



BLD Trenton



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We live in solidarity in our desire to be holy when we believe in the fellowship of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

PROMISE:

"...everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (Jn 3:16b)

WORD:

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/
Dn 3:52-56/ 2 Cor
13:11-13/ Jn 3:16-18

ORDER:

- *"...Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace..."* (2 Cor 13:11)

DIRECTIONS:

- Reconcile with one another.
- Be loving and forgiving with one another.
- Work together in harmony.
- Be sensitive to the needs of others.

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A Perfect Model Of Unity

REFLECTION:

The Lord always encourage us to live in harmony with one another so we can live in peace and remain in His love. God created us in his own image and likeness. We are all God's creation and because of that He gave diversity in all of us so the world will be much more beautiful with different colors and races.



As we are all Jesus Christ's disciples we are to live holy and as united as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Each and every one of us has our own responsibility to share the love of God as we all are the rightful inheritors of His love, joy and peace. We need to reach out and minister to the world that is desperate for His LOVE and PEACE and, most especially, the saving healing power of our Lord, so that we all can share in the empowerment of the Holy Spirit's gifts as we walk with all our brothers and sisters through all the trials in life.

No one has greater love than our God

the Father who willingly gave His only Son. There is, however, no perfect community. Like in any loving community we all have the responsibility to reach out to others if we can offer help in any way. Everyone has all the means of reaching out to others. Social me-

dia is very powerful tool to reach out to anyone if we wish to nowadays. Why will we wait for a pandemic or someone dying repeatedly in the same manner just because they are different? God loves us equally and we are His sons and daughters. We human beings need all these disasters, illnesses and deaths in order for us to be united. Or maybe this is a blessing in disguise so we all could come back to our heavenly Father to ask for his Mercy and Grace. The Lord is so good all the time that He gives us million chances to change so we can be with Him. Are we really that dark and we need to have more darkness in our lives

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More Years Ahead For BLD-Trenton

Greetings to our BLD Trenton brethren.

We give honor and thanksgiving to our Almighty Father for pouring out His mighty blessings on BLD Trenton for the past 19 years. May BLD Trenton continue to be an instrument for all of us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."* 1Peter 2: 9

As we move forward, may the bond of love among us become stronger; to bear with one another and always be united as one Body of Christ. Let us rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. May our Lord Jesus Christ grant us many more years to fulfill our vision and mission as His Holy Spirit fills us and guides us in all our deeds.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ together with the Holy Spirit. AMEN.

~ Art & Agnes Monta, BLD Cluster District Shepherds



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ALL upcoming Healing Masses, Praise & Worships, Reunions, Teachings and any activities, for the months of March, April, and May 2020 are CANCELLED until further notice.



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for us to reach for our Lord's light? In our community every one needs to work together to attain one common goal, that is, to be close in every way we can to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prayer:

My Lord God, Father, Son & Holy Spirit, thank you for all your mercy, grace and blessings despite our sinfulness. For all Your wisdom and guidance make us an instru-

ment of your peace and unity so we may have your light and peace. Oh Holy Spirit, thank you for all your gifts that lead us back to You and our salvation. May we never forget that this life we have is borrowed and a given privilege from You. May we always remember that each and every one of us is created with a role and a task to follow and aid You to bring more sheep back to Your Heavenly Kingdom. Let all of us humble ourselves before You and renew our spirit. Fill us with your peace and love and let us all be sat-

God's Blessings

Birthday

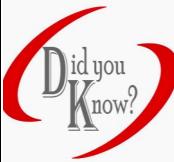
Chris Cabrera	6/5	Cece Ortiz	6/9
Lenny Palao	6/5	Luz Agustín	6/10
Ernie Doropan	6/5	Annabel Poblete	6/10
Ramon Cuasay	6/6	Arlene Tan	6/10
Fr. Tito Ignacio	6/6	Lino Alcasid	6/11
Kevin Palencia	6/6	Lani Fincalero	6/11
Ronald Rebong	6/6	Joseph Ortiz	6/11

Aida Odejar 6/11

Anniversary

Eric & Arlene Tan	6/5
Mark & Lilia Senter	6/8
Dennis & Jasmin Zulueta	6/8

Triune God


The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three persons, the "consubstantial Trinity". The divine persons do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire: "The Father is that which the Son is, the Son that which the Father is, the Father and the Son that which the Holy Spirit is, i.e. by nature one God." In the words of the Fourth Lateran Council (1215), "Each of the persons is that supreme reality, viz., the divine substance, essence or nature."

The divine persons are really distinct from one another. "God is one but not solitary." "Father", "Son", "Holy Spirit" are not simply names designating modalities of the divine being, for they are really distinct from one another: "He is not the Father who is the Son, nor is the Son he who is the Father, nor is the Holy Spirit he who is the Father or the Son." They are distinct from one another in their relations of origin: "It is the Father who generates, the Son who is begotten, and the Holy Spirit who proceeds." The divine Unity is Triune.

The divine persons are relative to one another. Because it does not divide the divine unity, the real distinction of the persons from one another resides solely in the relationships which relate them to one another: "In the relational names of the persons the Father is related to the Son, the Son to the Father, and the Holy Spirit to both.

~ Catechism of the Catholic Church, 252-255

isfied with it. Let us all have the desire to love you the way you ought to be loved because you are the only one who can give us what we really need. Most especially, help us to look up to you and be united like the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. For we are nothing without You. God the Son, Jesus Christ, lead us all to God the Father in unity of the Holy Spirit. The one goal each of us have is to honor and glorify you now and forever. For whatever, we accomplish is all for Your greater glory.

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PROMISE:

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." (Jn 6:56)

WORD:

Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/
Ps 147:12-15, 19-
20/ 1 Cor 10:16-17/
Jn 6:51-58

ORDER:

- Eat my flesh and drink my blood. (Jn 6:56)

DIRECTIONS:

- Have a deeper understanding and appreciation of the Holy Eucharist.
- Receive the Body and Blood of Christ in a state of grace.
- Attend Mass as often as possible.
- Immerse ourselves in the Scriptures.

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Seeking And Feeling Jesus

REFLECTION:

Corpus Christi is a Latin phrase that means the Body of Christ. This event memorializes the Last Supper on the day before Jesus was crucified.

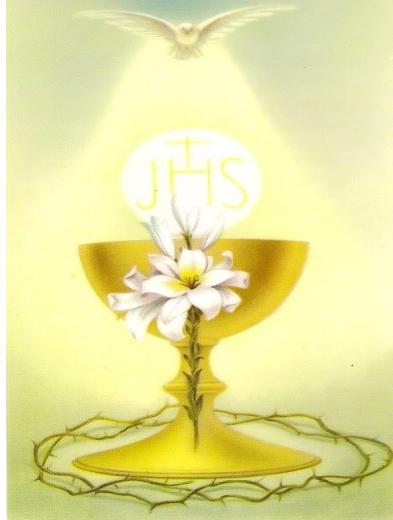
This week's theme desires from us a deeper appreciation and understanding of the Eucharist. Let us reflect on three important words: Eucharist, Solidarity, Pure Heart.

1. Eucharist

John Paul II described the Mass as "Heaven on Earth", explaining that what we celebrate on earth is a mysterious participation in the heavenly liturgy".

The Eucharist is the "source and summit of our Christian life". It is the sacrament of sacraments. The other sacraments give us grace; the Holy Eucharist gives us not only grace but the author of the grace himself, Jesus Christ. The Eucharist is the center of all else that the Church has and does, without which our faith is empty.

We believe that when the Church



gathers, Mass is celebrated with the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, and within the Eucharist, bread and wine are presented and prayed over, the Spirit of God descends and makes those elements into the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Of all things Catholic, the Mass is what we are all very familiar with. Such familiarity sometimes takes away the joy in the celebration of this

sacrament. Without the joy and enthusiasm in attending the Mass, our celebration feels empty, our presence becomes an attendance and our gratefulness changes to a mere obligation.

The mysterious transformation of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ during Mass should likewise change us to become His image and likeness. The authenticity and integrity of our daily or weekly celebration of the Paschal Mystery will be in direct relationship to our efforts to live the Paschal

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One of the earliest teachings on the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist came from St. Cyril of Jerusalem. As bishop of Jerusalem during the 4th century, he gave lectures instructing the newly baptized on the holy sacraments. On the Eucharist, he said:

"Since Christ himself has declared the bread to be his body, who can have any further doubt?

Since he himself has said quite categorically, This is my blood, who would dare to question it and say that it is not his blood?

Therefore, it is with complete assurance that we receive the bread and wine as the body and blood of Christ. His body is given to us under the symbol of bread, and his blood is given to us under the symbol of wine, in order to make us by receiving them one body and blood with him. Having his body and blood in our members, we become bearers of Christ and sharers, as Saint Peter says, in the divine nature.

Once, when speaking to the Jews, Christ said: Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood you shall have no life in you. This horrified them and they left him. Not understanding his words in a spiritual way, they thought the Savior wished them to practice cannibalism.

Under the old covenant there was showbread, but it came to an end with the old dispensation to which it belonged. Under the new covenant there is bread from heaven and the cup of salvation. These sanctify both soul and body, the bread being adapted to the sanctification of the body, the Word, to the sanctification of the soul.

Do not, then, regard the eucharistic elements as ordinary bread and wine: they are in fact the body and blood of the Lord, as he himself has declared. Whatever your senses may tell you, be strong in faith."

WRITERS NEEDED

Calling everyone to contribute to our Community News. We welcome spiritual articles, testimonies, and reflections of 300 words or less. Please submit manuscripts by e-mail to bldword@gmail.com

*This the truth each Christian learns,
Bread into his flesh he turns,
To his precious blood the wine.*

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Mystery in the hustle and bustle of daily life.

The Eucharist reminds us that because we have received the Body of Christ, we must become the body of Christ. We are to become the Lord's hands that touch and care for the sick, old and infirm; we are to have his feet that walk to meet and befriend the lonely; we are to possess his understanding eyes that reveal compassion to the hurting and those lost in our midst; and we are to own his voice of power and righteousness to speak out for the marginalized in the cause of justice.

Does virtual Holy Mass attendance diminish the substance of our faith in the Eucharist? The answer is No! Whenever we attend Mass even a virtual one, we know that we recognize and experience Christ in four elements; in the assembly gathered, that is among us; in the person of the priest, the celebrant; in the Word proclaimed and in the Eucharistic species, the body and blood, or in the present state we are in, the Act of spiritual communion.

2. Solidarity

From the Eucharist is derived what it means to be with Christ – unity. In the second reading, Paul is preaching unity of the church. As we are all members of the church and, therefore, one in the Body of Christ, we should love one another and work together. Mutual respect, compassion and forgive-

ness should characterize the relationship among us in our Community.

Bishop Rey Evangelista, in his exhortation at last Friday's Holy Mass said, *"where there is communion, there is solidarity in the heart of the community".*

We should always be reminded and, again, take to our hearts our BLD pledge of commitment, that is, *"we shall remain reconciled and in solidarity with the other disciples of the Community".*

3. Pure Heart

As the lyrics of a song goes, *"A pure heart, that's what I long for.... A heart that's undivided... A heart that pleases you, my Lord"*. These phrases are what define a pure heart. Our heart may be clean, but it isn't pure when we have goals other than being united with the Lord and our brethren. We don't realize our heart has become divided until we notice how dry and unhappy, we've become, and how far away the Lord and our brothers and sisters seem. John 6:56 says, *"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him."*

Let us seek Him always in the Eucharist. As the Lord purifies our hearts, we will experience one of the greatest blessings—we will see more of who He is and know Him in a deeper way. Jesus says, *"Do this in memory of me"*. What a joy it is to see and feel Jesus with a pure heart!

God's Blessings

Birthday

Liberty Baliscao	6/12	Kiko Torralba	6/14
Erwin Bustamante	6/14	Teena Janolo	6/17

Anniversary

Jean & Patricia DeJean	6/12
Rolly & Lota Salomia	6/12
Jho-Jho & Mey Alabastro	6/14
Eric & Jedy Bustamante	6/14
Bill & Camille Colon	6/15
Jun & Lani Fincalero	6/15
Sonny & Raquel Adame	6/17



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WORD:

Jer 20:10-13/ Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33 -35/ Rom 5:12-15/ Mt 10:26-33

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DIRECTIONS:

- Attend Mass as often as possible.
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June 19, 2020

Live And Share Christ

REFLECTION:

We are created in the image and likeness of God, just as we are the expression of His love and glory. Since we are created in His love, we are called to be a community of loving persons, just as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are united in love. Their perfect loving relationship should be the supreme model of our human relationships. From the day of our baptism, we are united with the Triune God, becoming adopted children of the Father, brothers of Christ, and temples of the Holy Spirit, called to a path of holiness towards God.

God desires our sanctification. He places the desire in our hearts to grow in virtue and holiness. St. Paul tells us, *"He chose us in Christ from the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight,"* (Eph 1:4). It is our vocation, our purpose, the reason we are created. Only God is holy, the source of all holiness. To be holy is to be like God, to be in union with Him. Jesus is the perfect image of God and therefore, to be holy is to be like Jesus, to imitate his life and virtues, to be one with him.

How are we to become one with Christ? Our theme for the week tells us: We live in solidarity in our desire to be holy when we have the courage to testify



to others what Jesus has done in our life. The calling is to live Christ and to share Christ!

We give witness to our values, beliefs, and religious commitments by telling others about our faith and how we meet Jesus in our ordinary experiences and circumstances. Sharing our life in Jesus has the power to help those with whom we share a passing moment, an interaction, or even a lifetime, and then see how God begins to work in their lives. Sharing how God works in our everyday life, in answered prayers and blessings, in our struggles and triumphs, in the little miracles that we receive, can readily be felt by people we interact with.

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Know Your Saints

Saint Maria Goretti: Patroness of Purity

Born to a poor Italian farming family in 1890, Maria lost her father when she was nine after he was bit by a mosquito infected with malaria. It then fell on her to look after her five siblings while her mother worked the fields to support the family. Taking care of her family was made more difficult for the young and innocent Maria as she was also tasked to cook and clean for her two next-door neighbors- Giovanni Serenelli and his son, the 20-year old Alessandro. The latter had developed an impure liking for Maria that culminated in him demanding her virginity and attempting to rape her.



Though Maria successfully prevented the sexual attack by Alessandro, she did not survive the stabbings she suffered. Before she died three days later, and holding a crucifix and medal of Our Lady, she mercifully forgave her attacker. Alessandro was without remorse even after he was sentenced to 30 years in prison. But while incarcerated, he had a vision of Maria in a garden dressed in white and gathering lilies. She was smiling at him, offering him the lilies which transformed into a bright white flame. When he awoke, he repented for his crime and begged forgiveness from Maria's mother as soon as he was released from prison. He spent the rest of his life as a gardener in a monastery, devoting himself to God by becoming a Franciscan brother.

Maria was canonized in 1950 by Pope Pius XII in St. Peter's Square, rather than the Basilica, for the first time ever due to the huge crowd that attended—more than half a million people, including her mother. Having died at the age of eleven, St. Maria Goretti is the youngest saint in the history of the Church. She is known as a wonder-worker, having interceded to produce countless miracles. Her feast day falls on July 6.

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Our godly habits in word and action help in passing on the richness of our Catholic faith to other, our family members, neighbors, friends, co-workers and faith community we belong to. In the ordinariness of our life, we can truly be witnesses to the power of our loving God.

An authentic and humble witness to Christ transforms the heart, leading people to a meaningful path in amending their lives. Our Lord Jesus is constantly and persistently using people to make him known to all. We have experienced his saving grace in our own life when we were blessed by people who shared their transformed lives because they accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Their testimonies have pointed

us to a new life in Christ. Their simple faith and authentic transformation stories were powerful moments that touched us deep in our hearts that led us to encounter and deepen our relationship with Jesus, as they did.

Courageously testifying to others what Jesus has done in our lives will definitely have a corresponding reward. This time of pandemic should not even stop us from being witnesses to Christ. There are daily manifestations of his love and miracles that need to be shared by means of the cyberspace. We cannot be saved and achieve holiness alone. We need God's grace and we need one another, to grow in holiness side by side with others thru our faith community. Thus, our growth in holiness and our salvation is the

God's Blessings

Birthday

Jo Perez	6/19	Lilia Senter	6/22
Aldrene Butulan	6/19	Joel Bermudo	6/23
Chie Del Pilar	6/19	Mey Alabastro	6/23
Jojo Dominguez	6/21	Mary Hennedy	6/23
Cherry Butulan	6/22	Janis Carvajal	6/24
Robert Raymundo	6/22	Arlene Carvajal	6/24
Jocelyn Rodriguez	6/22	Keith Rodriguez	6/25
		Kimberly Quiambao	6/25

Anniversary

Drew & Melba Allen	6/20
Art & Cherry Butulan	6/20
Ernie & Nelia Doropan	6/24
Alex & Dette Santos	6/24
Archie & Kagot Arigorat	6/25

Brighter



"There is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; nor hid, that sufficient for your encouragement, that I also shared with you in the same reproach; I who am your Master and Lord. But if it still grieve you to hear these words, consider this other thing too, that even from this suspicion ye will soon be released. For why do ye grieve? At their calling you sorcerers and deceivers? But wait a little, and all men will address you as saviors, and benefactors of the world. Yea, for time discovers all things that are concealed, it will both refute their false accusation, and make manifest your virtue. For when the event shows you saviors, and benefactors, and examples of all virtue, men will not give heed to their words, but to the real state of the case; and they will appear false accusers, and liars, and slanderers, but ye brighter than the sun, length of time revealing and proclaiming you, and uttering a voice clearer than a trumpet, and making all men witnesses of your virtue. Let not therefore what is now said humble you, but let the hope of the good things to come raise you up. For it cannot be, that what relates to you should be hid."

~ **St. John Chrysostom**, Excerpt from **Homily 34**

acknowledgment of the promise of Jesus when he tells us: "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father," (Mt 10:32).

PRAYER:

Father God, we thank you for giving each one of us the opportunity and courage to become your witnesses, proclaiming to others what you have done in our lives. In like manner, we thank you for sending people who shared their transformed lives with us, allowing us to wake up from our slumber and start changing our lives, and to live a life of godliness in Christ. Abba Father, grant us continuously the grace to be holy like your Son Jesus, imitating his life and virtues. Amen.

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Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We live in solidarity in our desire to be holy when we make Christ the center in our relationships.

PROMISE:

"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." (Mt 10:39)

WORD:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16A/ Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/ Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/ Mt 10:37-42

ORDER:

- *"Follow after me."* (Mt 10:38)

DIRECTIONS:

- Love God above all things.
- Persevere to carry the cross of discipleship.
- Be faithful in your prayer life.
- Perform corporal works of mercy.



Tending the Flock

"He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me..." (v. 37), Jesus says. A father's affection, a mother's tenderness, the gentle friendship among brothers and sisters, all this, even while being very good and valid, cannot be placed before Christ. Not because he wants us to be heartless and ungrateful, but rather, on the contrary, because the condition of a disciple demands a priority relationship with the teacher. Any disciple, whether a layman or laywoman, a priest or a bishop: an all-absorbing relationship. Perhaps the first question that we must ask a Christian is: "Do you meet with Jesus? Do you pray to Jesus?". The relationship. One could almost paraphrase the Book of Genesis: Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and cleave to Jesus and the two shall become one (cf. Gen 2:24).

It does not matter then if, as for every human being, he or she has limitations and even makes mistakes — as long as he or she has the humility to recognize them; the important thing is that they not have a duplicitous heart — and this is dangerous. I am a Christian; I am a disciple of Jesus; I am a priest; I am a bishop, but I have a duplicitous heart. No, this is not okay. One must not have a duplicitous heart, but a simple, cohesive heart; [one must] not keep one foot in two shoes, but be honest with oneself and with others. Duplicity is not Christian. This is why Jesus prays to the Father so that the disciples may not fall prey to the worldly spirit. You are either with Jesus, with the spirit of Jesus, or you are with the spirit of the world.

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June 26, 2020

A Passion To Love Others

REFLECTION: It is not uncommon to get caught up in our many relational differences. We tend to argue a lot and become stressed in our interaction with the real world, or with our "new normal" life style in our online social media. When we share our spiritual beliefs, discuss our political views, or just talk about our favorite basketball team, we voice out our disagreements with people, sometimes resulting in heated exchanges or emotional disputes. We want to prove we are better than others, thus finding it difficult to relate harmoniously with them. Unfortunately, the reality is that we have something in common with one another. We are sinners! Sin is part of our nature and all of us cannot escape it entirely despite our human effort. But the good news is that Christ died on the cross to free us; we are all united in the saving grace of Jesus.

In our redeemed life, our calling is to live it holy and blameless. But we cannot walk in the path of holiness alone. We need companions in our journey to reach our destination. They include people who are different from us in their thoughts and behavior, individuals who often-times seek evidence of our weaknesses, persons who seek fault in us when we disagree with them. Still, they are God's



appointed traveling companions, to love, cry and live life with. In the diversity of human relationship, we should realize that there is an opportunity of grace to strengthen and reinforce our Christian values and faith. It is when kindness, generosity, gentleness and the love of Christ are manifested more in our relationship with others. As our theme for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time say — We live in solidarity in our desire to be holy when we make Christ the center in all our relationships.

God planted us in community, not just to develop a genuine relationship with Him through Christ, but to stir a passion in us to love others. When we

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Duplicity Is Not Christian



"He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me..." (v. 37), Jesus says. A father's affection, a mother's tenderness, the gentle friendship among brothers and sisters, all this, even while being very good and valid, cannot be placed before Christ. Not because he wants us to be heartless and ungrateful, but rather, on the contrary, because the condition of a disciple demands a priority relationship with the teacher. Any disciple, whether a layman or laywoman, a priest or a bishop: an all-absorbing relationship. Perhaps the first question that we must ask a Christian is: "Do you meet with Jesus? Do you pray to Jesus?". The relationship. One could almost paraphrase the Book of Genesis: Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and cleave to Jesus and the two shall become one (cf. Gen 2:24).

It does not matter then if, as for every human being, he or she has limitations and even makes mistakes — as long as he or she has the humility to recognize them; the important thing is that they not have a duplicitous heart — and this is dangerous. I am a Christian; I am a disciple of Jesus; I am a priest; I am a bishop, but I have a duplicitous heart. No, this is not okay. One must not have a duplicitous heart, but a simple, cohesive heart; [one must] not keep one foot in two shoes, but be honest with oneself and with others. Duplicity is not Christian. This is why Jesus prays to the Father so that the disciples may not fall prey to the worldly spirit. You are either with Jesus, with the spirit of Jesus, or you are with the spirit of the world.

~ Pope Francis, Excerpt from Angelus Message, July 2, 2017

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regard Jesus as the heart of every relationship, we do not have to struggle in doing the things He calls us to accomplish because they just happen naturally. His Truth and life-giving Spirit allow us to see Him in every person, drawing us more strongly in an act of communion with God, and into a state of unity with each other. Our attention to His word changes us from the inside out, letting the world see who we are, a person set apart and sanctified.

Our relationship with Christ gives birth to holiness, and this is noticeable to people whom we serve and love. Our Lord will dispense His truth to us through them. They may say things that will disturb us and challenge us from being godly in our thoughts, words and actions. But we are charged to encourage them in their faith journey. We may sometimes hurt them and leave them scarred. There will be mistakes and painful moments. But there will also be plenty of opportunities for grace and forgiveness. We are like iron, in the words of King Solomon, constantly sharpening one another. There is nothing as sweet as a friendship of the soul, from a person who genuinely loves you, understands your difficulties, rejoices with your tri-

umphs and walks alongside with you in the ups and downs of life.

As human beings, we are flawed and we will fail at times, not just in what we do, but in how we treat each other. We will let each other down even if we do not intend to. Sometimes we look for more in a relationship and instead, end up being disappointed. But when our faith is anchored in our relationship with Christ, we will meet our human relationship with joy and fulfillment because we have already been fulfilled by our Lord and Savior. It is Jesus who promises us that *"Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."* (Mt 10:39).

Prayer:

Father, it is hardly possible for us to be holy without our neighbor, or for them to be holy without us. Yet it is wholly possible for us to journey together to attain holiness with You in our midst. We ask the Holy Spirit to descend upon us and keep us in peace, to sanctify our relationship so that we, together with our brothers, may walk in the love of God. May our love for You overflow in our love for others, especially for those who are members of Your community and Your church. We unite ourselves in our love for You, dear Lord. Amen.

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God's Blessings

Birthday

Elizabeth Cintron	Ashley Valeriano	6/29
Ariel Mazo	Dominic Balcon	7/1
Tina Quiambao	Agnes Palecki	7/1
Estela Bermudo	Amor Japitana	7/2

Anniversary

Popong & Mary Anne Arias	6/26
Patrick & Glenda Calugay	6/28
Andre & Andrea Apostol	6/29
Jaime & Loring Pascua	6/30
Allan & Maria Diaz	7/2
Dennis & Jaine Buenafe	7/2



Distracted?

The habitual difficulty in prayer is *distraction*. It can affect words and their meaning in vocal prayer; it can concern, more profoundly, him to whom we are praying, in vocal prayer (liturgical or personal), meditation, and contemplative prayer. To set about hunting down distractions would be to fall into their trap, when all that is necessary is to turn back to our heart: for a distraction reveals to us what we are attached to, and this humble awareness before the Lord should awaken our preferential love for him and lead us resolutely to offer him our heart to be purified. Therein lies the battle, the choice of which master to serve. ~ CCC, 2729

Community Prayer Time

Every Friday, starting at exactly 8:30 pm, all members are urged to pray together as one community the following:

Prayer to Take Authority

Holy Rosary

Prayer: Oratio Imperata against the spread of coronavirus

"God Our Father, we come to you in our need, to ask your protection against the 2019 N-coronavirus, that has claimed the lives and affected many.

We pray for your grace, for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause of this virus and its disease and of stemming the tide of its transmission. Guide the hands and minds of medical experts that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion, and of those governments and private agencies that must find a cure and solution to this epidemic.

We pray for those afflicted, may they be restored to health soon.

Grant us the grace to work for the good of all and to help those in need. Grant this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

Mary, help of all Christians, pray for us.

St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.

St. Rock, pray for us.

St. Lorenzo Ruiz, pray for us.

St. Pedro Calungsod, pray for us."