



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We live a life of unwavering faith when we repent and make reparations of our wrongdoings.

PROMISE:

"The Lord lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down." (Ps 145:14)

WORD:

Wis 11:22 - 12:2/ Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13, 14/ 2 Thes 1:11-2:2/ Lk 19:1-10

ORDER:

- Seek to see who I Am. (Lk 19:3)

DIRECTIONS:

- Persevere in good deeds and abandon wickedness.
- Have a sincere confession.
- Seek forgiveness and reconcile with your brothers and sisters.
- Observe fasting, be prayerful and give alms.

Exalted By Humility

REFLECTION:

Our Lord is a lover of souls who desires everyone to be saved from the slavery of sins. The book of Wisdom tells us that God overlooks our sins and ignorance, giving us a chance that we might repent and not perish in our sinfulness. He put His imperishable spirit on everyone and rebuke offenders to remind them of the sins they are committing that they may abandon their wickedness and to believe in His transforming power.



As what the Psalm says, *"He is slow to anger and compassionate toward all that He has made"*. The gospel tells us the story of Zacchaeus who gives us a portrait of a lost soul. He is a chief tax collector at that and by profession a "sinner" excluded from Israel's religious life. Worse still, he is a rich man who has apparently gained his living by fraud. But Zacchaeus' faith

brings salvation to his house. He expresses his faith in his fervent desire to "see" Jesus, even humbling himself to climb a tree just to watch Him pass by. By his humility he is exalted, made worthy to welcome the Lord into his house. By his faith he is justified. While those of loftier religious stature react to Jesus with grumbling, Zacchaeus receives Him with joy. He repents, vowing to pay restitution to those he has cheated and to give half of his

money to the poor. From the second reading, St Paul's letter to the Thessalonians says that we should always pray that God might make us worthy of His calling; that by our lives we might give glory to the name of Jesus.

Repentance in the Bible involves a complete and irreversible change of mind, heart, and actions. It's what we call *metanoia*. True biblical repentance goes

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Tending the Flame

God Is Attracted To The Lost

God excludes no one, neither the poor nor the rich. God does not let himself be conditioned by our human prejudices, but sees in everyone a soul to save and is especially attracted to those who are judged as lost and who think themselves so. Jesus Christ, the Incarnation of God, has demonstrated this immense mercy, which takes nothing away from the gravity of sin, but aims always at saving the sinner, at offering him the possibility of redemption, of starting again from the beginning, of converting. In another passage of the Gospel Jesus states that it is very difficult for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven (cf. Mt 19:23). In the case of Zacchaeus we see that precisely what seems impossible actually happens: *"He"*, St. Jerome comments, *"gave away his wealth and immediately replaced it with the wealth of the Kingdom of Heaven"* (Homily on Psalm 83:3). And St. Maximus of Turin adds: *"Riches, for the foolish, feed dishonesty, but for the wise they are a help to virtue; for the latter they offer a chance of salvation, for the former they procure a stumbling block and perdition"* (Sermons, 95).

Dear Friends, Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus and he converted because Jesus first welcomed him! He did not condemn him but he met his desire for salvation. Let us pray to the Virgin Mary, perfect model of communion with Jesus, to be renewed by his love, so that we too may experience the joy of being visited by the Son of God, of being renewed by his love and of transmitting his mercy to others.

~ Pope Benedict XVI
Angelus Message, October 31, 2010

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Life in the Spirit Seminar

An invitation... to enter more fully into God's Unconditional Love, to deepen your awareness of and Relationship with Jesus Christ and to allow the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to Reform, Renew and Enrich your life and your walk with the Lord.

"Gods Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children" (Romans 8:16)

Life in the Spirit Seminar Weekend
NOVEMBER 4 - 6, 2022

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October 21, 2022

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God's Blessings

Birthday

Eugene Yosuiico	10/28	Leo Lukban	11/1
Jaine Buenafe	10/29	Edie Danieles	11/2
Harvey Gabriel	10/29	Arnold Paderon	11/2
Glenda Calugay	10/30	Francis Sunga	11/2
Malu Delacruz	10/31	George Bacus	11/2
Marlon Abalos	10/31	Jun Anito	11/3

Bert Panahon 11/3

Anniversary

Elner & Marichille Jamolod	10/28
Manny & Evelyn Palacios	10/31
Eric & Mae Alberto	11/1
Ron & Tina King	11/2
Michael & Rhea Bell	11/3

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

Treatment Plan



Jesus offers us the remedy to rekindle a tepid faith. And what is the remedy? Prayer.

Yes, prayer is the medicine for faith, it is the restorative of the soul. It needs to be constant prayer, however. If we must undergo treatment to get better, it is important to follow the treatment plan well, to take the medicine faithfully and regularly in the right way and at the right times. This is necessary in all of life. Let us think of a houseplant: we need to water it consistently every day. We cannot soak it and then leave it without giving it water for a week! Even more so with prayer. We cannot live only on strong moments of prayer or occasional intense encounters, and then "go into hibernation". Our faith would dry up. We need the daily water of prayer, we need time dedicated to God, so that he can enter into our time, into our lives; we need consistent moments in which we open our hearts to him so that he can daily pour out on us love, peace, joy, strength, hope, thus nourishing our faith.

~ Pope Francis

All Saints' Day Prayer

God, source of all holiness,
 You have enriched
 Your church with
 many gifts in the saints.
 Direct, O Lord, our actions
 by Your holy inspirations,
 and carry them on by
 Your gracious assistance,
 that every prayer and
 work of ours may always
 begin with You and
 through You
 be happily ended.

BLD TRENTON MARK 10 & JOHN 6

COME AND JOIN US!

EVERY FRIDAY
 4:30PM - 10:30 PM

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WINE PRAY WITH US!

- FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER WE WILL LEARN ABOUT THE MONTH OF HOLY ROSARY.
- WE WILL LEARN TO MAKE ROSARIES
- WE WILL SING TOGETHER MARIAN SONGS
- WE WILL PRAY FOR YOU AND WE WILL PLAY AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER!

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beyond remorse, regret, or feeling bad about one's sin. Repentance recognizes that our sin is offensive to God. To repent means to make an about-face, heart-directed to turn away from self to God, from the past to a future ruled by God's commands, acknowledging that the Lord reigns supreme over one's existence.

At one point or another, there is a Zacchaeus within us. We are all sinners. We should realize that sin cuts us off from God and from one another. The only way to regain happiness and peace in life is to follow the commandment of love. It is love that reconnects us with God and with each other.

Relating to Zacchaeus, we too are short of stature, not literally short but spiritually short. The life we built falls short of the peace and happiness we thought material things can bring us. The thick crowd that prevents Zacchaeus from getting close to Jesus are the things

that prevent us from seeing Jesus such as our pride, self-righteousness, worldliness or idolatry of material things.

Just like he called Zacchaeus, he is calling each one of us. He knows all of us by name because we are all children of God. Jesus is here to bring us salvation. Let us be quick to respond to His call. Let us humble ourselves and welcome Jesus into our home by acknowledging our sinfulness. With humility and repentant heart in the presence of the crowd, Zacchaeus declared that he would give away and repay more than what is required by the law, his restitution or reparation.

This is a sign of the fullness of grace that God bestows on the returning sinner. It is the meeting of the sinner and the Savior. Conversion should not be filled with anguish and pain. Zacchaeus received Jesus with joy. He was lost and is now found.

Zacchaeus gives us the important steps to conversion: 1. Seek the Lord and acknowledge our sinfulness; 2. return to the Lord and encounter Him through prayers, the sacraments, especially, Penance and Eucharist (Jesus dined with him – an indication of the Eucharist); 3. amend our lives (resolution and restitution: resolve to rectify ourselves, repair and repay the damage done). Observe the traditional triad of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving which are a path of purification.

Conversion is an ongoing process. It begins in our minds and hearts where the conviction arises and where the desire to draw closer to God takes place. God's mercy is always there but it is up to us to claim it. By the grace and mercy of God, we are assured that, if we faithfully follow Jesus in this world, we will be cleansed of our transgressions and build a new life as Jesus offers us.