

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 4, 2018

Salesian Perspective

Which is the first of all of the commandments?"

When we get right down to it, what is the most important dimension of our faith? Upon what foundation does the edifice of Christianity rest?

Jesus' answer is unambiguous: love. This love has three facets.

Love of God. Francis de Sales tells us that the reason that we love God is because of who God is: our dignity, and our destiny. "We love God because God is the most supreme and most infinite goodness."

Love of neighbor. Francis de Sales tells us: "Love of God not only commands love of neighbor, but it even produces and pours love of neighbor into our hearts. Just as we are in God's image, so the sacred love we have for one another is the true image of our heavenly love for God."

Love of self. This is the aspect that perhaps we are most tempted to overlook: after all, "self-love" sounds suspiciously like being self-centered. Why should we love ourselves? Simply and profoundly because "we are God's image and likeness," says Francis de Sales. When we are at our best all of us are the "most holy and living images of the divine."

Why is authentic love of self so critical to our love of God and neighbor? Simply, if we fail to love ourselves, how can we possibly give praise and thanks to God for creating us? If we fail to love ourselves, how can we possibly love our neighbor who is not only made in God's image, but who is fundamentally made in the image and likeness of us since we all come from the same source – God himself.

The fullness of Christian perfection – the fullness of living Christ's life – can be likened to a three-legged table. To the extent that any one of the three legs is weak, the whole table is seriously at risk. Such a table cannot hope to support any significant weight. So, too, if any one of the three loves of our lives – God, self and others – is deficient, all three will suffer, and we cannot hope to carry the weight of God's command for us to build up something of God's Kingdom here on earth.

To be sure, love is the simple answer to what is most important in our lives. In our lived experience, however, this love is never quite so simple as we might like to believe.

How is your love of God? How is your love of neighbor? How is your love of self?

Really?

The Reading for today's Mass are found in the **Glory & Praise** at number **888**

1st Reading ~ Deuteronomy 2:2 – 6

2nd Reading ~ Hebrews 7:23 – 28

Gospel Reading ~ Mark 12:28 – 34

Pope's Intentions November

In the Service of Peace. That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

What is CCD

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD): Today its usage is for religious education designed for children.



CCD Classes, 1st Communion & Confirmation Classes

1. CCD - Monday, Nov 5th from 3:15 to 4:30.
2. YOUTH RCIA - Thursday, Nov 8th from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. **Please have your parents pick you up at the Social Hall at 4:30 pm.**
3. 1st Communion Sunday, Nov 11th right after the 9:00 am Mass. **Please have your parents pick you up at the Hall at 12:30 pm**
4. Confirmation – Sunday Nov 11th will meet at 3:30 pm – 4:45 pm. **Please have your parents pick you up at the Hall at 4:45 pm**



RCIA ADULT CLASS IS DESIGNED FOR PEOPLE COMING INTO THE CATHOLIC FAITH AND FR. FRED IS

OPENING IT UP TO ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO DEEPEN THEIR OWN CATHOLIC FAITH. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE SPEAK TO FR. FRED.

"Be patient with everyone, but above all with yourself."

~St. Francis de Sales

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

- 11/6 **Tuesday 8:30 am**
- 11/7 & 11/8 **NO MASS Wednesday & Thursday**
- 11/9 **Friday 4:00 pm Ocracoke (weather permitting)**
- 11/10 **Saturday Evening 5:30 pm**
- 11/11 **Sunday Morning 9:00 am**
- 11/12 **Sunday Evening 5:00 pm (Spanish)**



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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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

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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/



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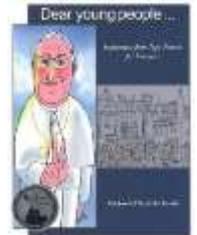
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St. Francis de Sales is one of the wisest of saints when it comes to understanding the human heart. Salesian spirituality makes that timeless wisdom practical and accessible to everyone. In *Be Who You Are, Bro. Mickey* has illuminated some of his 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!!



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