

# Holy Redeemer by the Sea Catholic Parish

*Staffed by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales*

**April 18, 2021**

*We are a diverse Catholic Community that welcomes our visitors, serves all God's Children, and gathers to worship with our Faith Community.*

## Welcome to Holy Redeemer by the Sea Parish

### Liturgy Schedule

**Holy Redeemer by the Sea - Kitty Hawk (HR)**  
301 W. Kitty Hawk Road  
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

#### Saturday

Confession

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Mass

5:00 pm

#### Sunday

9:00 am

(Inside worshipers limited to 225 & Inside Face Coverings Mandated)

**Holy Trinity by the Sea Chapel - Nags Head (HT)**  
Milepost 16 at the Intersection of 12 & 158

Saturday Mass

7:30 pm (*Bilingual*)

Sunday Mass

11:00 am

(Inside worshipers limited to 60 & Inside Face Coverings Mandated)

All weekend Masses will be audio broadcast outside the Church for the overflow assembly. Communion will be distributed both inside and outside the building. (More information on page 8 of the bulletin.)

#### Weekday Masses

Weekday Masses are celebrated at Holy Redeemer by the Sea Kitty Hawk at 9:00 am.

#### Confessions

Holy Redeemer by the Sea only

Saturday, 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Monday and Tuesday

10:30 AM—11:30 AM, by appointment (call the office at 252-261-4700)

*As stated by Bishop Zarama, Diocese of Raleigh, all of the faithful continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation. While this dispensation is applicable to all, the elderly, those sick, those with pre-existing health conditions or other vulnerable people should especially continue to stay at home.*

**HOLY REDEEMER BY THE SEA  
CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**(252) 261-4700**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**(252)-261-1405 fax**

**Emergencies/Emergencias:**

**(252) 261-4700 x 215**

**Parish Office hours: Monday - Friday**

**10am - 12pm**

**Email:**

[contact@obxcatholicparish.org](mailto:contact@obxcatholicparish.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/OBXCatholic.Parish/>



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**HOLY TRINITY BY THE SEA  
CATHOLIC CHAPEL**



**[www.obxcatholicparish.org](http://www.obxcatholicparish.org)**

## Parish Administration & Support

<b>Pastor/Parroco:</b>	Rev. Dr. William F. Walsh, osfs
<b>Parochial Vicar:</b>	Rev. John A. Hanley, osfs
<b>Deacons:</b>	Al Hallatt Wil Hollowell
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<b>Director, Youth Activities:</b>	Connie Quattlebaum
<b>Music:</b>	John Buford, Kim Kalman
<b>Building Council Chair:</b>	Bill Farrell
<b>Finance Council Chair:</b>	Boyd Tolman
<b>Liturgical Council Chair:</b>	Jane Parker
<b>Pastoral Council Chair:</b>	Kris Felthousen
<b>Stewardship Council Chair:</b>	Frank & Marian Sciacchitano

### Sacraments / Sacramentos

Sacrament of Reconciliation/Sacramento de la Reconciliación:  
Holy Redeemer — Saturday, 4:00 pm or by appointment,  
4:00 los sábados, Santo Redentor. Monday & Tuesday mornings by appt.

### Ministry to the Sick

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### Ministerio para los Enfermos

Estamos agradecidos de saber si hay una persona que usted siente que debe estar en nuestra lista de Oración de Boletines, o quién se beneficiaría con la visita de un Ministro Eucarístico o la unción de un Sacerdote. Por favor advice al individuo que llame a nuestra oficina @ (252) 261-4700 con esa solicitud, o, si él o ella esta icapaz de llamar, por favor pregunte a los familiares o una familia inmediata para contactarnos. En las emergencias, cuando nuestra Oficina Parroquial esta cerrado, por favor llame a través de @ (252) 261-4700 x 215.

### For All Other Sacraments

Please call the Parish Sacramental Coordinator, Val Cummings, at 252-261-4700 or hlyrdmrwed@aol.com for information regarding all other Sacramental Programs.

### Para todos los demás Sacramentos

Por favor llame al Coordinadora Sacramental Parroquial, Val Cummings, @ 252-261-4700 o hlyrdmrwed@aol.com para obtener información sobre todos los demás Programas Sacramentales.

**With the exception of the Anointing of the Sick and Graveside services, all Sacraments, Liturgies and other para-Liturgies take place inside the Church/Chapel Building.**



**Mailing Address:**  
P.O. Box 510  
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949-0510

## FEAST OF FAITH The Second Reading

The Liturgy of the Word generally follows a consistent pattern of three readings and a psalm. The second reading is always taken from one of the New Testament epistles or the Book of Revelation, and generally is not intentionally aligned with either the Gospel or the first reading.

Where would we be without these letters in which great saints and apostles like Paul, Peter, James, and John share their wisdom and pastoral good sense with the early Christian communities? It is in these letters, even more than in the Gospel narratives, that we learn what it means to be church: to live with each other, in the world yet not of the world, in these days after the Lord's resurrection. Each New Testament letter was written by a particular leader for a particular community at a particular time. We are reminded of this at the beginning of the proclamation—"A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians," or the Corinthians, or the Thessalonians. These texts were shaped by their particular historical and cultural context, but at the same time, through the liturgy, these letters are written to us, here, today. They speak to the realities of Christian living no matter where—or when—we live. They are truly "the word of the Lord" for us.

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### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Easter
Wednesday:	St. Anselm; Administrative Professionals Day
Thursday:	Earth Day
Friday:	St. George; St. Adalbert
Saturday:	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

**Welcome to our visitors.  
We are glad you could  
join us.**

## Faith Development

Faith Formation classes resume this Sunday, April 18. Just a quick reminder to please follow the procedure for dropping off and picking up students. Thank you. If you have any further questions or would like to be part of the Faith Formation Program, please contact me at (703) 304.3683 or [kbengley@gmail.com](mailto:kbengley@gmail.com)  
 Kerri Engley, Director, Faith Formation

### Family Faith Formation with Today's Families April 21, 2021 12:00 pm

The Family Faith Formation MasterClass explores the world of today's families and their unique life tasks and spiritual-religious needs. The family is the primary community where faith practices are nurtured and practiced. The class presents the central role of families in faith transmission, and the practices that are most significant in forming faith in children and teens. The MasterClass will discuss approaches and strategies for forming faith at home (celebrating rituals and milestones, praying, serving, learning the Christian faith, reading the Bible); providing faith forming experiences at church—learning, worship, service, and more; and connecting with families at home through digital media and methods. To register please visit: <https://vibrantfaith.org/training/masterclass>

**EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT AT 8:00 PM**  
**THOUSANDS OF CATHOLIC TEENS**  
**GATHER ONLINE FOR**  
**PROJECT YOUTH MINISTRY LIVE**  
**JOIN US AT: [HTTPS://PROJECTYM.COM/](https://PROJECTYM.COM/)**

### Please Join Us Ignited By Truth Conference

The 18th annual Ignited By Truth (IBT) Conference will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2021, 10am-5pm ET on the IBT YouTube Channel. Speakers include Dr. Scott Hahn, Fr. Michael Schmitz, Fr. Chris Alar, Matthew Leonard, and Patricia Sandoval. Register at [IgnitedByTruth.org](http://IgnitedByTruth.org) for FREE access, including weekly pre-conference talks!



**Our condolences and prayers are extended to the *Wobser* Family on the recent loss of their father, *Deacon Don Wobser*. Deacon Don served our parish for many years. May he rest in peace.**

## NATURE'S LESSONS

Believe one who has tried, you shall find a fuller satisfaction in the woods than in books. The trees and the rocks will teach you that which you cannot hear from the masters. —St. Bernard of Clairvaux

## Mass Intentions Holy Redeemer by the Sea Catholic Parish

### Monday — April 19, 2021

9:00 am Mass for † Mary Jo Murden at HR

### Tuesday — April 20, 2021

9:00 am Mass for Priests of the Diocese of Raleigh, Living and Deceased, at HR

### Wednesday — April 21, 2021

9:00 am Mass for † John E. Carloni at HR

9:45 am Little Rock Scripture at HR

10:30 am Parish Office closed (staff meeting)

### Thursday — April 22, 2021

9:00 am Mass for † Geri Zinghini at HR

### Friday — April 23, 2021

9:00 am Mass for † Lucy Magee at HR

### Saturday — April 24, 2021

4:00 pm Sacrament of Reconciliation at HR

5:00 pm Mass for † Carol Medeiros at HR  
 Celebrant: Fr. John Hanley, osfs

7:30 pm Mass for the People of the Parish (Living and Deceased) (Bilingual) at HT  
 Celebrant: Fr. Bill Walsh, osfs

### Sunday — April 25, 2021

9:00 am Mass for † Peter Kalnas at HR  
 Celebrant: Fr. Bill Walsh, osfs

11:00 am Mass for † Catherine Corleto at HT  
 Celebrant: Fr. John Hanley, osfs

3:00 pm Divine Mercy at HR



*The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in memory of **Carol Medeiros** and the Gospel Candle burns this week in memory of **Deacon Don Wobser**.*

## Healing Mass

The next Healing Mass, where the Sacrament of the Sick is administered, will be celebrated **Wednesday, May 5** at Holy Redeemer.

## Divine Mercy Devotion

Everyone is invited to participate in the Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer at Holy Redeemer on Sundays at 3:00 pm. Those who participate in this devotion have experienced the power of prayer and God's Mercy. Please contact Marcy Martin at 252.261.7946 if you would like us to pray for a loved one or you wish to have a Special Intention included in the Intentions Journal. If you would like to pray the Divine Mercy at home, please visit: [www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/pray-the-chaplet)

**Stewardship - A Way of Life**

**Reflecting on God's Word**

Some vaccinations only last so long. After a predictable amount of time the immunity wears off and people are susceptible to the same old disease again. That's when it's time for a booster shot. It seems that we also need booster shots for faith. Baptism alone is not enough. The joy and peace that filled our communities two weeks ago are probably starting to flag and our old selves may be starting to re-emerge. We need a weekly dose of Resurrection appearances, in the Eucharist we share.

All three of this week's readings as well as the psalm point out the weakness of our human faith. Yet they emphasize the forgiveness and blessing that are always available to those who turn to "Jesus Christ the righteous one." Can we recognize ourselves in Luke's Gospel today? Do we realize how deeply we depend on our weekly "booster shot" of the Eucharist to remember and reclaim the saving presence of the risen Lord?

—Virginia Stillwell  
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**Holy Redeemer by the Sea Church  
 P.O. Box 510  
 Kitty Hawk, NC 27949-0510**

**Thank you.**

**Living God's Word**

The Eucharist is meant to energize us to take Christ's presence out into the world. It may be easy to see ourselves in today's scriptures as the weak sinners, but we should also envision ourselves in the roles of Peter, John, and Luke. In the Eucharist Jesus feeds us and sends us to "preach in his name to all the nations" (Luke 24:47). We are his witnesses.

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**Third Sunday of Easter  
 April 18, 2021**

You alone, O LORD,  
 bring security to my dwelling.  
 — Psalm 4:9



**Please pray for the sick** especially Carol McCombs, Louann Mast, Fran Montgomery, John & Brenda Hughes, Pete Godbey, George Kowal, Anna Mae Rosendale, Dayna DeNolfi, Tricia Lawrenson, Patricia Maier, Carol Meekins, Russ Whaley, Angela Wamp, Jane Trout, Patti Brown, Bonna Meadows, Gail Higgins, Makenna Day, Liam Bane, Victoria Hively, Vanessa McLane, Kevin McGrath, John Lutolf, Angela Conforti, Nessa Vayette, Megan Vayette, Marilyn Canning, Barbara Creef Preiser, Linda Foster, John Hughes, Dick Staib, Neil Bane, Kaelin Funaiock, Mary Doyle, John Walsh, Nick Parisi, Agnes Lilly, Carol Facci, Lee Baronet, Kenny Meekins, Emma Meekins, Dick Sulik, Tony Sawyer, Gloria White, Earlene Sawyer, BreeAnna Fulton, Terri Ann Risoldi, Donna Precord, Nonia Gay Jones, Chris Pope, Denny Doyle, Alicia McDonnell, Gerry Bedrin, Doris Bryant, Vicki & Nick Campanale, Tom DeSocio, Audrey Meekins, Kim Dixon, Sean Rolleri, Debbie Miley, Carol Watters, Stephen Yaciuk, Gloria Malinowski, Betsy Shea, George Nelson, Maureen Anderson, Valerie & Michael Machajewski, Luis Rodrigues, Michael Norrell, Esther Kirby. *Names will be kept on the prayer list for 1 month from the time they are requested.*

**Receive the Bulletin by Email**

If you would like to receive our parish bulletin via email, simply use this web address: <https://www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx> and follow the directions. If you have questions, please contact Marian Sciacchitano at [sciacch@yahoo.com](mailto:sciacch@yahoo.com)

**FULFILLMENT**



It is interesting that during the Easter season, when we do not hear a reading from the Old Testament, it becomes so important. This is particularly true today. Peter's speech begins with a prayer formula familiar to Jews: "The God of Abraham . . ." (Acts 3:13). It likewise contains the potent phrases "Holy and Righteous One" and "mouth of all the prophets" (3:14, 18). Peter was stating in no uncertain terms that the law, psalms, and prophets had been fulfilled in Christ. This is reinforced by Jesus himself in the Gospel passage, when he states that everything in the scriptures (to the early Christians "the scriptures" were what we call the Old Testament) had to be fulfilled. Above all, Jesus and Peter both emphasize that we are witnesses to all of this, and are sent forth to bear witness to it in the world. The Latin *Missa*, from which our word "Mass" comes, means "sent" (as in "mission"). As we leave Mass today, let us remember to be witnesses to all that has been fulfilled in the risen Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Low Gluten Hosts Available**

We have low gluten hosts available for Communion at all Masses. If you need a low gluten host, please make the request to one of our Eucharist Ministers before Mass.

**Weekend Retreat  
The Heart of Mary  
May 7 — May 9, 2021**

Spend a weekend deepening your understanding and devotion to the Blessed Mother. Find out why so many people today seek out Mary for peace, direction and hope, and how she might be able to give the same to you. On May 7-9, 2021, the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC is offering a weekend retreat – a perfect gift to share with your mother for Mother’s Day. To dovetail with your particular Mother’s Day plans, we have options for one night or two, plus some for commuter sessions and even a separate Mother’s Day Sunday brunch. In addition to powerful talks, you’ll be able to enjoy our beautiful setting in full springtime bloom and delicious full-course meals prepared by our own Executive Chef. For more information, visit [www.catholicconference.org/](http://www.catholicconference.org/)

**Beach Food Pantry**

If you would like to leave food donations, Holy Redeemer is a drop off location. The church is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Please visit the Pantry’s website for additional information at [beachfoodpantry.org](http://beachfoodpantry.org) (No clothing, please)



We wish to extend to you a personal invitation to the latest **free Catholic Estate Planning Webinar on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM.**

The event is hosted by The Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Raleigh.

Before the pandemic, it was estimated that more than two-thirds of Americans (68 percent) did not have an up-to-date estate plan. An even higher percentage (71.6 percent) did not have a plan that accurately reflected their current wishes.

To assist you with your estate planning, our guest speakers, Ryan Flood, Planned Giving Specialist, The Foundation and Charles Davis III, Associate, N.C. Board Certified Specialist in Estate Planning and Probate Law, Poyner Spruill LLP, will discuss the following key topics:

- Your 4-Key Estate Planning Documents
- Establishing Your Beneficiary Designations
- Proper Asset Titling
- Estate Planning Is For Everyone
- Planning to Protect Those You Love
- Planning to Build a World You Wish to See

**To RSVP**, please contact Alicia Hastings, 919-568-1065 or [executive.assistant@foundationdor.org](mailto:executive.assistant@foundationdor.org)

**This is a free seminar and no solicitations will be made.**

**Knights of Columbus-Join now!**

The Knights are the largest men’s Catholic fraternal organization; and we are dedicated to helping our priests, parish and community. We do it to be better husbands, fathers, sons, neighbors and Catholics. The brother Knights at this council invite you to join us. For more information, please contact Tim Gregory, Grand Knight, at (252) 261.4700 or [kofc.org/joinus](http://kofc.org/joinus)

**Bible Study**



**Little Rock  
Scripture Study  
Parables of the Kingdom  
Part 1**

Please join us for a six week study of the Parables beginning **April 21 at 9:45 a.m.** in the parish hall at Holy Redeemer. Some of the most memorable teachings of Jesus

were delivered as parables and are found in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke (the Synoptic Gospels). Lesson one begins with acquainting participants with the important characteristics of a parable, and how they use images familiar to the audience and draw on common experience that nevertheless challenge the audience to see things in a new way. Subsequent lessons look at the parables found in Mark’s Gospel, where the disciples are a privileged audience to Jesus’ private explanations of the parables. Lessons four and five explore the ways Matthew uses the same parables but gives them a slightly different twist.

The cost is \$20 for the commentary and study guide. We ask all participants to wear masks and we will be social distancing. If you would like to participate, contact Judy Gach at 336.682.7412 or [reckinRalph88@yahoo.com](mailto:reckinRalph88@yahoo.com)

**May Belongs To Mary**

**"The church's devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship." [Catechism of the Catholic Church, 971].**

The month of May has traditionally been to honor the Mother of God. During May, we will pray the Rosary immediately following the Daily Mass at Holy Redeemer by the Sea Church led by Richard Sulik.

Seek out Mary’s help; she is our loving and protecting mother who intercedes for us.

**Opportunities for Confession**

In addition to Saturday at Holy Redeemer Church from 4:00—4:30 pm, confession is also available by appointment from 10:30 AM to 11:30 AM every Monday and Tuesday. Please call the parish office, 252.261.4700, for an appointment which will be scheduled in 15 minute intervals. Please respect this time frame out of consideration for others waiting for the Sacrament. If you have questions, please contact Val Cummings at [hlyrdmrwed@aol.com](mailto:hlyrdmrwed@aol.com)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69  
 Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

**Ministries to the Sick**

The compassion and caring of the parishioners of Holy Redeemer by the Sea for the sick and homebound are truly a work of mercy. We are grateful to know if there is a person you feel should be on our bulletin prayer list, or who would benefit from an anointing by a priest. Please ask the individual to call our office (252) 261-4700 with that request, or, if he or she is unable to call, please ask the next of kin or an immediate family member to contact us. The Sacrament of the Sick is available to all in need of healing. **PLEASE DO NOT WAIT** until death is imminent to offer your loved one this grace.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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**Salesian Shop**

The Oblates are pleased to provide a selection of books, pamphlets and devotional items centered in the spirituality of our patron, St. Francis de Sales. You are invited to review these items of the Salesian Shop to enhance your journey of faith. Visit the Salesian Shop online at [www.salesianshop.com](http://www.salesianshop.com)

**\*\* Diocese of Raleigh Parishes Online Masses**

Below are some links to online Masses and prayers:

- Holy Redeemer by the Sea - On YouTube, Sunday, 9:00 am.**
  - St. Mary Magdalene, Apex – On YouTube, Sunday, 10:45 a.m.**
  - St. Anthony of Padua, Southern Pines – On Facebook, Monday-Thursday, 12:00 p.m.**
  - St. Michael The Archangel, Cary – On Livestream: Daily Mass, 8:30 a.m. and Sunday Mass, 10:30 a.m.**
  - Duke Catholic Center – On YouTube, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**
  - St. Ann, Clayton – On YouTube, Sunday, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**
  - Our Lady of Lourdes, Raleigh - Homilies only**
  - St. Francis of Assisi, Raleigh - On Facebook, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.**
  - Immaculate Conception, Durham - On Facebook, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.**
  - St. Thomas More, Chapel Hill - On Facebook, Daily Mass, Wednesday, 12:15 a.m.**
  - St. Raphael the Archangel, Raleigh - On Facebook, Sunday, 9:30 a.m.**
  - St. Charles, Ahoski - On Facebook, Sunday, 11:00 a.m.**
  - St. Raphael the Archangel, Raleigh, en Facebook, Domingo a las 2:00 p.m.**
  - St. Ann Clayton, en YouTube, Sábado a las 7 p.m.**
  - Immaculate Conception, Durham - En Facebook, Domingo a las 10:30 a.m.**
  - St. Thomas More, Chapel Hill - en Facebook, Misa diaria, Jueves a las 6:00 p.m.; Misa dominical a las 1:30 p.m.**
  - St. Michael the Archangel, Cary - en Livestream, Domingo a las 2:15 p.m.**
  - St. Charles, Ahoski - en Facebook, Sábado a las 7:00 p.m.**
  - Catholic TV Domingo a las 8:00 a.m.; 5:30 p.m. y 10:00 p.m.**
  - EWTV Domingo a las 8:00 a.m. y 4:00 p.m.**
- Por favor continúe orando por las personas que han sido afectadas por el virus: los enfermos, los profesionales de la salud y de la salud pública que se ocupan de los enfermos y trabajan para contener el virus, los afectados económicamente y todos nosotros mientras lidiamos con esta situación.

**\*\* All information was accurate at the time of publication but is subject to change. Please check local listings.**

**Bulletin Notices:** Please email your information to Marian Sciacchitano at [sciacch@yahoo.com](mailto:sciacch@yahoo.com). Deadline for the bulletin is noon Wednesday of the previous week.



OBLATES OF ST. FRANCIS DE SALES  
Wilmington-Philadelphia Province

## **DeSales Spirituality Services**

### **Salesian Sunday Reflection**

### ***Third Sunday of Easter***

#### ***April 18, 2021***

In today's Gospel we come to see how the Disciples' faith is affirmed as they continue to experience Jesus' presence among them. St. Francis de Sales tells us that God also continues to affirm our faith:

So loving is God's hand as it handles our hearts! So skillful is God's hand in bringing its strength to us without depriving us of freedom. God's power gently gives us power as the Holy Spirit pours into our hearts the first rays of the divine light of faith.

These movements of the Spirit are the beginning of holy love. They are the first green buds that the soul, warmed by the Heavenly Sun, begins to put out in the springtime. Joyous, beautiful, and pleasing is this dawn of sacred love. Still, it remains true that the dawn is not the day. These movements of divine love precede our act of faith. When God gives us faith, God enters our being and speaks to us by way of inspiration.

Little by little our Lord strengthens the grace that comes to us from divine inspiration. So pleasantly does God propose to us what we must believe that we adhere to the light of truth with a gentle but powerful certitude: faith alone makes us love and believe in the truth of Christ's love by diffusing a certitude in our mind. Faith is the best friend of our spirit. For step by step as it were, we are led back to God.

How gently Our Lord proceeds in hearts that consent to serve God throughout their life by keeping the Commandments. I believe that God would give us still more help if it were not because of our failure and the obstacles we place in the way. Therefore, let us be attentive to our progress in the love we owe to God, for then the love that God brings will never be wanting to us, and our faith in Christ will grow just as the Apostles' faith did after the resurrection.

*(Adapted from the writings of St. Francis de Sales, especially, Treatise on the Love of God.)*

## Proclaim the Good News! \*

We are pleased to welcome you into the Church and Chapel buildings to celebrate Mass together. Our weekend Liturgies will follow the offseason schedule: Saturday 5:00 PM @ Holy Redeemer, 7:30 PM @ Holy Trinity (Bilingual) and Sunday 9:00 AM @ Holy Redeemer and 11:00 AM @ Holy Trinity. **The following precautions will be in place:**

- **Attendance limited to 225** inside Holy Redeemer and 60 inside Holy Trinity. Admittance will be on a first come, first served basis. The audio Mass will continue to be broadcast outside of the building for those who do not wish to enter or do not have a mask. **We will continue to livestream the 9:00 AM Mass as long as we have the resources to do so.**
- **Entry will be through** one attended front door only; exit will be through the rear doors.
- **ALL inside attendees MUST** wear a face covering over the nose and mouth. This is for the protection of the entire worshiping community in the event that someone present tests positive at a later date.
- **Seating will be permitted in EVERY OTHER ROW.** Within each row, parties are asked to social distance at least 6 feet apart.
- **In order to minimize the time** we are seated indoors, Mass will be celebrated in an abbreviated form, with limited singing. There will be no hymnals or prayer cards available. Here is a link to a website with the Order of the Mass, should you wish to access it on your phone or print it in whole or in part for your personal use.

<https://www.universalis.com/static/mass/orderofmass.htm>

**Please take any printed materials you bring away with you.**

- There will be no Collection or Offertory Procession. If you wish to make a donation, please place your offertory in the designated receptacles.
- Communion will be distributed as host only after the final blessing both inside and outside of the building. After receiving Communion (in your hand only, please) depart the building through the designated doors.
- The restrooms will be available, with sufficient supplies for handwashing.
- The building will be sanitized using an approved disinfectant, and the restrooms cleaned and sanitized after each Mass. You are encouraged to bring your own hand sanitizer for personal use as needed.
- Weekday Masses have resumed. All Weekday Masses will take place at Holy Redeemer by the Sea in Kitty Hawk at 9:00 AM, Monday through Friday. Since our Bishop has dispensed us from the obligation to attend weekend Mass, some may find attendance at weekday Mass more feasible.

**However, keep this in mind:**

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# Earth Day

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## Earth Day Prayer

As we are called to see ourselves and each other as earthen vessels that hold God's presence and bring God's gifts to the world, so too, this very world and all that is above, around and within it are earthen vessels - just as easily shattered, just as much in need of our loving attentiveness and support.

May our hands align with God's in caressing and shaping these vessels.

- For trees, plants, crops, and forests. Let us pray.
- For water, oceans, rivers, streams and ponds. Let us pray.
- For air, wind, climate and weather. Let us pray.
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- For Earth and unity. Let us pray.

Creator God, we thank you for all of creation. We ask your forgiveness where we have failed to be just stewards. And we now ask for your guidance in restoring the face of the earth. May we learn to live in harmony, safety and just sharing of resources among all so that we achieve the kingdom of God.

Peace be to this community. Peace be to this land. Peace be to all people. Amen.

This prayer was adapted for Earth Day 2013 by the Catholic Health Association from a novena developed by the Mercy Justice Circle in New Jersey.

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they recounted what had  
taken place on the way.

Luke 24:35