

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 26, 2018

Salesian Perspective

During the past few Sundays, we have listened to Jesus speak of himself as the living bread come down from heaven. He has made it very clear that we must eat his flesh and drink his blood or we won't have life within us.

Today we have heard the disciples respond to all that Jesus has said. Some find his words hard to believe and walk away from him. With a note of sadness, Jesus asks the Twelve: "Do you also want to leave?" We heard Peter speak for himself and the Twelve: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of everlasting life.

We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." What a profound act of faith!

Peter responds from his experience of God in Jesus, as Joshua had done before him. It may have been difficult to understand what Jesus was saying to them, but Peter and the Twelve were convinced by what they had seen and heard that Jesus was the Holy One of God. They would put their faith and trust in him, knowing that they would eventually come to a better understanding of all that Jesus was telling them.

Like the Israelites of old, they chose to serve the Lord who is our God. They have seen all that God has done in the person of Jesus. They put themselves at the service of Jesus.

Jesus continues to ask his question. You and I have opportunities to respond. Each of us has experienced difficult moments in life that make Jesus' words hard to accept. Jesus repeats his question: "Do you also want to leave?"

Just staying here because that's where I am does not answer Jesus' question. I can be here and not be open to Jesus' words of everlasting life for me. I can be here and not accept the graces offered to me to draw me closer to Jesus.

Are we, willing to respond whole-heartedly to Jesus? Let us ask for the grace to respond with open heart to the present moment to all that Jesus wants to do in us and through us to one another. Let us make our Oblate response with sincere faith and trust: "Live, Jesus, whom I love! Live in me today!"

NEW BALANCE ON OUR MORTGAGE \$124,839.42

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **861**

1st Reading ~ Joshua 24:1 – 2a, 15 – 17, 18b

2nd Reading ~ Ephesians 5:21 – 32 or 5:2a, 25 – 32

Gospel Reading ~ John 6:60 – 69

"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

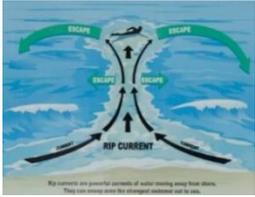
life's everyday happenings and their growth in holiness. Read more at www.livetodaywell.org/



Please welcome Father Robert Hazel who will 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. Please be generous in your response to Father's appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.



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.



~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.

Volunteer Help Needed Day at the Docks



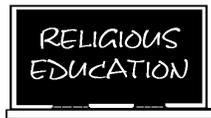
- Date: Saturday Sept 15th.**
 ~ We need 6 to 8 volunteers ~ 1st shift 10:00 to 1:00
 ~ We need 6 to 8 volunteers ~ 2nd shift 1:00 to 5:00
 ~ We need a set up crew at 7:30 am
 ~ Clean up crew at 4:00 pm

~ We need desserts (cookies or brownies individually wrapped)

If you can't bake or work, donations to defray costs would be appreciated.

Contact Dave or Karen Kelmer at 986-2719 or email at karenkelmer@gmail.com

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



- Confirmation Class summer event:**
 ~ Sept 11th. Tues. Pool Party & Cookout 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm



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



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"We all have a vocation. We believe that God has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can accomplish."

~St. Francis de Sales



Brother Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales, and the artist whose inspirational work is posted in our bulletin weekly, he is currently in Kenya! You can learn more at bromickeymcgrath.com.



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GIVING TREE MEMORIALS

Do you want to share in the GIVING TREE? A donation of \$500 will purchase a leaf which has 4 lines to list an inscription. It is quite fitting that the new "GIVING TREE" has taken root in the vestibule of our church. Any questions contact Dave Kelmer 252.986.2719

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. Donate any unopened non-perishable items at our convenient 24-hour drop box on the Social Hall porch.

No time to shop? Checks may be made out to: United Methodist Men, PO Box 1591 Buxton, NC 27920
Thank you for your generosity!