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"And now these three remain: Faith, Hope and Love, but the greatest of these is LOVE" 1 Corinthians 13:13

THIS SUNDAY'S COUNSEL

Fifth Sunday of Easter

THEME:
We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to trust Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and continue His works.

PROMISE:
"Whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these." (Jn 14:12)

WORD:
Acts 6:1-7/ Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/ 1 Pt 2:4-9/ Jn 14:1-12

ORDER:
1. *"Devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the Word."* (Acts 6:4)
2. *"Exult…in the Lord"* (Ps 33:1)
3. *"Let yourselves be built into a spiritual house."* (1 Pt 2:5)

DIRECTIONS:
1. Be prayerful at all times and build our lives based on His Word.
2. Always remain in a state of grace in order to fully exult the Lord.
3. Be a tabernacle for the Eucharist.

"I AM THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE."

John 14:1-12 presents a significant discourse in which Jesus addresses his disciples, advising them not to be troubled. He affirms the constant presence and care of God, emphasizing that faith in both God and Him serves as the basis for peace during times of uncertainty or anxiety. This faith-based relationship serves as a source of comfort and stability for the disciples, reassuring them of the continual presence of God's care. Jesus affirms that they will not be left alone, even as He prepares for His ascension to the Father. By referencing His ascension and the existence of many dwellings in the Father's house, Jesus provides hope and assurance to His followers. He indicates that He is going ahead to prepare a place for them, promising that their ultimate destination is with Him and the Father. This assurance encompasses not only a future dwelling, but also the deep and ongoing relationship that believers will maintain with God, established through faith in Jesus.

PSALM: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Thomas's question in John 14 reveals the uncertainty and confusion that can arise during the journey of faith. Jesus responds with the profound declaration, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life." This statement challenges us to seek Jesus as the ultimate source of direction and truth in our own lives. It is an invitation to trust in God's greater plan, even when we cannot see the full picture. His words encourage us to deepen our faith, pursue His truth, and recognize the profound connection between believing in Jesus and experiencing God's presence. In moments of fear or doubt, these verses remind us to rely on Jesus Christ, acknowledging that He leads us, guides us, and empowers us to do even greater works through His Spirit.

Jesus's words, "Whoever has seen me has seen the Father," invite us into the heart of Christian faith—a faith rooted in the mystery of God made visible in Christ. These words are a personal invitation to encounter the living God in Jesus. When we observe Christ—His compassion for the suffering, forgiveness for sinners, and steadfast love for His friends and even His enemies—we see a perfect reflection of the Father's heart. Through Jesus, the invisible God becomes tangible, approachable, and intimately present to us. Truly knowing Jesus is to know the Father, offering reassurance that God is not distant, but present and accessible through Christ. This concept encourages a thoughtful examination of perceptions of God. Frequently, God may be viewed as remote or unattainable; however, Jesus affirms that knowing Him provides insight into the Father's love, compassion, and relational intent. In times of uncertainty, individuals are encouraged to revisit the teachings and actions of Jesus, allowing these examples to inform their understanding of the divine character. Through his healing, teaching, service, and sacrifice, Jesus demonstrates a God who seeks proximity, healing, and deliverance.

Furthermore, this understanding carries practical significance. If Christ is the revelation of the Father, then those who follow Him are similarly called to reflect divine love and presence in their interactions with others. Believers are thus encouraged to serve as witnesses by embodying the qualities of compassion, justice, and mercy within their communities. Just as Jesus was regarded as the cornerstone—sometimes rejected yet highly valued by God—followers are also called to act as living stones, collectively establishing a spiritual foundation that communicates God's love effectively and accessibly.

These verses serve as an invitation to undertake the following actions.

1. Trust in God and Jesus: Have faith in God and in Jesus and not let our hearts be troubled. Let His teachings inspire your actions and decisions each day.
2. Reflect on Jesus as the Way, Truth, and Life: Accept Jesus as your personal Lord and savior who can offer eternal life and spiritual fulfillment to all who believe in Him.
3. Seek a Deeper Relationship with God: Spend time in prayer and reflection to know God more intimately. Serve others and show kindness as an expression of faith. Recognize that God is with you and working through you.
4. Follow Jesus Examples and Teachings: Strive to do good works and help others, inspired by Jesus' examples. In both words and actions, embody compassion, kindness, forgiveness, and love toward others each day.
5. Be Open to God's Plans: Trust that God has a perfect plan for your life and is preparing a place and purpose for you.

We should always remind ourselves that we are never truly alone or lost, for Jesus has prepared the way for us to be with Him in His Kingdom. This promise offers comfort and hope, reminding us that no matter what challenges we face, Christ's presence is steadfast.

Let us ask for the grace to see Jesus more clearly, and through Him, to recognize the face of the Father. This spiritual clarity deepens our relationship with God, helping us discern His presence in our everyday lives. Pray for the courage to let our lives reflect the love we have received. By mirroring Christ's compassion and goodness, we become vessels through which others can encounter the love and goodness of God.

The Lord's Provision

April 24, 2026

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LOVE OFFERING: $ 420

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God's Blessing's

Anniversary

"So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." Matthew 19:6

Ariel & Mila Vista May 6

Birthday

"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you" Jeremiah 1:5

Mense Miranda	May 1
German Butay	May 2
Orlando Morales	May 4
Luz Bunoan	May 6

Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Mama Mary's Visit	Tess Corso	732-604-1914
For Prayer Service	Mary Anne Arias	732-688-3962

Send Prayer Request To:

www.bldtrenton.com/intercessory

In Christ Jesus,
we welcome you all to join us every Friday

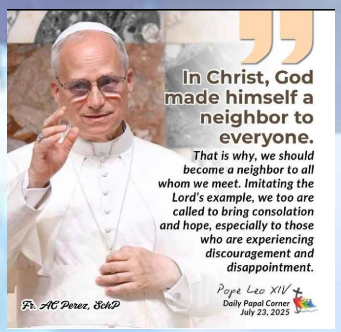
Healing Mass

1st Friday of the month at 8:15 p.m.

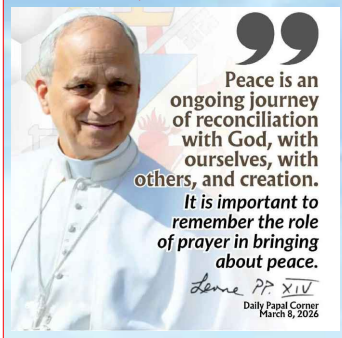
Praise and Worship

2nd, 3rd, 4th (& 5th) Friday of the month at 8:15 p.m.

"Christ, our 'victorious King,' fought and won his battle through trusting abandonment to the Father's will, to his plan of salvation. Thus he walked the path of dialogue to the very end, not in words but in deeds: to find us who were lost, he became flesh; to free us who were slaves, he became a slave; to give life to us mortals, he allowed himself to be killed on the cross."



HIS WORDS, YOUR JOURNEY TOGETHER



"Just as light radiates and communicates itself without diminishing, so the Son is the reflection of God's glory and the imprint of his being. The incarnate Son, Jesus, is therefore the light of the world, and the light of life. Through baptism, the eyes of our hearts are enlightened, so that we too may be a light in the world."

LAST WEEK'S PROPHECIES

"My child, be patient and forgiving to others, as I am to you. How many times have I forgiven you, your faults and wrongdoing? So try to love the person who has hurt you deeply, by praying for him or her, and turning the other cheek. I know this is hard to do, but with My Grace, both of you will find healing and peace. Follow My lead and example."

"My child, in the beginning, I created life out of love. The Holy Spirit breathed life into My creation. My Son sustains life through His Body and Blood. And I am the Eternal Life."

For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21

***"...and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate."* Mark 10:8-9**

With humble and grateful hearts, we come before the Lord to say "thank You"—for His grace, His unending mercy, and boundless love. God has sustained us, guided us, and embraced us in ways beyond what we deserve, to be able to gain the victories of this Marriage Encounter Weekend, and for that, we give God all the glory and praise.

We lift up our deepest gratitude for our Spiritual Director, Fr. Dodong, whose wisdom, knowledge, and love became a channel of God's presence. Through him, hearts were moved, lives were touched, and transformations took place in ways only the Holy Spirit can accomplish. We also thank our presenters during the Marriage Encounter weekend, Kuya Eugene & Ate Malou Yusuico, Kuya Ricky & Ate Rissa Gomez, for your courage to open your hearts and souls, becoming a blessing to all of us. Truly, this community is enriched and uplifted because of your sincere witnessing.

We are grateful for the different ministries—MLA, Secretariat, Service, Praise, Intercessory, and all the Auxies who generously signed up and served, especially in the Vigil Room, the powerhouse of this Marriage Encounter. Through your sacrificial offering of time, your fervent and faithful prayers, the weekend flowed smoothly. Because of you, the Holy Spirit moved strongly among us, pouring out overflowing blessings and graces upon everyone present.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to ME 23, who came with full force—not only supporting us through prayers but also selflessly caring for the children of our candidates. Because of your generosity, the weekend remained focused and free from distractions. We will always remember that it was through your prayers and service during last year's Marriage Encounter that you brought us, ME 24, together. Through that, we heard the voice of our Lord and chose to follow Him. For that, we are deeply thankful.

We are grateful to the BLD Trenton Community for their unwavering prayers and full support. May this community continue to flourish through the talents, skills, faithfulness, and love for Christ present in each member. May it keep growing as a vessel that brings more souls closer to God. May everything we have done and continue to do always be for the greater glory of God. That He may keep us united in love, rooted in faith, and steadfast in service to Him.

With all our love and gratitude, ME-24 Sponsoring Class