

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 23, 2018**

**Salesian Perspective**

At Jesus' baptism by John in the Jordan, the Father had identified Jesus as his Son, the beloved one in whom he is well pleased. This is a reference to the "suffering servant" in the prophet Isaiah. The servant must suffer and die in order to fully actualize his identity.

In today's Gospel, Jesus begins to prepare his disciples for what is to come. He identifies himself with the "just one" in the Book of Wisdom which we heard in today's first reading. He will be put to the test so as to give proof of his gentleness and patience. He will be condemned to a shameful death – and God will take care of him.

Mark comments that the disciples did not understand the saying and were afraid to question him. Apparently, they distracted themselves by arguing about who was the greatest among them.

Jesus was not distracted and continued to teach them about himself and how they were to live. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Jesus is among them as servant – the "suffering servant."

The child Jesus places in their midst and embraces is how they are to receive him: peaceably, gently, without inconstancy or insincerity, open to wisdom from above.

Jesus comes to us as the "suffering servant" – Savior and Lord. He invites us to embrace him as he did the child. May we not allow ourselves to become distracted by petty, personal concerns. Let us accept Jesus as the First and Only in our lives, for he has shown us how to be the last and the servant of all.

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **873**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Wisdom 2:12, 17 – 20

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ James 3:16 – 4:3

**Gospel Reading** ~ Mark 9:30 – 37

**Pope's Intentions September**  
**That young people in Africa**  
**may have access to education**  
**and work in their own**  
**countries.**

**Principal Balance on our Mortgage ~ \$116,529.35**  
**Thank you for your continuing support...**



**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.

**"Nothing is so strong as gentleness,  
nothing so gentle as real strength."**

**~St. Francis de Sales**



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of the Diocese of Raleigh

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Here is a direct link to where you can purchase items for survivors of Hurricane Florence:

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

Parents of Faith Formation students: **it's time**

**to register! Registration for Fall catechism** classes see Claudia Hennessey after Mass or call 252-995-6662

**Our Lady of the Seas Flea Market**



Shoppers and crafters will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 10 from 10-4 for a flea market.

Interested crafters should contact Cheryl Layne at 995-9561 To secure a booth. Contributions to the OLOTS table (gently used items) are welcomed at the Hall from 5-7 pm on Tuesday, October 9. Your help will make this event a success!

**Attention ALL Aspiring Altar Servers!**



If you have made your First Communion, consider responding to the invitation of our loving and faithful God to serve at Mass. Altar servers not only assist our celebrant but they also

Mass Servers help make the liturgy a reverent and prayerful celebration for the entire assembly. Training will be held soon. Rich Kirkman and Gibbs Bricker will be training altar servers this fall. All students who are interested in serving our parish in this meaningful way should contact Gibbs Bricker at [gb5965@gmail.com](mailto:gb5965@gmail.com) for details.



### Ladies Bible Study Starts this Monday

**WHEN:** Monday Evenings

**TIME:** 6:30-8:30 pm

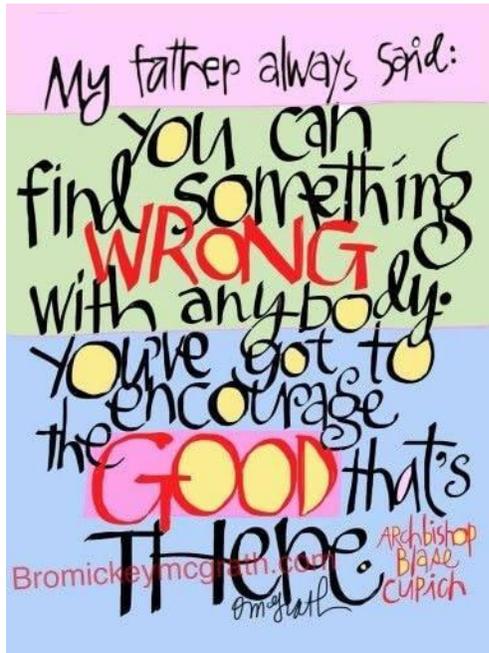
**LOCATION:** Our Lady of the Seas Hall

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For further information...

**E-MAIL:** [yhmofhi@aol.com](mailto:yhmofhi@aol.com)

**CALL:** 252-202-8985 or 252-261-8684



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](http://bromickeymcgrath.com).



### 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*

### DONATING MADE EASY ON OUR WEBSITE!!!



Our Lady of the Seas website now has the ability to accept on-line donations. It is a secure easy way to make your donation and is available 24-hours a day for your convenience. [www.ourladyoftheseas.org](http://www.ourladyoftheseas.org)

### 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/)

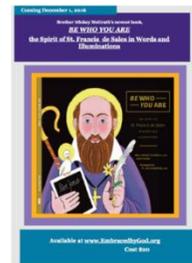


### Mass & Spiritual Enrollment Cards

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

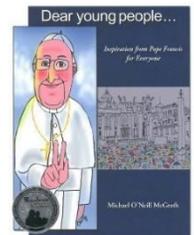
Spiritual Enrollment cards for a variety of occasions. Share the beauty of the Eucharist by honoring a loved one with a Mass Card or Spiritual Enrollment Card.

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St. Francis de Sales is one of the wisest of saints when it comes to understanding the human heart. Salesian spirituality makes that timeless wisdom practical and accessible to everyone. In *Be Who You Are, Bro. Mickey* has illuminated some of his favorite quotes of St. Francis about patience and living in the present moment. And he has also invited some of his fellow Oblates of St. Francis de Sales to share their insights and experiences as well. Enjoy this book. It will provide the perfect meditation to go with your morning coffee.

Pope Francis never made it over the Ben Franklin Bridge to Camden, but we were ready for him at Immaculate Conception cathedral! May his message of mercy and non-judgmental love fill every heart and may we strive to see Jesus in every face.



**Both of these Books are on sale in our vestibule!!**



### "2018 50/50 OLS RAFFLE"

**OUR FINAL WINNER – Diane Duffy from New Jersey**

### Annual Blessing of the Animals



The Annual Blessing is always close to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (October 4th). **It will take place at 10:30 am by the church bell on Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup>.** If you ever visit Italy, look for the town of Gubbio, about 30 miles North of Assisi. There is a larger than life statue of the Wolf of Gubbion who was tamed by the prayer of St. Francis.