



# Community News

## This Sunday's *Counsel*

### THEME:

We obey God's commandment of love when we deny ourselves of worldly attachments.

### PROMISE:

"...and you will have treasure in heaven..." (Mk 10:21c)

### WORD:

Wis 7:7-11/ Ps 90:12-17/ Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-30

### ORDER:

- Gain wisdom of heart. (Ps 90:12)
- Follow me. (Mk 10:21b)

### DIRECTIONS:

- Deepen your relationship with the Lord by constant and consistent study of His word.
- Seek to understand the importance of repentance and constant self-examination of our hearts and motives.
- Pray to have the strength and courage to persevere and focus to be a part of our community.
- Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor by participating in our mission activi-

## The Price Of Eternal Life

### REFLECTION:

Often times, we pray to ask for blessing and favor from our Lord, for what we want or desire, for material blessings, for physical health, for our benefit. This Sunday's first reading encourages us to pray for wisdom, for prudence. This is vastly different from the selfish prayers we often utter. The psalmist preferred wisdom to scepter and throne, to corrupt power and self-motivated ambition and greed. He saw it as nothing compared to the priceless gem of wisdom. He said that gold and silver can be likened to a little sand. The riches of this world is but nothing and worthless compared to the riches of God's eternal kingdom. He saw wisdom as going beyond good health and good life. Proverbs 1:7 says that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Like the psalmist, let us choose the light of the Gospel, the message of Christ on the cross. This is the beginning of a life devoted to Jesus Christ.

Our prayers should be the result of our devotion and love for our Lord Jesus Christ. Our prayers should reflect the wisdom that we have because we are of the Lord. We fear him and glorify him with our lives. Our lives should reflect



his glory and majesty, dominion and authority not the flashiness of the things of the world.

The story of the rich young man showed the grave seriousness of enjoying life in the world. He asked what can make him happy forever.

Many of us ask the same question. What good can be done on earth to allow us to enjoy life here on earth? Jesus Christ provided encouragement by answering his question through the guidance of his faith and by guiding him to what he should do. As we know it, there was a parting of ways between the young man and Jesus. He asks what he can do to have eternal life. Jesus replied by saying straightforwardly that no worldly possessions must hold him back and this tested his faith. Was the rich young man ready to carry his cross here on earth, die to self and expect the most prized possession of eternal life? Sad to say, he was not ready and he was not willing. It wasn't easy. The weight of the riches of the world bore down on him. He loved his life here on earth so much that he cannot give it up to follow Christ.

This was a good teaching moment

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### Tending the Flock

## Love The Life That Endures

The Lord said to a certain young man, "If you would enter life, keep the commandments" (Mt 19:17; Mk 10:17; Lk 18:18). He did not say "If you would have life" but "If you would enter life," defining that life as eternal life. Let us first consider then the love of this life. For this life is loved, whatever its quality; and however troubled it is, however wretched, people are afraid to end it. Hence we should see, we should consider, how much eternal life is to be loved, when this miserable life that must at some time be ended is so loved. Consider, brothers, how much that life is to be loved when it is a life you never end. You love this life, where you work so much, run, are busy, pant. In this busy life the obligations can scarcely be counted: sowing, plowing, working new land, sailing, grinding, cooking, weaving. And after all this hard work your life comes to an end. Look at what you suffer in this wretched life that you so love. And do you think that you will always live and never die? Temples, rocks, marbles, all reinforced by iron and lead, still fall. And a person thinks that he will never die? Learn therefore, brothers, to seek eternal life, when you will not endure these things but will reign with God forever.

~ Augustine of Hippo, 354-430 A.D., Sermon 84.1.9



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**October 1, 2021**

Tithes : \$510.00  
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*Thank you for your generosity!!!*

### God's Blessings

#### Birthday

Lito Lingat	10/8	Clint Oquendo	10/13
Ian Reyes	10/9	Evelyn Palacios	10/13
Eric Tan	10/10	Rene Perez	10/13
Cher Chua	10/12	Ayana Perez	10/14
Edd Roy	10/14		

#### Anniversary

Ceasar & Agnes Morte	10/9
Arman & Elvie Atienza	10/10
Leo & Carmela Toledo	10/11
Jim & Irma McCracken	10/14

### 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

*Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!*

### 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.*



### Rosary

The Rosary is an echo of the prayer of Mary, her perennial *Magnificat* for the work of the redemptive Incarnation which began in her virginal womb. With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer.

*~ Pope St. John Paul II*

*From his Apostolic Letter,  
The Rosary of the Virgin Mary*

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that Jesus Christ took advantage of about the difficulty of salvation. People who seek the wealth and treasures of this world will never have a correct view of the sacrifice of the cross, the blessing of God's grace and the true price of eternal life. Simplicity, humility and sacrifice are but three of the clear messages of the gospel. These reflect our obedience to Christ as we follow him here on earth. These are the greatest trials to a follower of Jesus. It is obedience to Christ when we deny ourselves of the material riches and wealth of the world. Let us imitate the simplicity of Jesus. Brothers and sisters, we need to pray diligently for the gift of wisdom, to have the strength to surrender everything, be detached from our material possessions and earthly pleasures, and be given the courage to persevere and focus to be part of our community

and parish so as to be a blessing to others.

Let us reflect on the way we live each day in prayer and in the deepening knowledge of Scripture. Let us seek to understand the importance of repentance and constant self examination of our hearts and motives. Let us look inwardly and inspect our hearts and desires. Do they reflect the heart and passion of Christ? Let us be aware of the message of the cross, the gospel of salvation, the genuine treasure that we have. It is the riches found only by grace through faith, our salvation. The more that we have received the wealth of forgiveness, the more that we can extend that blessing of His love. Let us always begin with the grace and mercy of our Lord, our own need for the same mercy each and every day, and all else will follow. This is our treasure in heaven.