their faith in you. Grant them perseverance and courage to be worthy imitators of Christ. Bring your wisdom upon leaders of nations to work for peace among all peoples. May your Spirit open conversion for those who contradict your will, that we may live in harmony. Give us the grace to be united in truth and freedom, and to always seek your will in our lives. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us.

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Teen RCIA class will be held at 10:30 am on Thursdays in the Hall for the summer starting.