

**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**October 21, 2018**

**Salesian Perspective**

It's interesting that Jesus does not directly criticize James and John when they ask to sit at his side in glory. Instead he challenges them: "Are you able to drink the cup that I drink?" He contrasts their lofty ambitions with his humility: zeal for glory is set against God's call to humble service.

Jesus' humility was born of his love for the Father and for the world. Because he loves, Jesus is willing to endure anything – even death – in order to save the human race. This kind of humility releases God's love to the world and advances the kingdom of God. It's this kind of humility we heard Jesus teaching his followers: "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be a slave to all."

It's obvious that Jesus is not trying to gather a bunch of shrinking violets. That's not the kind of humility he's looking for in his disciples. He wants a people like himself who will shoulder the Father's sadness over the suffering in the world. He is looking for a people who will work with him so that the world will be free of sin.

Rather than rebuking the misdirected ambition of James and John, Jesus channels it into an embrace of the Father's will: "The cup that I drink of you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized."

Jesus is speaking to you and me, is challenging you and me. The challenge is not an easy one. It would be easy for us to become discouraged. What Jesus shows us through his life and suffering and death is that the cup of sacrifice is also one of intimacy with God. Every willing act of death to self for the sake of the kingdom brings us closer to Jesus.

The more fully we are willing to drink of this cup, the more fully we learn that Jesus never asks more of us than **he empowers us** to give. Jesus is always inviting us to "draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." Jesus is reminding us that he knows what our suffering is like, and we never have to suffer alone. He is telling us that our suffering can be a time of grace – for us and others.

Are we willing to drink of our cup, as Jesus drank of his? If we are willing, then let us approach Jesus where we will receive mercy and find grace to help us.

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **885**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** ~ Isaiah 53:10 – 11

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** ~ Hebrews 4:14 – 16

**Gospel Reading** ~ Mark 10:35 – 45 or 10:42 – 45

**Pope's Intentions October**

**The Mission of Religious. That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.**

***On Thursday, November 1st, "ALL SAINT'S DAY" Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 am. (this is a Holy Day of Obligation)***



**CCD Class**

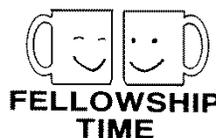
Parents of Faith Formation students: **it's time! Our CHILDREN who received 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion will now continue to grow in their Catholic Faith in**

**this next class which begins TOMORROW. See you at the Social Hall after school. Please have your parents pick you up at the Hall at 4:30 PM.**



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 SHORTLY. PLEASE SPEAK TO FR. FRED.



**It's Coffee Sunday!!!**

**Immediately following 9:00 am Mass is our Coffee Fellowship Sunday**

Please remember to bring your bake goods or any goodies you wish to share with you to the Social Hall next week.. The hall will be open before mass for this convenience

**MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK**

**10/23 thru 10/25 8:30 am**

**10/26 Friday 4:00 pm Ocracoke**

**10/27 Saturday Evening 5:30 am**

**10/28 Sunday Morning 9:00 am**

**10/28 Sunday Evening 5:00 pm (Spanish)**

### 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 today after the 9:00 am Mass (it will be short so everyone can enjoy fellowship together).** Gibbs Bricker is training altar servers this fall. All students who are interested in serving our parish in this meaningful way should contact Gibbs Bricker for details at [gb5965@gmail.com](mailto:gb5965@gmail.com). Any age is welcome.



Inspirational artwork by Brother Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales. You can learn more at [bromickeymcgrath.com](http://bromickeymcgrath.com)

### Ladies Bible Study

**WHEN:** Monday Evenings

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

**LOCATION:** Our Social Hall

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### Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>

### POTLUCK DINNER

Starting at 6:45 pm the church community will have a potluck dinner in our Social Hall. A get together where everyone brings a dish of food to be shared at the meal. The meal can have appetizers, sides, main courses, and desserts

### Hurricane Florence & Michael Rescue and



Catholic Charities  
of the Diocese of Raleigh

Providing Help—Creating Hope—Serving All

Recovery-If you would like to help Catholic Charities assist families

impacted by Hurricane Florence across central and eastern North Carolina, there are several ways you can do so at this time:

- **Financial Donations:** Disasters are rapidly changing events and financial donations allow us to adapt with the situation and best meet the needs of the survivors. [Donate online](#) or text RECOVER1 to 51555.
- **Volunteer:** If you are interested in volunteering, please visit [www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/volunteerflorence](http://www.CatholicCharitiesRaleigh.org/volunteerflorence) to learn about volunteer opportunities across the Diocese of Raleigh.
- **In-Kind Donations:** If you would like to donate in-kind goods, an online page has been set up where you can purchase items, and they will be shipped in bulk to our offices. This helps streamline coordination of the supplies we anticipate receiving. You can find the [list of needed items here](#). If you are interested in coordinating a donation drive, please contact Gabby Amos at Catholic Charities at [Gabby.Amos@raldioc.org](mailto:Gabby.Amos@raldioc.org).
- **Pray:** Survivors are going through what may be the most traumatic experience in their lives. Staff and volunteers are working around the clock to provide some relief during this challenging situation. Your prayers for all involved are greatly needed at this time.