

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 30, 2018

Salesian Perspective

As always, the Scriptures challenge us in several ways.

The disciples in the Gospel, as well as Joshua in the Old Testament, are concerned that others outside their group are exercising God's power. Jesus, and Moses before him, remind them (and us) that God can use anyone he wishes to work his wonders among his people. It's very easy for us to become like the disciples and forget to rejoice that the Spirit of God works in many unexpected ways. Do I, do you, keep our eyes and hearts open each day in expectation that the Spirit of God may visit us in unexpected ways and through unexpected people?

The words of St. James offer us a challenge. The Oblate community has worked hard to provide us with all we have here. We have much more than many of our brothers and sisters. How do we live our vow of poverty when we have our needs taken care of so well? We can identify with our poor brothers and sisters by being grateful often each day. We can share our sufficiency through our hospitality to guests. And we can remember our brothers and sisters who have much less than we do, and cut short our complaints when we don't have everything we may think we need.

When we take the time each day to be aware of God's abundant providence, we also continue to be aware of our own ingratitude. We are aware that there are things about us that draw our attention away from God's graciousness. Jesus challenges us to total concentration on the God who loves us. If something causes us to sin, cut it off. Jesus is not calling us to mutilation, but he is calling us to decision-making. If we are serious about responding to the great love God has for us, then we will make serious efforts to accept God's grace throughout the day and choose to move beyond those things in us that lead us to be self-centered.

We have all lived long enough to know the things about us that tend to distract us from God's loving providence. De Sales reminds us that these tendencies ought to become the subject of our morning preparation of the day. Together with God, we can develop a graced plan which will help us to become more dependent on God's grace during our day. In this way, we learn to make practical decisions that "cut short" our tendencies toward selfishness and self-centeredness and refocus our attention on God who is providing for us.

Let us not overlook the challenges of today's Scripture readings. They call us to grace.

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **876**

1st Reading ~ Numbers 11:25 – 29

2nd Reading ~ James 5:1 – 6

Gospel Reading ~ Mark 9:38 – 43, 45, 47 – 48

Pope's Intentions September

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.



Catholic Charities
of the Diocese of Raleigh

Providing Help—Creating Hope—Serving All

Here is the link to donate items directly via online purchase and payment. More items will be added as the list

is modified: <https://needslist.co/ccraleigh>

Items needed: Water, Non-perishable food, Baby products (diapers, wipes, non-perishable food, formula),

Cleaning supplies (paper towels, wipes, bleach, spray cleaner), Gift cards (gas, grocery), Toiletries (toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, shaving cream, razors)

(Only these items please- no clothes or furniture)

Please share! Thank you for pitching in!

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



RCIA IS DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THEIR FAITH AND GROW IN THEIR FAITH. AS SOON AS WE GET ENOUGH TO

SIGN UP TO MAKE IT WORTH WHILE, WE WILL BEGIN CLASSES SHOETLY. PLEASE SPEAK TO FR. FRED.

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

“Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections.”

~St. Francis de Sales

Our Lady of the Seas Flea Market



Shoppers and crafters will gather in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, October 10 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm for a flea market. Interested crafters

should contact Cheryl Layne at 995-9956 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!



Mass 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 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 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...

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

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

10/2 thru 10/4 Tuesday Wednesday Thursday 8:30 am

10/5 1st Friday 8:30 am with 1 hour of Devotion

10/6 1st Saturday 8:30 am – Immaculate Heart of Mary

10/6 Saturday Evening – 5:30 pm

10/7 Sunday Morning 9:00 am

10/7 Rosary Coast to Coast 4:00 pm

10/7 NO 6:30 pm SPANISH MASS

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 next Sunday October 7th.** 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.

ROSARY COAST TO COAST



NEXT Sunday October 7th at 4:00 pm, Our Lady of the Seas Church

We encourage you to participate in the rosary Coast to Coast. This is a nationwide prayer rally.

We are at war. A war without borders, where no man is exempt but where most haven't recognized, let alone been trained, to fight. Casualties often go unseen, but very few are left unwounded. The Enemies encamped against us seek to rob us of our Dignity—the essential Dignity of the Human Person, being made in the Image and Likeness of God.

The fight has now come full force. What was once done in darkness is now celebrated in the light. Yet, where before we may have been blinded, God's Unfathomable Mercy is opening the hearts, the minds and the eyes of people of Faith. Our Lady's Clarion Call – the call once trumpeted at **Quito, LaSalette, Fatima, Tre**

Fontane and **Akita**— is upon us:

We, in the United States share the conviction, now seen and acted upon in the International community, to enter fully into the spiritual warfare we are facing and to pray for our respective nations at this watershed moment in history. We hear the clarion call of the Holy Spirit, through the Immaculata, and each of us sound the reply:

"I'm Going In!"

"I bear a special love for Poland, and if she will be obedient to My will, I will exalt her in might and holiness. From her will come forth the spark that will prepare the world for My final coming" — Jesus to St Faustina Kowalska (Diary, 1732).

In 2017, the **Church in Poland** gathered around the borders of their country to light a spiritual flame, a flame that quickly engulfed the nation in prayer and reparation. Shortly after, the sparks from this conflagration of the Holy Spirit spread, to Ireland, the British Isles and now, the United States. This is a WORLD-WIDE EFFORT to combat the Powers of Darkness—the Powers that seek to stifle the Light.