



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We obey God's commandment of love when we trust Him with a childlike faith.

PROMISE:

"Blessed are you who fear the Lord, who walk in His ways!" (Ps 128:1)

WORD:

Gn 2:18-24/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/ Heb 2:9-11/ Mk 10:2-16

ORDER:

- Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. (Mk 10:14b)
- Fear the Lord and walk in his ways. (Ps 128:1)

DIRECTIONS:

- Strengthen your prayer life as individual and as a family by daily prayers and reading of the Scriptures.
- Faithfully attend Praise and Worship and participate in the Word Sharing Circle.
- Receive the body of Christ and go to confession regularly.
- Obey God's commandment of love.

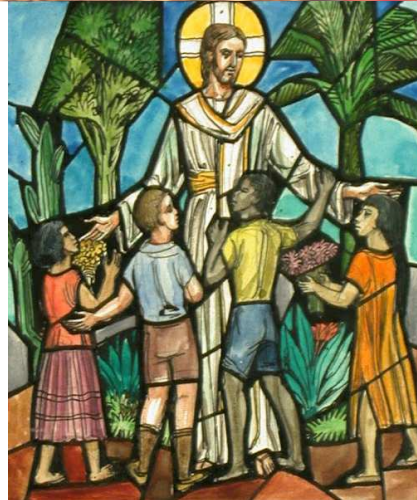
With Childlike Simplicity

REFLECTION:

Early on in Scriptures in this Sunday's readings, God's goodness and power was made manifest when He created nature. The display of nature's beauty reached its height in the formation of the human unit. He determined that it's not good for man to be alone. So He created the woman to be side by side with the man. He placed such importance on this basic human relationship that He directed man to leave his father and mother and join his wife, and the two become one flesh.

God's plan for mankind didn't just start and end with the marital union of man and wife as depicted in the first reading. In the Gospel, the children, the fruit of the anointed marital union, is the continuity of His plan for His kingdom on earth that includes the little ones. The Psalm reminds us of the Lord's daily blessings in our lives with the wife like a fruitful vine in the recesses of the home and the children like olive plants around the table.

The importance of imparting our faith to our children has been pointed out in



the Gospel when Jesus told His disciples not to stop the children from going to Him. It is our Christian responsibility, and a grateful response to His bountiful blessings, when we share our love for Him to our young ones. Our community's mission and vision are based on our belief that God is the end all and be all of everything. We implement various activities that involve the different segments of society –

such as families, couples, solo parents, singles, and children. We witness to the truth that we all belong to Him as one body, one church, one family.

But the readings have exposed the dilemma we face daily. How do we live out our faith in today's modern world that is increasingly divided? Living out our call to evangelize and be committed disciples seem daunting amidst the many challenges we face daily. Sometimes we struggle with our faith. Our prayer life, individually and as a family, are at a standstill. Respect for the sanctity of marriage and the family unit has eroded. We languish in our community

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Tending the Flack

Dignity and Hope

Christian, recognize your dignity and, now that you share in God's own nature, do not return to your former base condition by sinning. Remember who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Never forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of the Kingdom of God. ~ *St. Leo the Great, 390-461*

Hope, O my soul, Hope. You know neither the day nor the hour. Watch carefully, for everything passes quickly, even though your impatience makes doubtful what is certain, and turns a very short time into a long one. Dream that the more you struggle, the more you prove the love that you bear your God, and the more you will rejoice one day with your Beloved, in a happiness and rapture that can never end.

~ *St. Teresa of Avila, 1515-1582*



Serve!

If you want to be first, you need to get in line, be last, and serve everyone. Through this shocking phrase, the Lord inaugurates a reversal: he overturns the criteria about what truly matters. The value of a person does not depend any more on the role they have, the work they do, the money they have in the bank. No, no, no, it does not depend on this. Greatness and success in God's eyes are measured differently: they are measured by service. Not on what someone has, but on what someone gives. Do you want to be first? Serve. This is the way.

~ *Pope Francis*

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September 24, 2021

Tithes : \$570.00
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God's Blessings

Birthday

Josie Rivera	9/26	Chito Ciocon	10/3
Mimi Caragay	10/1	Brooksie Brooks	10/4
Jimmy Fune	10/5		

Anniversary

Sam & Jennie dela Pena	9/24
Louie & Lani Hombrebueno	9/26
Tony & Arlene Riggio	10/3
Tony & Lolit Manuel	10/5
Ash & Kittie Young	10/6

Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Mama Mary's visit - Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407
For Prayer Service - Bert & Cora Velez 732-688-1541

*Bless me, Lord, all the days of my life;
let me see my children's children.*

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

Merciful and compassionate Father, we come to you in our need to seek your protection against the Covid-19 virus that has disturbed and even claimed lives.

We ask you now to look upon us with love and by your healing hand, dispel the fear of sickness and death, restore our hope, and strengthen our faith.

We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission.

We thank you for the vaccines developed made possible by your guiding hands. Bless our efforts to use these vaccines to end the pandemic.

We pray for our health workers that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion. Grant them health in mind and body, strength in their commitment, protection from the disease.

We pray for those afflicted. May they be restored to health. Protect those who care for them. Grant eternal rest to those who have died.

Give us the grace in these trying times to work for the good of all and to help those in need. May our concern and compassion for each other see us through this crisis and lead us to conversion and holiness.

Grant all these 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.

We fly to your protection, o holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petition in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin. Amen.

Our Lady, health of the sick, pray for us.

St. Joseph, pray for us.

St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.

San Roque, pray for us.

San Lorenzo Ruiz, pray for us.

San Pedro Calungsod, pray for us.

Rely On God

God calls us to keep His commands and reminds us that His laws are not hidden from us or beyond our reach. We can expect opposition as we submit to God's commandments. To guard against these pressures, we must rely on God for strength and pray to Him daily for wisdom to see through these deceptions.

The community word for the month of October which states that The Kingdom of God is for those who obey His commandment of love, shows that every believer must have their hearts set on God's commandment, in spite of their imperfections. Immature spiritual growth and limited fruitfulness are but the consequences of undiscerned actions and careless disregard of God's commandment. The steps of a (good) man are directed and established by the Lord, and God has promised guidance to those who submit to His commandment, as expressed in the chosen Order for the month: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart...love your neighbor as yourself." (Mk 12:30a, 31a)

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effort to spread the Gospel. We become too distracted with what's going on around us that we lose our focus on our calling as disciples to bring everyone to Him.

But all is not lost in our desire to get everyone on board to reconnect with God our creator and to one another. We are encouraged by the readings that remind us who created us. Jesus in the Gospel didn't just refer to the young ones to go to Him. He meant all of us, the adopted children of God, created in His image and likeness, to be united with Him. Like an obedient child in its purest form, without guile, or pretenses, we turn to Him with childlike

faith. We plead with Him to take charge of our uncertainties and fears. We give Him all of our heart, mind and soul, trusting that He will make all things right according to His promises. When we make an effort to set aside time to pray, to attend mass and Friday worships, to read the Scriptures, we are allowing Him to take our hand and lead us like little children back to His fold. When we learn to let go and not rely on our own understanding, we will later on realize that all things will work for good to those who trust and wait on Him. With childlike simplicity.