

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**August 19, 2018**

**Salesian Perspective**

What a wonderful gift the Eucharist is! Jesus gives us his flesh to eat and his blood to drink. And he commands us to eat and drink that we might have life – His life, eternal life.

Like Wisdom in today's first reading, Jesus invites us to the meal he has prepared for us – a meal that enables us to unite ourselves to his saving death and resurrection. On the Cross, Jesus' flesh was pierced and his blood shed for others, for you and me. As we eat and drink, we are called to "forsake foolishness that (we) might live; advance in the way of understanding."

The words of Wisdom remind us that this is a sacred meal, a meal of covenant. God has given Jesus for our sake. In Jesus, God's great love and mercy become visible, tangible. When we eat Jesus' body and drink his blood, we are expressing our willingness to be one with Jesus in his saving mission to the world. We become his "good news" to today's world.

Each day we seek to understand better how we are to live as members of this covenant community. In this meal, we become one with Jesus and one with the community – one in the Body of Christ. As we leave this sacred meal, we are challenged to live the daily reality of our oneness.

St. Francis de Sales offers us some practical advice on how to make this happen more effectively. He writes: "After Communion, consider Jesus seated in your heart and bring before him each of your faculties and senses in order to hear his commands and promise him fidelity." This exercise can become our thanksgiving and our commitment to living out what we have celebrated and received. Jesus will offer us a way of using our intellect, our will, our memory, our hearing, our touching, our speaking today so that we can witness to God's loving presence in the world.

We heard St. Paul encourage us: "Watch carefully how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise." Our eating and drinking at the table of the Lord makes all of us one. May the wise way we live today and everyday make visible the oneness we experience here in Eucharist.

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **858**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Proverbs 9:1 – 6  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Ephesians 5:15 – 20  
**Gospel Reading** ~ John 6:51 – 58

**"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 5th WINNER** – Tom & Pat Shaffer of Pennsylvania

**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.**

**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/)

**Mass & Spiritual Enrollment Cards**

You can now purchase a Mass Card or Spiritual Enrollment Cards online! Visit [DSA Enrollment](http://www.dsaenrollment.com/). There are Mass Cards available for living and deceased individuals and Spiritual Enrollment cards for a variety of occasions. Share the beauty of the Eucharist by honoring a loved one with a Mass Card or Spiritual Enrollment Card. <http://www.dsaenrollment.com/>

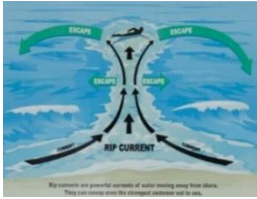


**The Sacrament of Penance** Fr Fred will minister ***to the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturdays, starting at 4:45 pm, to provide sufficient opportunities for the faithful to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Penance.***



**"If, when stung by slander or ill-nature, we wax proud and swell with anger, it is a proof that our gentleness and humility are unreal, and mere artificial show."**

**~Saint Francis de Sales**

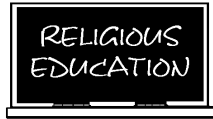


**STAY SAFE - LEARN ABOUT  
RIP TIDES**

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.

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



Father Robert Hazel will be visiting our parish next weekend to speak at all the Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America. [www.CrossCatholic.org](http://www.CrossCatholic.org)

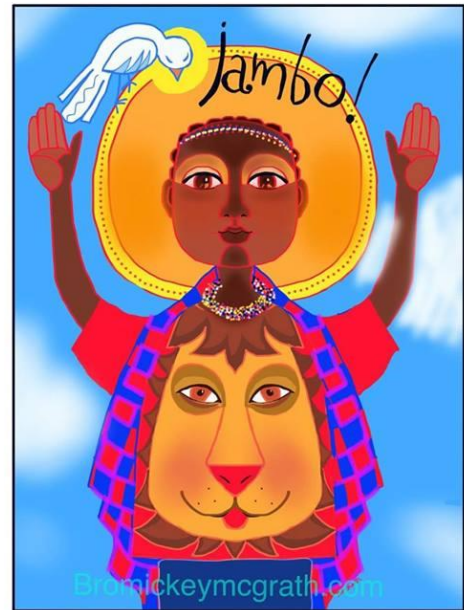
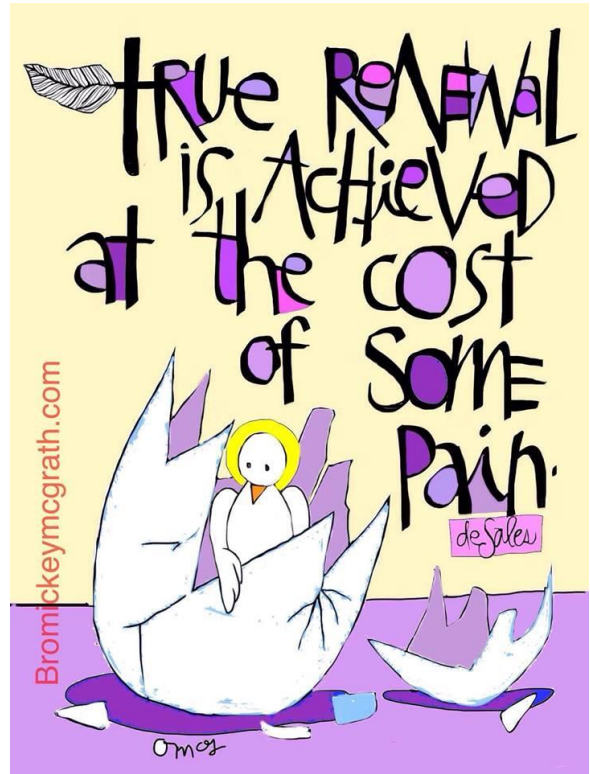


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Keep me in prayer as I head to Kenya! I will be creating art for Maryknoll and Catholic Relief Services.

Watch for video updates on my mural painting and sketching adventures.

*Peace, Bro Mickey*

Brother Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, and the artist whose inspirational work is posted in our bulletin weekly, is heading to Kenya! You can learn more at [bromicmcgrath.com](http://bromicmcgrath.com).