

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 28, 2018

Salesian Perspective

All of us like short, clear instructions. Jesus' fulfills our desire in today's Gospel passage. When he is asked about the greatest commandment, he quotes a text from the book of Deuteronomy (6.5) familiar to his listeners: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment." Then he adds the familiar commandment from the book of Leviticus (19.18): "The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

Jesus' response is short and clear: loving God, neighbor and self is everything that God commands. It should be very simple, then, to do all God commands. If your experience is like mine, we know that loving God, neighbor and self is not easy at all. It takes a lot of effort and concentration to love each day, every day. Loving means that I have to look beyond myself and my needs and notice and respect the needs of every person I encounter.

Today's first reading from the book of Exodus reminds us that caring for the least among us is an important aspect of loving. How we treat the alien, the widow and the orphan among us reveals something about the way we love God. Remembering where we have come from can help us to be sensitive to the value and worth of those who are less fortunate.

Isn't it interesting that the Lord asks the Israelites to remember that they were aliens at one time in Egypt. What might the Lord be asking you and me to remember today that will help us to be more attentive to people less fortunate than we are?

Jesus spoke to us very simply and clearly this (afternoon/morning). He told us how we are to live if we want to be pleasing to our God. Love God with your whole being, and love your neighbor as yourself.

We can benefit greatly if we take these words of Jesus and pray with them this week. As we read them slowly and prayerfully, we can ask the Lord to show us how we can live them out today.

The word of God then becomes a living word for me, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide me in every day life. Let us pray for each other that we may be open to the ways the Lord will call us to love this week.

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **888**
1st Reading ~ Jeremiah 31:7 – 9
2nd Reading ~ Hebrews 5:1 – 6
Gospel Reading ~ Mark 10:46 – 52

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 Classes, 1st Communion & Confirmation Classes

Parents of Faith Formation students: **it's time! Our CHILDREN who are continuing their**

education in Faith Formation to help them to continually grow in their Catholic Faith met last Monday, Oct 10th & NO ONE SHOWED UP. The NEXT class will be held on Monday, Nov 5th. See you at the Social Hall after school. Please have your parents pick you up at the Hall at 4:30 PM.

The Classes for 1st Communion and Confirmation will be held Sunday, Nov 11th. 1st Communion right after the 9:00 am Mass. **Please have your parents pick you up at the Hall at 12:30 pm** & Confirmation will meet at 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm. **Please have your parents pick you up at the Hall at 4:45 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.

"I have made a pack with my tongue, not to speak when my heart is disturbed." ~ St. Francis de Sales

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

10/30 Tuesday & 10/31 Wednesday 8:30 am

11/1 All Saints Day 8:30 am (Holy Day of Obligation)

11/2 1st Friday 8:30 am w/ 1-hour devotion

11/3 1st Saturday 8:30 am (In honor of BVM)

10/27 Saturday Evening 5:30 am

10/28 Sunday Morning 9:00 am

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

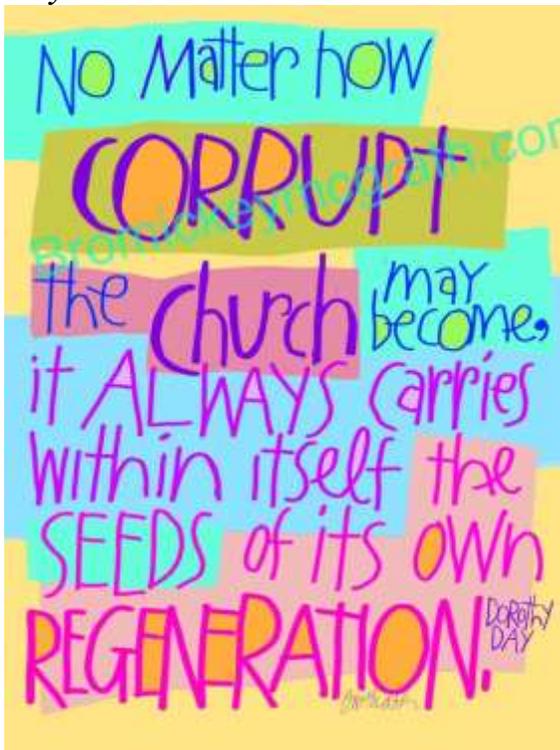
Attention ALL Aspiring Altar Servers!



Mass Servers

The training continues to those who accepted the invitation of our loving and faithful God to serve at Mass. The 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** 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 Any age is welcome.

I hope these words of the heroic Catholic lay woman and prophet of modern times bring you hope and encouragement as we struggle to reclaim and rescue our church from the evils of clerical power and authority.



Inspirational artwork by Brother Mickey McGrath, an Oblate of St. Francis de Sales. You can learn more at bromickeymcgrath.com

Praying Daily for our Nation and Island



Will you please join us in praying daily until the day after the election for our nation and island. For such a time as this, we are called to intense intercession for our nation.

PRAY FOR AMERICA

I urge, then, first of all, that request, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for Kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

1. Pray for the CHURCH

Offer prayer that we, the Body of Christ in America, will walk together before our Lord in the spirit of unity and pure hearts.

“He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God” Micah 6:8

2. Pray for the CANDIDATES

-that they come to know the fear of the LORD so that they will walk in wisdom.

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” Proverbs 9:10

3. Pray for the VOTERS

-that they will know and correctly discern that true character of each candidate on the ballot. Pray that they will choose wisely, each one being led by the Spirit of the Most High God.

“For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.” Ecclesiastes 12:14

PRAY FOR HATTERAS ISLAND

4. Pray that our ISLAND will be restored to its true foundation.

“They shall be My people, and I will be their God; then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me.” Jeremiah 32:38-40

5. Thank the LORD for demonstrating His great love for us by dying for us while we were still sinners. For such a time as this, we are all called to intense intercession for our Island and Nation.

“Who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?” Ester 4:14

6. That Hatteras Island be unified to stand strong by faith in Jesus Christ

“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.” 2 Chronicles 7:14