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Our Lady of the Seas Mission Statement

Our Mission...We believe that our church stands as a beacon for those wishing to preserve the beauty of this Island, a refuge for those searching for peace and love in the world, and an example of Jesus' love for one another. We give thanks for all who enter here. NUESTRA SENORA DE LOS MARES DECLARACION DE INTENCIONES

Nuestra Mision... Creemos que nuestra Iglesia se erige como un faro para aquellos que desean preservar la belleza de esta isla, un refugio para aquellos que buscan paz y amor en el mundo, y un ejemplo de amor mutuo. Damos gracias por todos los que entran aqui.

<u>V+J</u> <u>February 25, 2024</u> <u>Salesian Reflection</u> <u>Second Sunday of Lent</u>

In today's Gospel, Peter, James and John experience Jesus being transfigured. St. Francis de Sales notes:

At the Transfiguration God went out of the way to show that Jesus was truly Savior. At that moment, nothing was so desirable for the Apostles as remaining in the presence of Jesus. I assure you that I never stop wishing you countless blessings from heaven, especially that of always being transfigured in Our Lord. Thanks to our Savior, we are climbing Mount Tabor since we are resolved to serve Him and love His divine goodness. We must encourage one another in holy hope. Let us leave our love for lowly things so we can continue faithfully to aspire to the happiness He has prepared for us. Where could we give better witness to our fidelity to God than in the midst of things going wrong? There is a real temptation to become dissatisfied with the world and depressed about it when we have to be in it. Yet whether we are immersed in the busyness of worldly events or in solitude, we will encounter difficulties. To think that we can be holy without suffering is a delusion. Where there is more difficulty, there is more virtue. However, if you stumble, don't be upset or ashamed. Instead let us cry out to our Lord and our Lady who will reach out a blessed helping hand to us.

Be like the honeybee. While you are carefully making the honey of holiness, at the same time make the wax of your worldly affairs. For if honey is sweet to the taste of our Lord, wax also honors Him since it is used to make the candles which give light to those around us. Be at peace and walk simply and faithfully along the path that God has marked out for you, and you will walk confidently.

Our Savior, who is transfiguring you, has taken you by the hand, and set you on the way to His glory.

Let Him be your Guide.

(Adapted from the Writings of St. Francis de Sales.)

<u>V+J</u> <u>25 Febrero de 2024</u> <u>Salesianos Dominicales</u> <u>Segundo Domingo de la Cuaresma</u>

El Evangelio de hoy nos narra la experiencia vivida por Pedro, Juan y Santiago en el momento de la Transfiguración de Jesús. San Francisco de Sales comenta lo siguiente al respecto:

A través de la transfiguración Dios hizo un gran esfuerzo por demostrarnos que Jesús es verdaderamente el Salvador. En ese momento no había nada que los apóstoles desearan más que permanecer en presencia de Jesús. Yo les aseguro que jamás he dejado de orar para que el cielo les otorgue miles de bendiciones, y en especial para que puedan disfrutar de la bendición de la transfiguración en Nuestro Señor. Gracias a nuestro Salvador podemos escalar el monte Tabor ya que nos hemos decidido a servirlo y a amar su divina bondad. Debemos hacer uso de la esperanza sagrada para motivarnos los unos a los otros. Debemos deshacernos del amor por las cosas mundanas para que podamos continuar aspirando fielmente a la felicidad que ÉL ha preparado para nosotros. No hay mejor oportunidad para demostrar nuestra fidelidad a Dios que cuando nos encontramos en una situación donde todo nos está saliendo mal. En esos momentos es cuando la tentación nos asecha e intenta hacer que nos sintamos insatisfechos con el mundo, que nos deprimamos por tener que vivir lo que estamos viviendo. Creer que podemos alcanzar la santidad sin tener que sufrir es engañarnos a nosotros mismos. Las cosas más difíciles encierran mayores virtudes. Si se tropiezan no se molesten ni se sientan avergonzados. Más bien acudan a Nuestro Señor y a Nuestra Señora quienes extenderán sus manos bondadosas y siempre dispuestas a ayudarlos. Ustedes deben seguir el ejemplo de las abejas. Mientras ellas se dedican cuidadosamente a producir la miel de la santidad, al mismo tiempo deben elaborar la cera de todas aquellas cosas mundanas. Porque si la miel resulta dulce al paladar de nuestro Señor, la cera también hace honor a ÉL, dado que ésta será utilizada para fabricar las velas que proveen luz a todos quienes nos rodean. Manténganse en paz, y caminen llenos de humildad y fidelidad por la senda que Dios les ha trazado. De esta manera podrán caminar con confianza. Nuestro Salvador quien los está transfigurando, los ha tomado de la mano y los ha encaminado por la senda de Su Gloria. Permítanle ser su Guía.



View the Live-Stream Massourladyoftheseas.org. The Mass Intention is for

the living and deceased of the Parish.

MASS SCHEDULE

- Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
- Sunday 9:00am (Live-streamed)
 5:30pm Misa en Espanol- Buxton
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00am (Rosary following Tuesday Mass)
- Thursday I I:00am Memorial Mass for Zoe Ramirez at Stella Maris- Ocracoke
- First Friday Adoration & Benediction 9:30-12:00pm; 5:30-6:30pm

<u>The Readings for the Mass are found on</u> page 756 (Glory & Praise):

Ist Reading ~ GENESIS 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18

2nd Reading ~ ROMANS 8:31b-34

<u>The Gospel</u> ~ MARK 9:2-10

RECEIVING SACRAMENTS AT HOME

Please let Father Fred know if you would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist or Anointing of the Sick. If you would like a Eucharistic Minister to visit you at home, call **Father Fred at** (252) 995-6613.

We are Grateful for the Offertory Collections of February 10 & 11, 2024. The 1st collection totalled \$1,129.00, and the 2nd collection totalled \$1,786.00. Thank you so much for your generosity.

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<u>POPE'S INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY</u> For the terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

Be Silent. Be thoughtful. Be reverent. *This is God's house.* Before Mass, speak to God. During Mass, let God speak to you. After Mass, speak to one another.



MASS CARDS -MASS INTENTIONS

To request a Mass card or prayer intention for a Mass,

contact Terri Mohnal at events@ourladyoftheseas.org, and specify the name and date. Donations accepted.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- February 27, 2024- "Jesus & Coffee" 7:00am Parish Hall
- February 28, 2024- Stations of the Cross- 5:30pm Church- bilingual- Leaders: Victor Garcia & Pat Zachwieja
- February 28, 2024- LENTEN SOUP SUPPER- 6:00pm Parish Hall- Hostesses: Claudia Hennessey & Beth Fellenstein



"Like" and follow our INSTAGRAM OurLadyofSeas Facebook page, "Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Parish"



TRIBUTE PAVERS FOR THE WALKWAY

Pavers are available for **\$100.00**. Forms are located in the Narthex. They make a great memorial tribute or

gift. Please contact **Terri Mohnal** if you are interested at events@ourladyoftheseas.org.



KID'S CORNER

Have you taken your child to the children's corner in the Narthex? Games, books and worship aids for the little ones!

¿Ha llevado a su hijo al arthex? ¡Juegos, libros,

rincón infantil del Narthex? ¡Juegos, libros, ayudas de adoración para los más pequeños!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep these parishioners and friends in your prayers:

• Beverly Zervakis' children Zach and Suzanna Carraway, who are facing health challenges.

• **David Silk,** Cathy & Jeff Silk's son, on his recovery from

multiple abdominal surgeries, and extended ICU stay in Birmingham, AL. From Cathy: "Could you please ask for an abundance of "encouragement" cards to be sent his way? I will tape them on the wall of the hospital room to brighten his day. 3 weeks in ICU can be a bit of a downer. His mailing address: 7018 Watchman Circle, Apt. F, Montgomery, AL 36116. Thank you for all your prayers, support & encouraging words. We love you, OLS!"

- Laurie Campbell's niece, **Alexandra Sutherland**, battling Stage 3 breast cancer.
- **Dave Greider**, in thanksgiving for his return home, and his recovery.
- Rich Kirkman, on his upcoming back surgery.
- **Bill Lenygel,** on successful recovery from arm injury.

CONDOLENCES:

Our prayers for the families of:

Sharon Lee Peele Kennedy, with the Lord on January 26, 2024 (P.O. Box 580, Buxton, NC 27920) Christine Araco; Marie Straw (P.O. Box 415, Frisco, NC 27936); and Christiano Dwyer Perini (P.O. Box 565, Rodanthe, NC 27968), that they may find peace after losing loved ones.

Please pray for these parishioners and all those who are dealing with illnesses of mind and body. To be added to the list or to join the Prayer Warriors, contact Jane Grimm at janesgrimm@aol.com or (703) 629-6081.

Office Hours/ Horas de Oficina Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Lunes, Martes, Miercoles, Jueves

(Closed Friday- Viernes está cerrado) 10:30am - 3:30pm M,T,W (L,M,X) 11:00am - 4:00pm TH (V) (252) 995-6370 office phone

MARTHA & MARY

Oh, what a night! The Mardi Gras Feast on February 10, 2024 was deemed a huge success by all. As usual, the food was scrumptious and abundant. The 55 parishioners and



friends who attended had a great time! Special kudos go to Megan Vayette, who organized the event: Donna Groom, who helped set up and decorate, Jeff Silk and the Knights of Columbus who set the tables and chairs, to all our parish cooks (the best!), to Beth Fellenstein, who smoked the ham, to the ladies of M&M who cleaned up, to DJ Blake9, who spun the Zydeco tunes, and to the many, many of you not listed. Thank you!

Beginning Wednesday, February 21, 2024, at 6:00pm, the first Lenten Soup Supper will be held. Bring a soup to share, and bring your family. Soup Suppers, for the next five Wednesdays, are held at 6:00pm, following the 5:30pm Stations of the Cross. The next M&M meeting is on Thursday, April 18, 2024 in the Hall. Bring a nibble to share. Fellowship begins at 5:15pm and the meeting (about an hour), at 5:30pm. We will discuss the Book Club beginning in May and other planned and unplanned events.



The Next Coffee Sunday is April 21, 2024. Bring a breakfast casserole, bacon, sausage, fresh fruits or baked goods. M&M supplies coffee, tea, juice and water. We need more hands to keep what we have going and brains to fuel more parish-wide happenings!





Jeff and Cathy Silk send their Thanksgiving for the bountiful prayers prayed on behalf of their son, David. They wish to thank

this parish for its thoughtful sentiments. God listens to all prayers; His merciful power of healing is abundantly seen. Thank you! Blessings Always!

HATTERAS ISLAND LOVING MEMORIAL



If you wish to remember a family member or friend, there is a *Memorial Tree in the foyer for which a leaf can be purchased.* Leaves can be inscribed

with a name or sentimental verse for \$500.00. Applications are under the Memorial Tree. Please contact **Karen Kelmer at (252) 986-9909.**

HUMILITY • GENTLENESS • PATIENCE



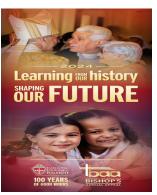
PREPARE YOURSELF FOR EASTER

I. Fr. Fred is always present after each Mass for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Cross the Bridge to Christ on
 March 12, 2023 beginning at
 5:00pm for an evening of Forgiveness

and Healing, with a Service and Sacrament of Reconciliation. Visiting Priests, Fr. Vijay, Pastor of Holy Trinity in Williamston, and Fr. Rob Schmid, Pastor of St. Charles Borromeo in Ahoskie will be available during the service for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS FOR LENT ARE IN THE LOBBY-English and Spanish & Purple for Children



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

The 2024 Bishop's Annual Appeal funds many ministries that allow us to proclaim the Gospel and reach even the most remote areas of Eastern NC. Your support plays a critical role

in funding ministries in the areas of evangelization, discipleship, worship, liturgy, sacramental preparation, and a slew of programs that pour forth God's grace, love, and mercy. We are celebrating 100 years of our Diocese: Learning from our History and Shaping our Future. La Campaña Anual del Obispo 2024 financia muchos ministerios que nos permiten proclamar el Evangelio y llegar incluso a las zonas más remotas del este de Carolina del Norte. Su apoyo juega un papel fundamental en la financiación de los ministerios en las áreas de evangelización, discipulado, culto, liturgia, preparación sacramental, y una serie de programas que derraman la gracia, el amor y la misericordia de Dios. Estamos celebrando los 100 años de nuestra Diócesis: Aprendiendo de nuestra Historia y Forjando nuestro Futuro.

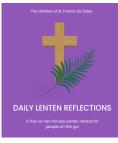
Our goal for 2024 is \$10,409.00. We are more than a third of the way to our goal. Please help us reach our goal! By supporting the Bishop's Annual Appeal, you have the chance to define what our next 100 years will look like and how our community will be changed because of it. There is a giving station in the Narthex! And you can go online at www.givetobaa.org, or use the QR code on the posters in the Narthex.



WAY OF THE CROSS/VIA CRUCIS

Each Wednesday at 5:30pm during Lent through March 20, 2024, we walk with Jesus with bilingual Stations of the Cross.

All Faith Formation Students and their Parents should attend. *Todos los estudiantes de Formación de Fe y sus padres deben asistir.*



DAILY LENTEN REFLECTIONS

IN YOUR BUSY LIFE, How do you find time during Lent to pray, repent, and grow your relationship with God? The Oblates of St. Francis de Sales

have a great tool for us these next 40 days: DAILY LENTEN REFLECTIONS, a "5 to 10 minute retreat" for people on the go. Sign up for free on <u>https://www.oblates.org/</u>

FINANCE NEWS

Terri Mohnal, one of our parish staff, has successfully assumed all of the day-to-day processes of the church's coffers. Terri is a very quick study, extremely capable and an experienced

bookkeeper. We are in great hands! Thanks go to long time volunteers, **Betty and Dave Greider**, who shouldered the Quick Books, deposits and many Raleigh reports for over a decade.

Thanks also to all the counters who assist with the deposits each and every week. Until Father Fred makes a change, Jane Grimm will continue to serve as Finance Council Chair.

DO YOU WANT to FAST for LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis...

- Fast from hurting words and speak *kind words.*
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- * Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and *trust in God*.
- Fast from complaints and *contemplate* simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and *be prayerful*.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and *be reconciled*.
- Fast from words so you can be silent and listen.

WHAT IS THE PASTORAL/PARISH COUNCIL?

The pastoral council is a planning council, not a coordinating council. It is where cooperative planning occurs. The consultation of the pastoral council is essential in the decision-making process of the parish, but the council is not the decision maker. The pastor is the head of the pastoral council. He may, but does not have to, appoint members to ensure balance and to see that all segments of the parish are represented (e.g., Saturday evening Mass group and Sunday morning Mass group).

Who should be a member of the pastoral council?

Council members must meet the following criteria:

- Be a Roman Catholic in good standing with the Church;
- Be a registered and supporting member of the parish;
- Be a participant in parish life and worship;
- Be committed to prayer, study, listening and dialogue;
- Be committed to giving the time needed for participation; and
- Be aware of and comply with Parish Conflict of Interest Policy.
- In addition, he or she should possess the following gifts necessary for pastoral leadership:
- A desire for spiritual growth in oneself and in the parish;
- Eagerness to participate in parish decisions about its direction;
- Willingness to listen, speak openly and honestly, and to work toward consensus;
- The ability to inspire others and to delegate; a commitment to cooperation, flexibility and openness toward people and ideas.



Again this year, M&M is providing a way for our altar to be blooming with flowers! You can help by honoring a loved one with a flowering plant. The altar of repose flowers and those in front of the altar are provided by the women of Our Lady of the Seas, members of the Martha and Mary Ministry.

I am purchasing \$25ea.	plants at
To honor	
and	
To commemorate	
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Make checks payable to Our Lady of the Seas and mail your check to: PO Box 399, Buxton, NC 27920, or drop the form & check or cash in the offertory basket. The form MUST accompany your check or cash and MUST be received no later than Friday, March 22 so we can prepare the Easter Bulletin insert.



MARTHA & MARY MINISTRY Flores de Pascua para el Santuario

¡Nuevamente este año,

M&M se encargará de que nuestro altar esté lleno de flores! Puedes ayudar honrando a un ser querido con una planta con flores. Las flores del altar de reposo y las que están frente al altar son proporcionadas por las mujeres de Nuestra Señora de los Mares, integrantes del Ministerio Marta y María.

Estoy comprando	plantas
a \$25 cada una.	
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Haga cheques a nombre de Our Lady the Seas y envíelos por correo a PO Box 399, Buxton, NC 27920, o deje el formulario y regístrelo en la cesta del ofertorio. El formulario DEBE acompañar su cheque o efectivo y DEBE recibirse a más tardar el viernes 22 de marzo para que podamos preparar el folleto del Boletín de Pascua.

