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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>March 3, 2024</u> <u>Salesian Reflection</u> <u>Third Sunday of Lent</u>

Today's Gospel speaks to the catechumens who are preparing for baptism. Jesus, reaching out to a woman rejected by society, offers her *"a spring of water welling up to eternal life."* St. Francis de Sales speaks often of how Jesus calls us out of slavery to sin into a life of holiness that leads to eternal happiness:

There are many who aspire to holiness, but few attain it because they do not walk as they ought*ardently, yet tranquilly; carefully, but confidently.* That is to say, we must rely more on the Divine Goodness and Providence than on ourselves and our good works. We must be very faithful, but without anxiety or eagerness.

Yet God wants us to do all that lies in our power. That is, God wants us to use the ordinary means to attain holiness. We must use the means that are given to us according to our vocation, and then remain in peace concerning all the rest. If these should fail, God will never fail to assist us as long as we are open to the divine will. God, under whose guidance we have embarked, will always be attentive to provide us with whatever is necessary. Therefore, when human aid fails us, God's special providence takes over and takes care of us. God would sooner work miracles than leave without assistance, either spiritual or temporal, those who trust entirely in Divine Providence.

We say that we do not know whether the will to please God that we now have will remain with us during our whole life. Alas! It is true, for there is nothing so weak and changeable as we are.

But nevertheless, *let us not be troubled*. Let us rather frequently lay this good will before Our Lord. *Let us place it in His hands* and He will renew it as often as is necessary so that we may have enough for our whole mortal life. After this mortal life there will be no cause for fear, for we shall be in a safe place.

(L. Fiorelli, ed., Lenten Sermons of St. Francis de Sales.)

# <u>V+J</u> <u>3 Marzo de 2024</u> <u>Salesianos Dominicales</u> <u>Tercer Domingo de la Cuaresma</u>

El Evangelio de hoy nos relata el pasaje de los catecúmenos en el momento en que se preparan para el bautismo. Escuchamos entonces que Jesús se acerca a una mujer que ha sido rechazada por la sociedad, y le ofrece *"una fuente de agua que brota para la vida eterna".* San Francisco de Sales nos ha hablado en varias ocasiones sobre cómo Jesús nos ha llamado a liberarnos de la esclavitud del pecado, y a comprometernos a llevar una vida de santidad que nos conduzca a la felicidad eterna:

Muchas personas aspiran a alcanzar la santidad pero muy pocas logran obtenerla porque no caminan como debieran - fervientemente, y la vez llenos de serenidad; cuidadosamente, pero seguros de sí mismos. Esto quiere decir que debemos depender más de la Divina Bondad y Providencia que de nosotros mismos y de nuestras buenas obras. Debemos ser completamente fieles, pero no dejarnos llevar por la ansiedad ni la impaciencia. Esto quiere decir que Dios quiere que utilicemos medios comunes y corrientes para alcanzar la santidad. Debemos hacer uso de los dones que nos han sido otorgados de acuerdo a nuestra vocación, y mantenernos en paz en lo referente a todo lo demás. Si esto llegase a fallar, podemos estar seguros de que Dios jamás va a dejarnos desamparados mientras nosotros estemos dispuestos a cumplir con la Voluntad Divina. Por lo tanto, cuando la ayuda humana nos falle, la providencia especial de Dios asumirá el mando y se encargará de nosotros. Dios prefiere obrar milagros antes que dejar desamparados, ya sea espiritual o temporalmente, a todos aquellos que confían totalmente en la Providencia Divina. A veces decimos que no estamos seguros de que la voluntad de complacer a Dios que hoy sentimos prevalecerá en nosotros a lo largo de nuestra vida. La pregunta es válida, ya que no hay nada más débil y propenso al cambio que nosotros. Aun así, no nos preocupemos. Mejor demostrémosle a Nuestro Señor nuestra buena voluntad continuamente. Dejémosla en Sus manos; EL la renovará tantas veces como sea necesario para que perdure en nosotros durante el resto de nuestra vida mortal. Una vez terminada esta vida mortal no habrá razón para sentir temor, ya que entonces estaremos en un lugar seguro.

(L. Fiorelli, ed., Sermones para la Cuaresma de San Francisco de Sales.)



View the Live-Stream Mass-

#### ourladyoftheseas.org.

The Mass Intention is for Bob Martini in loving memory by his wife Barbara Martini, and the living and deceased of the Parish.

# MASS SCHEDULE

- Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
- Sunday 9:00am (Live-streamed) 3:30pm - Stella Maris, Ocracoke
- Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00am (Rosary following Tuesday Mass)

# <u>The Readings for the Mass are found on page 762 (Glory & Praise):</u>

Ist Reading ~ EXODUS 20:1-17

2nd Reading ~ | CORINTHIANS 1:22-25

The Gospel ~ JOHN 2:13-25

# **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 on February 17 & 18, 2024. The 1st collection totalled \$1,523.75. Thank you so much for your generosity.

# **POPE'S INTENTION FOR MARCH**

#### For new martyrs

We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

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

- March 5, 2024- "Jesus & Coffee" 7:00am Parish Hall
- March 5, 2024- Finance Council Meeting 5:15pm Parish Residence
- March 6, 2024- Stations of the Cross-5:30pm Church- bilingual- *Leaders: Beth Fellenstein & Mariana Palacios*
- March 6, 2024- LENTEN SOUP SUPPER- 6:00pm Parish Hall- Hostesses: Ashlee Garcia & Pat Cywinski
- March 12, 2024- Reconciliation Service & Sacrament of Reconciliation- 5:15pm Church - visiting Priests, Fr. Rob Schmid, Ahoskie; Fr. Vijay, Williamston



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## TRIBUTE PAVERS FOR THE WALKWAY

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

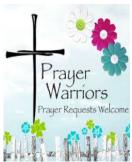
gift. Please contact **Terri Mohnal** if you are interested at events@ourladyoftheseas.org.



#### **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 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 over a 4 week stay in ICU in Birmingham, AL. Please send cards of encouragement to his mailing address: 7018 Watchman Circle, Apt. F, Montgomery, AL 36116.

- Laurie Campbell's niece, Alexandra
  Sutherland, battling Stage 3 breast cancer.
- **Dave Greider**, in thanksgiving for his return home, and his recovery.
- Joe Reed, prayers requested by Rick Riopel
- **Rich Kirkman,** on his recovery following 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, 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



# <u>MARTHA &</u> <u>MARY</u>

OutputM&M's first LentenSoup SuppersSoup Supper was ahuge success, pavinghuge success, pavingthe way for those thatfollow it. There were 55parishioners and friendsin attendance!

Join the fun and fellowship! Bring soup to share, and the whole family.

Soup Suppers, Wednesdays until March 20, are held immediately following the 5:30pm Stations of the Cross, about 6:00pm.

Special thanks to our February 21 hostesses, Gibbs Bricker and Megan Vayette, and to our February 28 hostesses, Beth Fellenstein and Claudia Hennessey. The next M&M meeting is on **Thursday, April 18, 2024** in the Hall. Bring a nibble to share. M&M will provide drinks and paper products. 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 not yet planned events. Bring a fellow parishioner to join the Fellowship. We need more hands to keep what we have going and brains

to fuel more parish-wide happenings!

The Next Coffee Sunday is April 21, 2024 after the 9:00am Mass. Bring a breakfast casserole, bacon, sausage, fresh fruits or baked goods. M&M supplies coffee, tea, juice and water.



#### 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.** 

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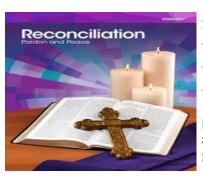


## SACRED and TRAUMATIC

I was wisely told by my preaching professor, "Do not Easter my Lent!" In other words, do not rush to the

Resurrection, empty tomb, or eternal life. Instead, stay at the foot of the cross for a while. I've always liked that advice especially when I juxtaposed it next to our Salesian emphasis on living the present moment. Convinced that our God was a God of the present, St. Francis de Sales cultivated a life directed towards God in the present moment. I love the practice of the present moment especially when I find myself doing the things I like.

But, what about at the foot of the cross? How do I live in the present moment there? My middle brother, John, died very suddenly of a pulmonary embolism in 2020. I received a call from my mom to rush over to John's house. When I arrived at his house, I was informed by the paramedics that John was already dead. The person in charge asked if I wanted to see the body. I went into the house, up the stairs to his bedroom, and prayed over John. I've prayed at the moment of death before, and I can say it's a sacred moment. You are in the place where... and so close to the moment when... eternity touches time and embraces us. It was a sacred moment. At the same time, this was my brother, and it was a traumatic moment. For weeks I tried to reconcile in my mind, "Was this a sacred moment or a traumatic moment?" That crisis lasted until another Oblate, Fr. Ken McKenna, listened\_to me and said, "Joe, it's both - sacred and traumatic." It's true. Moments can be both sacred and traumatic. I use those same words as we sit at the foot of the cross in our Lenten season. Living in the present moment even at the foot of the cross shows us a God who does not run away from us, and who leans over and whispers, "I will take hold of you, and not let go." This moment, the next, and for all time. Fr. Joe Newman, OSFS Provincial. Toledo-Detroit Province



# <u>PREPARE</u> <u>YOURSELF</u> <u>FOR</u> <u>EASTER</u>

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

Cross the Bridge to Christ on March 12, 2023 beginning at 5:15pm, 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.



# 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 programs that pour forth God's grace, love, and mercy. *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.* 

Our goal for 2024 is \$10,409.00. You have contributed \$6,271.74! 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. 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.* 

### HEALTH & WELLNESS MINISTRY "AROUND THE CORNER"



# THANK YOU

Another successful blood drive was sponsored by the American Red Cross and Our Lady of the Seas Catholic Church on Wednesday, February 21,2024.

The blood drive surpassed its goal by collecting 33 units of blood, impacting the lives of 99 hospital patients. Thank you to all of our parishioners who came out and made a LifeSaving donation. Thank you to **Scott Busbey** for coordinating and allowing us the opportunity

to use the "Old" Buxton Volunteer Fire Station as our alternate site while the hall was being used for our Lenten Soup supper. Thank you also to the following volunteers for donating the generosity of their time: *Karen Fechter, Jeff Silk and Laurie Campbell.* 

The next Blood Drive here at Our Lady of the Seas is on Wednesday, May 8, 2024 . Make your LifeSaving appointment at RedCrossBlood.org and enter code: OurLady. Please contact Cathy Silk at 252-489-3922 with any questions or to volunteer your time and talents at the next blood drive.



# 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.

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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.



¡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.

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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.

