



BLD Trenton



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

Our faith in Jesus remains strong when we take courage and put our full trust in Him.

PROMISE:

"The Lord himself...shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps." (Ps 85: 13a, 14)

WORD:

1 Kgs 19: 9a, 11-13a/ Ps 85: 9, 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Rom 9: 1-5/ Mt 14: 22-33

ORDER:

- Take courage...do not be afraid. (Mt 14: 27)

DIRECTIONS:

- Live the word of God.
- Attend teachings offered by the community to be refreshed by His Word.
- Totally surrender to God's will at all times.

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Getting Out Of Our Boat

REFLECTION:

"O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" (Mt 14: 31). These are the words Jesus spoke to Peter when he lost sight of Him amidst the storm. In our struggles in life, the Lord speaks to us and invites us to come to Him in faith, but such faith must be unwavering. To God, sincerity in our faith is what matters, and as we journey in life through all our trials and difficulties, the more our faith should remain strong. Our theme this week tells us – Our faith in Jesus Christ remains strong when we take courage and put our full trust in Him. In humble prayer, we come to Jesus and ask Him to increase our faith, most especially when your faith is too small and weak. Little by little, we are able to build up our faith through reception of the Sacraments, worship, reflecting on His words, and even doing corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Faith will definitely grow its roots as we consciously act and live in faith.



The miracle of Peter walking on water was short-lived because he lost his focus on Jesus. Like Peter, when we take our eyes off Jesus, we can be quickly overwhelmed by the storms of our life. When we stop seeking Jesus, we sink into our problems and we get sucked into temptations, and if we are not careful, it may be difficult to rise up again. But Jesus promised that He will always be with us, that true peace can only be found in His presence. He promised that we will endure all our

struggles with Him by our side and we can move forward in the midst of all trials. Sometimes, Jesus calls us out of our "boat" and comfort zones, to come to Him and follow His commands. And even with all our concerns and fears, we obey Him. Yet, when we feel afraid or unsure, Jesus is right there to catch us when we fail or stumble.

We must not hesitate to cry out, *"Lord save us! We are perishing!"* (Mt. 8: 25). This act of humility and faith is a prayer itself;

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Tending the Flack

Pride Only In The Lord

While human praise does not tempt the Lord, people are often ruffled and nearly entranced by human praise and honors in the church. Peter was afraid on the sea, terrified by the great force of the storm. Indeed, who does not fear that voice: 'Those who say you are happy place you in error and disturb the path of your feet' (Isaiah 3:12 Vulgate translation)? And since the soul struggles against the desire for human praise, it is good for it to turn to prayer and petition amid such danger, lest one who is charmed by praise be overcome by criticism and reproach. Let Peter, about to sink in the waves, cry out and say, *"Lord, save me!"* The Lord reached out his hand. He chided Peter, saying, *"O man of little faith, why did you doubt?"* - that is, why did you not, gazing straight at the Lord as you approached, pride yourself only in him? Nevertheless he snatched Peter from the waves and did not allow him who was declaring his weakness and asking the Lord for help to perish.

~ Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 A.D.
Sermon 75:10

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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August 4, 2023

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Raelynn Sypher	8/12	Kristine Delacruz	8/16
Ailene Lagunilla	8/13	Jo Ramos	8/17
Libring Yambao	8/17		

Anniversary

James & Emmanuelle Nagbe 8/15

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

*Let me see your kindness, O Lord,
and grant me your salvation.*

Guard Your Heart

Today is a good moment to ask ourselves: what weighs on my heart? What weighs on my spirit? What makes me go to sit in the lazy chair? It is sad to see Christians "in the armchair"! What are the mediocrities that paralyze me, the vices that crush me to the ground and prevent me from raising my head? And regarding the burdens that weigh on the shoulders of our brothers and sisters, am I aware of them or indifferent to them? These are good questions to ask ourselves, because they help guard our hearts against apathy. The Book of Proverbs says: *"With all vigilance guard your heart, for in it are the sources of life"* (Prov 4: 23). Guard your heart: that means to be vigilant! Stay awake and guard your heart.

~ Pope Francis



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

FREE REGISTRATION

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*"Behold,
I make all
things new."*



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

Last Week's Prophecies

- *Not only have you found the pearl of great price but I have wholeheartedly given it to you. Love it, nourish it, nurture it, and allow it to grow in your heart and in your life.*
- *My children you are all precious to Me. Follow Me. I desire to bring you all to My kingdom.*
- *Treasure every moment you have found with Your God. Keep it dearly to your hearts for when your time comes, I will be there to meet you in My Father's gate.*
- *Come with Me and I will show you treasures of life.*
- *Rejoice My child because you have found Me.*
- *The greatest treasure is in your heart. Share it. Love everyone.*
- *When we stumble and fall, that is where we should take the treasure. For that is where you will find Me.*



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our thoughts are turning to God as we make it. Even in our moments of "little faith" the Lord responds to our call. God will not only hear our call, He will respond favorably to it provided we do not waver in trusting Him.

When the Lord saves us from sinking, we will have the confidence and assurance that our faith becomes strong. We can fully trust the Lord in His power as we worship Him. As we encounter God in our healing and renewal, we see His enduring faithfulness. We are then led to trust Him more and more, as He reminds us of who we are and who He is. In

Psalms, we praise God for *"Near indeed is his salvation to those who fear him, glory dwelling in our land,"* (Ps 85: 10). With an unwavering and strong faith, we become His faithful servants ready to serve Him utilizing the gifts and talents that He has given us. We are part of God's plan and in all our accomplishments, we glorify God for who He is and for saving us.

Let us thank God for creating us and giving us His spiritual gifts and fruit of the Spirit that we may overcome our fears, doubts and weaknesses to serve Him. He is always with us every step of our way, as we

are given this week's Promise: *"The Lord Himself...shall walk before him, and prepare the way of his steps,"* (Ps 85: 13a, 14).

Prayer:

Dear Lord, help us to fully trust in Your presence and in Your power. Help us to always have faith in You no matter what is happening in our life. Strengthen us every time we are carried away by the frustrations and tragedies we experience in this world. Awaken us when at some moment we entertain doubts about You, Lord. Remind us always what You have already saved us and that You will forever be our God. Amen.

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