

**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 12, 2018**

**Salesian Perspective**

Jesus explained to them: "I myself am the bread of life. No one who comes to me shall ever be hungry, no one who believes in me shall ever thirst."

Today is week 3 of the 5 weeks dedicated to John's sixth chapter on the bread of life.

The first reading from 1 Kings tells of Elijah's eating bread, a hearth cake. It also tells us that this was quite the "power bar." After eating two of them, we read that he walked for 40 days and 40 nights to Mt. Horeb where he re-examined his fear-ridden life, accepted once more the *word* of God and renews his trust in God.

The Hebrew bible has a tradition of knowledge being called the bread of the spirit. In Deuteronomy, we read a famous and familiar quote: "Not by bread alone does man live, but by every *word* that comes forth from the Lord.

In John 6 we read of two different senses of Jesus' speaking of himself as the bread of life. John follows a clear outline. He first quotes Jesus claim: "I am the bread of life." Next, there is murmuring from the Jews. Finally, there is Jesus' explanation of his saying, "I am the bread of life." Today's Gospel addresses the first sense in which Jesus uses the phrase: "I am the bread of life."

Key to understanding the two parallel passages are the verbs that Jesus uses when he speaks about the "bread." Let's review today's reading:

"No one comes to me shall ever be hungry, no one who *believes* in me shall ever thirst." It is written in the prophets: God shall teach them all. Everyone who *listens* to my father and *learns* from him comes to me...this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may *eat* it and not die.

Do you see how these verses correspond to the quote from Deuteronomy? "Not by bread alone does man live, but by *every word that comes forth* from the lord? We heard the verb - phrases: believes – taught by God – listens to my father – learns from him - eat[s] [this bread].

Jesus is proclaiming in today's passage that he is "the bread of life" in the sense that he is food for the mind / heart. He gives us "something to chew on." He is sapiential food. He is wisdom for those who *listen* to him, to those who accept him as the center of their lives. This food provides the one who accepts him with a life that is not at mere subsistence level, not simple existing. Bread is seen as something that is necessary for living a life that is fully alive. This bread of life provides an answer to the question of what living is for.

We can never underestimate the intelligence and the

ingenuity of John the author. It is well accepted that this section of John 6 was calculated to express what we call "the liturgy of the word" in the celebration of Eucharist. It is at this time of our celebration that we turn our attention to a theme that is present in each Sunday celebration of Eucharist.

We first hear a connection to the Hebrew bible; we then usually hear a passage from the apostle, Paul; the final reading is from one of the four gospels. When we listen carefully each week, we hear the great themes from scripture in carefully chosen seasons of the year. These give us the history of salvation, the interventions of our god in the lives of those who have gone before us. During the season of Easter, the first reading is from the Acts of the Apostles that tells us the formative experiences of the early Christian church.

This is bread that thoroughly nourishes us. We realize that our concerns, our worries, our burdens, our joys are not unique to us. We hear of others who walked before us and experienced similar times. In a sense, these people are brought into our lives in our day. We digest the bread of life and are eternally nourished on our journey.

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **855**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ 1 Kings 19:4 – 8

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

**Gospel Reading** ~ John 6:41 – 51



**"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 4th WINNER** – John Cochol of Maryland

*Mass Intentions for the Week*



✠ **In memory of Bob Martini – Friday 4:00 pm**  
*Requested by his loving wife, Barbara Martini*

✠ **For Deacon and Mrs. Joseph Codespoti in recognition of their 65th wedding anniversary – Sunday 9:00 am**

*Requested by Jane Grimm (their flower girl)*



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



**A Moment From De Sales**

“Do all things in the name of God, and you will do all things well.”  
A Moment From De Sales is a Blog by Fr. Richard R. DeLillio, OSFS.

His purpose for this blog is to help readers see the connection between life's everyday happenings and their growth in holiness. Read more at [www.livetodaywell.org/](http://www.livetodaywell.org/)



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**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.***

**“Worry prevents us from doing well the very things about which we are worried.”**

**~ St. Francis de Sales**

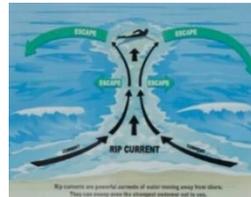


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**The Pope's Intentions for August**

**The Treasure of Families. That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.**



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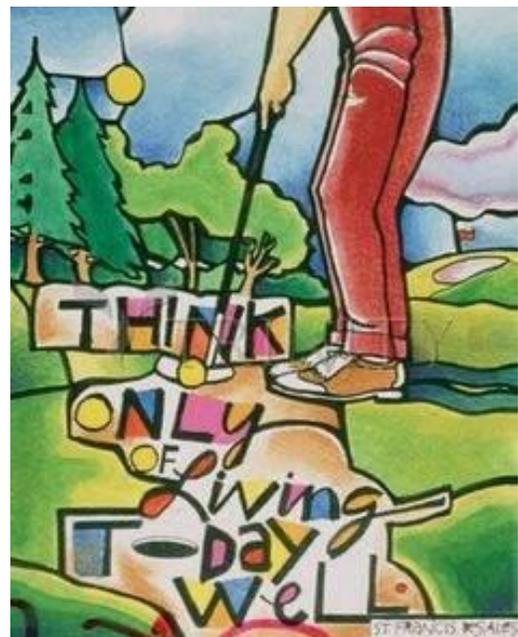
Every Monday morning 9:30 am at Hatteras Island Rescue Squad, (which is located right across from the Buxton Post Office),

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.



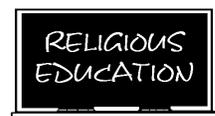
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1. **Registration for Fall catechism** classes call: Claudia Hennessey: 252-995-6662



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