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This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

Our life in Christ is fruitful when we remain steadfast in our faith to prosper in His kingdom.

PROMISE:

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." (Mt 13: 43)

WORD:

Wis 12: 13, 16-19/
Ps 86: 5-6, 9-10, 15-16/
Rom 8: 26-27/
Mt 13: 24-43

ORDER:

- Know the intention of the Spirit. (Rom 8: 26b)

DIRECTIONS:

- Invoke the Holy Spirit at all times.
- Nurture your prayer life by praying unceasingly and being well-versed with the Scriptures.
- Trust in the Lord in all circumstances.
- Bear fruit in your ministries.

Continue To Grow In Christ

REFLECTION:

Our theme for the 16th Sunday is: Our new life in Christ is fruitful when we remain steadfast in our faith to prosper His kingdom. Jesus identifies the field as the world. It is a field of seed sowing. God sows and the devil sows too. It shows how the good has always struggled with evil, and how the kingdom of God has suffered violence right from the beginning. Jesus thus accounts the presence of evil in our midst. Those who profess faith in God live in a hostile world, this hostility is not seen and felt directly but it equally presents itself indirectly when the undeserving people have to prosper while the children of God suffer.

Jesus tells the disciples that there will certainly be fire at the end of the age; in this case not a purifying fire but a consuming fire meant to eliminate the evildoers. Evildoers in this sense represent all those who rebel against God, those who practice



immoral living, those who oppress the weak and marginalize the little ones of God. Then the righteous will shine forth like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father (Mt 13:43). In fact, this is the end result after the struggles of this life. To express the bright and wonderful destiny of the children

of God.

We should never be satisfied and think we have reached some self-proclaimed pinnacle of spiritual success. Instead, we need to continue to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. In fact, Jesus tells us, saying, You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit. This is God's calling for you here and this is why He chose you, to go and bear fruit.

The key to fruitfulness is to allow Jesus Christ to be the source of your nourishment and daily bread. I am the vine, you are the

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Tending the Flack

Tiny Gospel Teachings

The man who sows in his field is interpreted by many as the Savior. He sows in the souls of believers. By others he is interpreted as one who sows in his field - that is to say, in himself and in his heart.

Who is it that sows if not our mind and heart? They take up the grain of preaching and nurture the plant with the moisture of faith, making it sprout and shoot up in the field of the heart. The preaching of faith in the gospel appears to be least among all tasks. Indeed, anyone who preaches the God-man of truth, Christ who died, and the stumbling block of the cross may not think immediately of mere faith as the primary doctrine. Put this particular doctrine side by side with the teachings of the philosophers, their books, their splendid eloquence and fine discourses, and you will see just how small it is compared with the other seeds of the gospel plant. When those teachings grow, they have nothing to show that is pungent or vigorous or vital. Everything turns out weak and withering in a plant and in herbs that quickly dry up and fall to the ground. But when this tiny gospel teaching that seemed insignificant at the beginning has been planted either in the soul of the believer or throughout the world, it does not turn out to be just a plant. It grows into a tree, so that the birds of the air, which we interpret as the souls of believers or deeds dedicated to the service of God, come and dwell on its branches.

~ St. Jerome, 347-420 A.D.



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July 7, 2023

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God's Blessings

Birthday

Morris Teves	7/22	Boylly Arriola	7/24
Marc Mance	7/22	Florence Acosta	7/25
Grace Palencia	7/23	MaryAnne Arias	7/26

Anniversary

Drin & Sandy Aparicio	7/24
Cesar & Luz Agustin	7/24
Bill & Lilia Calves	7/24
Eddie & Josie Rodriguez	7/24

Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Mama Mary's visit - Beth Felibrico 732-995-7407
For Prayer Service - Mary Anne Arias 732-688-3962

*Hearken, O Lord, to my prayer;
Give me, your servant, your strength.*

 **Bukas Loob Sa Diyos**
Diocese of Trenton

invites you to

"Life In The Spirit Seminar"

October 27-29, 2023

St. Veronica Church, Howell New Jersey

For all inquiries and registration,

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"Behold,

*I make all
things new."*


Come... Holy Spirit... Come...

Last Week's Prophecies



- *My child, the degree of your fruitfulness will depend on how much you let the Holy Spirit guide your lives.*
- *Shield yourself from the deception and corruption of this world by keeping My Word as your guide in doing good works according to the seed of love, forgiveness, and humility that I have planted in your hearts.*

Blaming

 Dear brothers and sisters, we often think that evil comes mainly from the outside: from other people's conduct, from those who think badly of us, from society. How often we blame others, society, the world, for everything that happens to us! It is always the fault of "others": it is the fault of people, of those who govern, of misfortune, and so on. It seems that problems always come from the outside. And we spend time assigning blame; but spending time blaming others is wasting time. We become angry, bitter and keep God away from our heart. One cannot be truly religious while complaining: complaining poisons, it leads you to anger, to resentment and to sadness, that of the heart, which closes the door to God.

~ Pope Francis

BLD Olympics 2023 Community Day

 Please come and Join Us for an All Day of
Fun, Food, and Games!!!

August 12, 10:30 AM to 5 PM

Veterans Park

489 Forest Hills Parkway

Bayville NJ 08721 

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branches, whoever abides in me and I in him, he is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. No branches can produce that is not attached to the vine. Apart from Christ and his word we can do nothing at all. When Christ is our source then we are granted power that pertains to life and godliness. There is no shortcut to spiritual growth. To be spiritually mature it takes time and it is an intentional pursuit. We often see people try and take shortcuts. Often times people associate how they feel to their level of spirituality. Because of this, they continue to seek a certain experience to measure their level of spirituality. Others seek seminars or

conferences, or if they read a certain book or listen to a certain preacher, etc.

It is important to continue to grow in Christ because in order to be fruitful you need to be growing. Not only that but it is a sign of your calling. As you begin to implement this discipline in your life, you will begin to see God use you in a mighty and marvelous way. Don't sit back and expect God's calling to suddenly land in your lap, because this means you are not growing. Rather begin to implement these qualities and continue to grow in the Lord. And as you show yourself faithful in a little, God will set you over much and His plans for your life will

begin to unfold as you take these steps and be fruitful according to the word of God. What the Bible tells us is that maturity is a continual process, and you have to learn in order to mature. To grow in the Lord, you need to implement discipline in your life. Spiritual discipline! In a biblical context, *"discipline means discipleship."* In order to be fruitful you need to be a true disciple of Christ, and in order to be a disciple you need to have discipline. They both go hand in hand, you can't have one without the other. The Bible also teaches us that the more disciplined you become the more God can use you.

