



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

Our life is sustained for eternal redemption when we worthily receive the Holy Eucharist regularly.

PROMISE:

“Those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. (Heb 9:15b)

WORD:

Ex 24: 3-8/ Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/ Heb 9 11-15/ Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

ORDER:

- *Take it, this is my body.* (Mk 14: 22)

DIRECTIONS:

- Go to confession.
- Attend mass regularly and during holy days of obligation.
- Worthily receive Holy Communion regularly.

Our Food For Eternal Life

REFLECTION: This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the “Feast of Corpus Christi”. We celebrate firstly, to proclaim our faith in the real presence of the Body (Corpus), Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Secondly, we celebrate it to renew our hope for eternal life. Thirdly, we celebrate it to reciprocate Jesus’ love back by emulating his ways through compassion, charity and service to one another as members of the mystical Body and Blood of Christ which we call the Church.



The Gospel tells us how Jesus Christ abolished the ritual practice of animal sacrifices by “offering Himself as the sacrifice”. He sealed the New Covenant by sacrificing His own divine human body and blood by dying on the cross to save us from sin and death. It was in the upper room at the Last Supper where Jesus institutionalized the sacrament of the Eucharist. We commemorate this in every celebration of the Holy Mass where the priest offers and consecrates “the Bread of Life and the Chalice of Our Salvation.” The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches that through the process of

transubstantiation, the Holy bread and wine is transformed into the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist which we receive during Holy Communion. This Eucharistic transubstantiation is the mystery and core of our faith which we faithfully proclaim as Christ’s real presence in the Body and Blood, his Soul and his

Divinity.

We must remember that physical, material bread like manna from heaven, Filipino ‘pandesal’, Wonder (brand of bread, etc....), rice, corn, mashed potatoes etc.... are only essential for our temporary physical sustenance here on earth. As for our more important hope of eternal and everlasting life in heaven, we will need spiritual nourishment by worthily receiving as often as possible the Eucharist, also known as “Holy Communion” or “Holy Body and Blood” or the “Bread of Life”. This is as Scripture teaches us that *“My father gives you true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” “I am the bread of life: whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst”.*

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Reflection on the 20th Anniversary of BLD-Trenton

BLD (Bukas Loob sa Diyos) is a big part of our lives. The community is a gift from God. It is in BLD community where we “meet” God and where we have the awareness of His magnificent presence in our lives as He pours His magnanimous love on all of us. For many, joining BLD is the turning point in their spiritual journey. It is He who has chosen us and called us together in a covenant of love and mutual caring. We all belonged to our Heavenly Father as what Jesus prayed in John 17:6: *“I revealed your name to those whom you gave me out of the world. They belonged to you, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word”.* Truly, Jesus consecrated all of us to the Father. On the feast of the Pentecost in 2001, as the Mother Church celebrated its birthday, BLD Trenton was born. That was the day the Lord made for us to hold our first Praise and Worship. It was indeed a perfect confirmation that our Almighty God gifted us

this covenant community and we believe that nothing can ever destroy it. Twenty years ago, we answered the call to serve as new leaders of BLD Trenton. Just like the early disciples Jesus called when He started His ministry, he called the simple, unqualified and broken people like us. The only thing we possessed was our faith and a complete trust on God’s fidelity. With his kindness, our Lord gave us people who shared with us their knowledge in community building. With joint efforts of all the members of BLD Trenton we progressed from being a district-in-process to a full-term district within 10 years. We could not claim that it was easy but we relied on the Word of God as St. Paul states in his second letter to the Corinthians *“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”* We made mistakes

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*“We Are Gifted To
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God's Blessings

Birthday

Chris Cabrera	6/5	Kevin Palencia	6/6
Lenny Palao	6/5	Ronald Rebong	6/6
Ernie Doropan	6/5	Cece Ortiz	6/9
Ramon Cuasay	6/6	Luz Agustin	6/10
Fr. Tito Ignacio	6/6	Annabel Poblete	6/10
Arlene Tan	6/10		

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Eric & Arlene Tan	6/5
Mark & Lilia Senter	6/8
Dennis & Jasmin Zulueta	6/8

Divine Way

When we pray we must be humble, so that our words are actually prayers and not just idle talk that God rejects... I go to pray but You, Lord, convert my heart so that it asks for what is convenient, for what will be best for my spiritual health... On some occasions, therefore, the solution to the problem is not immediate... Then, over time, things have worked out but in God's way, the divine way, not according to what we wanted in that moment. God's time is not our time.

~ Pope Francis

Last Week's Prophecies

1. *“If you believe, follow. If you believe, serve. If you believe, forgive. If you believe, be willing to lay down your life to your neighbor. Be firm in your faith then and come follow Me.”*
2. *“My child, before the universe was created, there was the love of the Father, the love of the Son, and the love of the Holy Spirit.”*

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along the way but the Lord in His compassion showed us the way. He corrected us and pruned us so that we could bear more fruits for His kingdom. We are deeply grateful to God that He always paved the way for us to overcome all the trials we faced. In His great mercy, the Holy Spirit dwelled among us to sanctify our souls. God's transforming power bestowed to us the willingness to forgive one another when occasions called for it. Jesus our greatest intercessor prayed for our unity *“I pray that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you.”* True community acknowledges and respects individual differences, granting us with spiritual and emotional healing and the need to move forward. No degree of challenges we faced could equal the rewards of being with our beloved BLD community. The times we fall on our knees to

pray during the storms of life, we have become more resilient and developed fortitude from the knowledge that God will always be our refuge. It is in BLD that we gain knowledge of our faith and with time we shared the prayer of St Ignatius: *“Lord, grant that I may see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly.”*

On this unprecedented time, we are now faced with bigger challenges. Due to the Corona virus pandemic, we lost the personal and social contact from one another. It's undeniable that as human beings, we need to connect with one another and as such, everyone is exhorted to reach out to our brethren and actively encourage them to come back to our weekly Praise and Worship, to participate in various ministries utilizing the gifts the Holy Spirit has given them. This is one way we can be in communion once more as a faith community.

From the gospel of John 21:15-19 Jesus said to Simon Peter, *“Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?”* He said to him, *“Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.”* He said to him, *“Feed my lambs.”* Jesus went on to ask Peter to *“Tend my sheep, Feed my sheep and finally “Follow me. “ Let us give our Lord our yes to follow Him and to be able to shepherd each other and to seek the lost. From the gospel of Matthew 28:19 “ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”*

This is the great commission bestowed on us. Let us answer the call and be great ambassadors for Christ. **GOD BLESS BLD TRENTON!**

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Remember that our life will be sustained for eternal redemption when we worthily receive the Holy Eucharist. This is always available in every Eucharistic celebration of the Mass. We should take advantage of every opportunity to go to Confession, attend mass regularly and during holy days of obligation and receive Holy Communion.

Let us invoke the Holy Spirit to always be in our midst to enlighten our hearts and minds that despite the pandemic we can still virtually or physically receive the Eucharist. The more we receive the Eucharist for nourish-

ment, the more we become united with Jesus Christ. May we become more faithful, merciful, and pure like Him. As members of the Church, may we emulate and share Jesus' love, mercy and compassion as we practice Charity specially for the least, lost and forgotten.

Lastly, as we celebrate this day's Solemnity, let us be reminded that just as Jesus' sacred body and blood is consecrated, blessed, broken and distributed, we as members of the Church will, in God's time, be called, blessed, broken and distributed to different ministries to share our precious times, talents and treasures to the communities including the BLD community.



This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

Our life is sustained for eternal redemption when we grow in our faith and become fruitful.

PROMISE:

"They that are planted in the Lord...shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be." (Ps 92:14, 15)

WORD:

Ez 17:22-24/ Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16/ 2 Cor 5:6-10/ Mk 4:26-34

ORDER:

- *Walk by faith.* (2 Cor 5:7)
- *Bear fruit.* (Ez 17:23)

DIRECTIONS:

- Be good witnesses for the Lord.
- Share the good news of God.
- Do corporal works of mercy.

Walk By Faith Not By Sight

REFLECTION: Our theme for this week tells us that our life is sustained when we grow in our faith and become fruitful. St. Paul in his second letter to the Corinthians is exhorting us to walk by faith not by sight. The walk in this passage connotes to the way a person conducts his or her life. We commonly use the phrase "all walks of life" to mean a variety of lifestyles or cultures. The Apostle Paul reminds us not to build around things that have no eternal significance. Rather than pursuing the same things that the world pursues, as follower of Christ we should focus on the unseen realities such as Jesus and the kingdom of God. Jesus told us to store up treasure in heaven. He promised rewards to everyone who does His will and punishment to those who reject Him.



Walking by faith means living life in light of eternal consequences. To walk by faith means to fear God more than man, to obey the Bible even when it conflicts with society's demands. To choose righteousness over sin, to trust God in every circumstance. Instead of loving things of this world we should spend our lives glorifying God in

everything we do. It requires faith to live this way because we cannot see, hear or touch anything spiritual. But as the Lord said Blessed are those who have not seen, yet have believed. When we base our lives on the truth of God instead of the popular philosophy of our day we are going against our natural inclinations. Our natural instinct is maybe to amass wealth but walking by faith says we should share it to the needy, the have-nots.

Society may say death penalty is acceptable but those who walk by faith base their standard on God's unchanging commandment, which states "*Thou shalt not kill*". Some would say it's a gray area, no it's not, it's explicit, no room for confusion or doubt. God didn't say "*Thou shalt not kill* and it comes with gray area, use it at your discretion." To walk by faith requires that we tune our minds to the voice of the Holy Spirit and the truth of His word. We choose to live according to what God reveals to us rather than trust our human understanding.

When we walk by faith we listen to the
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Tending the Flock

The Reasons For Our Hope

Today's liturgy presents to us two short parables of Jesus: the parable of the seed that grows of its own accord and the parable of the mustard seed (cf. Mk 4:26-34). With images taken from the farming world the Lord presents the mystery of the Word and of the Kingdom of God, and points out the reasons for our hope and our dedication.

The image of the seed is especially dear to Jesus, because it clearly expresses the mystery of the Kingdom of God. In today's two parables it represents "growth" and "contrast": the growth that occurs thanks to an innate dynamism within the seed itself and the contrast that exists between the minuscule size of the seed and the greatness of what it produces.

The message is clear: even though the Kingdom of God demands our collaboration, it is first and foremost a gift of the Lord, a grace that precedes man and his works. If our own small strength, apparently powerless in the face of the world's problems, is inserted in that of God it fears no obstacles because the Lord's victory is guaranteed. It is the miracle of the love of God who causes every seed of good that is scattered on the ground to germinate. And the experience of this miracle of love makes us optimists, in spite of the difficulty, suffering and evil that we encounter. The seed sprouts and grows because God's love makes it grow. May the Virgin Mary, who, like "good soil", accepted the seed of the divine Word, strengthen within us this faith and this hope.

~Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Message, June 17, 2012

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Secrets in Parables

Jesus' invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough, deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word? What use has he made of the talents he has received? Jesus and the presence of the kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of the parables. One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to "know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven". For those who stay "outside", everything remains enigmatic. ~ CCC, par. 546

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word of God and strive to form our lives by that word. If we walk by sight, we no longer believe in the Lord because the present world tells us it's not necessary, it is only a foolish thought of humans and that life is much better without God. Sometimes God does things we can't understand, this is where our need to walk by faith and not by sight comes in play. We trust God's purpose and his purpose often comes in the least likely sources. Like the tender shoot of a Cedar tree or a mustard seed. No matter how lowly and small, once it is sown it will surely grow and bear fruit. This has been amply illustrated in the lives of early Christians, they were the minority, powerless and treated like common criminals, they were humiliated and persecuted. But the more Christians are martyred for their faith the more people are converted, to the point

that even the pagan empire of Rome that persecuted them became a Christian nation. Those few disciples were the mustard seed out of which a global religion, one billion strong, grew.

Our faith also started small but with God's providence and power it will grow and bear abundant fruit for the glory of God. As Mother Teresa said "Not all of us can do great things but we can do small things with great love." As members of this BLD community the small service we do has a big impact especially when we nurture it with God's word. Speaking of service to the community, in the coming days the new governance will discern new ministry coordinators and members in various ministries under the different apostolates. This is the moment that we can offer the Lord whatever we have, big or small. Share what you have; remember that five loaves of bread and two fish fed five thousand.

God's Blessings

Birthday

Lino Alcasid	6/11	Erwin Bustamante	6/14
Lani Fincalero	6/11	Alden Nacionales	6/14
Joseph Ortiz	6/11	Kiko Torralba	6/14
Aida Odejar	6/11	Art Vicencio	6/14
Liberty Baliscao	6/12	Teena Janolo	6/17
Lisa Sherry	6/17		

Anniversary

Jean & Patricia DeJean	6/12
Rolly & Lota Salomia	6/12
Jho-Jho & Mey Alabastro	6/14
Eric & Jedy Bustamante	6/14
Bill & Camille Colon	6/15
Jun & Lani Fincalero	6/15
Sonny & Raquel Adame	6/17
George & Argie Pe	6/17



Timid Prayer



Even if our prayers were only stuttering, if they were compromised by a wavering faith, we must never cease to trust in Him: I do not know how to pray but He prays for me. Supported by Jesus' prayer, our timid prayers rest on eagle wings and soar up to Heaven. Do not forget: Jesus is praying for me. Now? Now. In the moment of trial, in the moment of sin, even in that sin, Jesus is praying for me with so much love.

~ Pope Francis

Jesus wants to use each one of us for building up His Kingdom. We may feel as though we cannot do much, that we are not as gifted as others, that we will not be able to make much of a difference, that's not true. The truth is that each one of us is packed with unbelievable potentials that God wants to bear fruit. Share whatever you have. We have to die to self to be fruitful, like a mustard seed that has to die and be buried in the ground then grow. He wants to bring forth from our lives glorious blessings for the world; all we must do is allow Him to work in us. Like a seed, we must be planted in the fertile soil of His mercy thru faith and surrender to His divine will. We must be watered by daily prayer and allow the rays of the son of God to shine on us. We have to grow our faith gracefully and it will bear fruit even in old age, as God promised.



This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

Our life is sustained for eternal redemption when we trust Jesus to calm the storms in our life.

PROMISE:

"They cried to the Lord in their distress...he rescued them." (Ps 107:28)

WORD:

Jb 38:1, 8-11/ Ps 107:23-24, 25-26, 28-29, 30-31/ 2 Cor 5:14-17/ Mk 4:35-41

ORDER:

- Give thanks to the Lord. (Ps 107:30)
- Cross to the other side. (Mk 4:35b)
- Leave the crowd. (Mk 4:36a)

DIRECTIONS:

- Thank God for calming your storms, big or small.
- Accept new responsibilities trusting God to lead you across and through.
- Learn when to plan and pray, when to rest and work, when to be alone with God.

Cross To The Other Side

REFLECTION: *"On that day, as evening drew on, Jesus said to the disciples, 'Let us cross to the other side.' Leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat just as he was."* (Mk 4:35-36) Are there lessons to learn from the first two sentences of this gospel story? What does it mean to us when we hear Jesus say *"Let us cross to the other side?"* What significance is there to the phrase *"leaving the crowd?"* Here, crossing to the other side refers to the gentile mission of Jesus. Jesus knows his life's work and is at it. He is to spread the good news to the gentiles too. Later on he said to the disciples, *"Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature."* (Mk16: 15) After Jesus, his followers are to make disciples of all nations.

On that fateful night Jesus gives the mission to the disciples to cross to the other side. Jesus also gives us our life's mission. The disciples even with Jesus in the boat with them meet a storm. We too have our share. What are our storms in the BLD community? Do we not have doubts and fears? Are there not some who through human frailty seem not to welcome us? They make us feel we do not belong. Are there not times we do not wish to carry on? It is then that Jesus



may seem to have taken us to events that cross to the other side to test our commitment. Jesus may seem to expose us to risks and like the disciples in the boat we might confront our storm by clinging to our fears. But unlike the disciples when conflicts test our faith, we must rest in our faith. Let adversities and hesitations draw us closer to God. Let them bring us to our knees to wait on God. Let the means and the end show us that there will always be calm and peace because we know whom we are following. We know who he is leading us. We are not in control. God is.

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Who Is The Lord Of Storms?

"Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" (Mk 4: 38b) Four of the disciples in the boat with Jesus were seaworthy fishermen long tested by the perils of water and storms in the sea. These men were in fear of their lives. Yet in their distress, thinking that there was only one more wave between them and death, they did not cry to Jesus, *"Lord"* or *"Master."* They called him, *"Teacher."* These were the men close to Jesus. They have heard him speak with love and authority. They have seen his healing miracles. They have seen him work the impossible. What else did they need before they really know who he was? They woke him up, *"Do you not care that we are perishing?"* In their panic they seemed to rebuke Jesus in the stern, asleep on a cushion. Jesus woke up, rebuked the wind and the sea, *"Quiet! Be still."* He spoke with power and authority. At his command, the wind obeyed. The sea was calmed.

Then Jesus asked the disciples, *"Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"* (Mk 4:40) How did the disciples manage their fears? Do we manage crisis in the same way? The disciples clung to their fears. They let go of their trust. They failed the faith test. Storms represent the hostile forces opposed to God, order and peace. What are our storms? What waters have swamped over the boat of our lives? What man has not met with crisis that has reduced him to helplessness? Whose life has not been beset with personal darkness, family demand and work deadline? Who has not battled doubt, envy, fear, failure or loss? Do we doubt that with Jesus we shall rise in victory over the hostile powers of the world, the devil and the flesh? The Lord of storms IS the Lord of life. Our life is sustained for eternal redemption when we trust Jesus to calm the storms in our life.

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The Lord's Provision

June 11, 2021

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and love offerings via
Paypal. Donate link can be
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P.O. Box 1367
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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, re-
store 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 con-
cern 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 Vir-
gin. 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.

God's Blessings

Birthday

Jo Perez	6/19	Jocelyn Rodriguez	6/22
Aldrene Butulan	6/19	Lilia Senter	6/22
Chie Del Pilar	6/19	Joel Bermudo	6/23
Jojo Dominguez	6/21	Mey Alabastro	6/23
Cherry Butulan	6/22	Mary Hennedy	6/23
Robert Raymundo	6/22	Janis Carvajal	6/24

Arlene Carvajal 6/24

Anniversary

Oliver & Delia Cuasay	6/18
Drew & Melba Allen	6/20
Art & Cherry Butulan	6/20
Ernie & Nelia Doropan	6/24
Alex & Dete Santos	6/24

*You hushed the storm to a gentle
breeze; rescue me, Lord,
from my distress.*

Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Blessed Mother's visit -Tess Corso 732-604-1914
For Prayer Service - Morris Teves 732-597-2016

Divine Reconciliation



Therefore, if your unchaste flesh has
taken away the seven gifts of the Holy Spir-
it, if it has extinguished the light not of the counte-
nance, but of the heart, do not falter in your courage,
do not despair utterly; continue to gather your
strength, strive manfully, dare to attempt the coura-
geous, and you will be able to triumph, by the mercy
of God, over your enemies. The Phillistines certainly
were able to shave the hair of Samson, but not to up-
root it, and so although evil spirits have excluded the
charisms of the Holy Spirit from you for a while, by
no means are they able to irrecoverably deny the reme-
dy of divine reconciliation.

*~ St. Peter Damian, Benedictine
monk, reformer and cardinal*

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Great crowds come to Jesus having with them the
lame, the blind, the mute and many others. We grow in
grace incrementally but God's favors, day by day, seem-
ingly one long day at a time, suddenly burst on us like
the sun. It is then that, like Jesus, we must learn to
leave the crowd and cross to the other side. Jesus
knows when to leave the crowd and be alone with the
Father. He knows when to rest. He knows when to
sleep and be at peace. In the stern of the boat, he was
asleep on a cushion. Like Jesus, we are in the world but
the world does not own us. Like Jesus, we must know
when to plan and pray, when to rest and work. Like
Jesus, we must know when to leave the crowd.

**This Sunday's
Counsel**

THEME:

Our life is sustained for eternal redemption when we acknowledge the healing grace of Jesus.

PROMISE:

"...your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction." (Mk 5:34)

WORD:

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24/
Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11,
12, 13/ 2 Cor 8:7, 9,
13-15/ Mk 5:21-43

ORDER:

- *Do not be afraid, just have faith.* (Mk 5:36)
- *Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.* (Mk 5:34)

DIRECTIONS:

- Dedicate time in prayer and study the scriptures..
- Surrender all your fears to the Lord.
- Avail of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist.
- Offer and avail of healing services.



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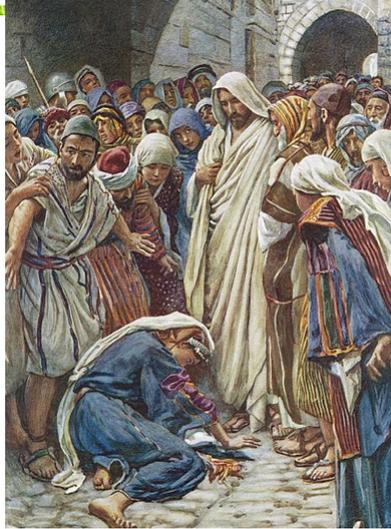
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June 25, 2021

Reaching Out With Faith

REFLECTION: For the past year and few months, we have experienced the devastating effect of the covid-19 pandemic. Just here in BLD alone, we have witnessed how the pandemic controlled our community and its life. Besides restricting our community services and activities, it has claimed the lives of some people dear to us. It has impacted our health, our finances, our job, our comfort, and our sanity to name a few.

The Gospel this Sunday highlights Jesus' redemptive action of healing. It tells us of two miracles and how he insists on the importance of faith in both cases. To Jairus, He says, "*Do not be afraid, just have faith*". To the hemorrhagic woman, he says, "*Daughter, your faith has saved you. Go in peace and be cured of your affliction.*" Faith is understood here as a trust in God. That is why the hemorrhagic woman, in a simple gesture of trust, came from behind in the crowd and touched Jesus with the firm conviction of obtaining the healing. And



what she wanted with her whole heart, happened to her immediately. The same is true with the official of the synagogue whose daughter Jesus raised from death. Because they both trusted Jesus, both were healed and restored to life. Jesus is exhorting us to do the same when we are faced with sickness or any adversaries in life.

Did you notice that both Jairus and the hemorrhagic woman approached Jesus and expressed their need for healing? Jesus wants us to do the same; we are urged to: Go to Jesus, reach out to Him and communicate our need. Without communication, relationships fall apart. So, too, our relationship with God suffers when we do not communicate with Him. Even though God is an all-knowing God, He still wants to hear from us. Prayer is our lifeline to God. In it we not only meet God, we also allow Him to enter into union with us. God lives in us, and we live in Him. This

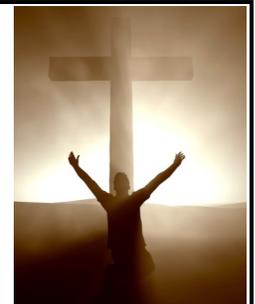
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Take Heart In Jesus

Do you approach the Lord Jesus with expectant faith or with skeptical doubt? People in desperate or helpless circumstances were not disappointed when they sought Jesus out. What drew them to Jesus? Was it hope for a miracle or a word of comfort in their affliction? What did the elderly woman who had suffered miserably for twelve years expect Jesus to do for her? And what did a grieving father expect Jesus to do for his beloved daughter who was at the point of death? Jesus gave hope where there seemed to be no human cause for it because his hope was directed to God. He spoke words of hope to the woman (Take heart, daughter!) to ignite the spark of faith in her (your faith has made you well!).

Jesus also gave supernatural hope to a father who had just lost a beloved child. It took considerable courage and risk for the ruler of a synagogue to openly go to Jesus and to invite the scorn of his neighbors and kin. Even the hired mourners laughed scornfully at Jesus. Their grief was devoid of any hope. Nonetheless, Jesus took the girl by the hand and delivered her from the grasp of death.

In both instances we see Jesus' personal concern for the needs of others and his readiness to heal and restore life. In Jesus we see the infinite love of God extending to each and every individual as he gives freely and wholly of himself to each person he meets. Do you approach the Lord with confident expectation that he will hear your request and act?



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		Agnes Palecki	7/1

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*You changed my mourning
into dancing;
O Lord, my God, forever will I
give you thanks.*

Confidence

 In so many of life's situations, indeed, it may happen that we get discouraged... And we may allow ourselves to be paralyzed by doubt when we find we are working hard but the results are not achieved, and things seem never to change. The Gospel asks us to take a fresh look at ourselves and at reality; it asks us to have bigger eyes, that are able to see further, especially beyond appearances, in order to discover the presence of God who as humble love is always at work in the soil of our life and that of history. This is our confidence, this is what gives us the strength to go forward every day, patiently, sowing the good that will bear fruit.

~ Pope Francis

Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?

For Blessed Mother's visit -Tess Corso 732-604-1914
For Prayer Service - Morris Teves 732-597-2016

When we reach out to others, by putting the works of mercy into practice, we literally touch, feed, shelter, console, and serve Christ Himself. These important works of mercy and charity make the Gospel come alive, both for us and for the people we serve.

~ Bishop Donald Hying
From his book Love Never Fails

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profound and absolute unity is what we are made for. Prayer not only strengthens our relationship with God but, when we pray with other believers, it also strengthens the bonds between fellow intercessors.

Besides praying, let us also spend time to read and meditate on the Scriptures. The Word of God is alive and is a way God is present to us. By reflecting upon the Word of God, which was inspired by the Holy Spirit, we are engaging Christ Himself, the full revelation of the Father. It's a way of letting the Word of God sink in deeply so as to nourish our soul. Setting time aside for prayer and scripture meditation in a quiet place is important because it allows us to go deeper in our relationship. What couple doesn't need and long for quality time to be alone with each other? The same is true for our relationship with Christ.

To receive healing, we need to surrender our heart and all its fears to Jesus. When we find ourselves in situations that appear hopeless and which can only sow fear in our hearts, let us be reminded that God has an entirely different view of our circumstances. If we just let Him be in charge, He will set our lives in place. No matter how bruised and broken, how sinful we have been and how bad our situation is, God will make something beautiful out of us and our circumstances. He will draw the goodness out of us and our lives. He will bless us, and He will bring us to wholeness.

When we are in sin, we are separated from God – temporarily, that is. But when we die without repentance, the separation becomes final and irreversible – and that is real and eternal death. Sacrament of confession is where we encounter the healing and cleansing love of Christ. We are wounded and sometimes we

are even dead in sin but when we go to confession, we can encounter the love and mercy of God. That brings us back to life that restores us to full health. At the same time, it requires openness on our part like Jairus who went and approached Jesus and said, 'please heal my daughter'.

This beautiful image of the woman reaching out to touch the cloak of Jesus –is the same as us going to confession, reaching out to Christ, saying, "Lord I have sinned, I am hurt and dead and sinned, but I know you can heal me". Every time we participate in the celebration of the Eucharist, we say a prayer right before we come to communion, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed." Yes, our soul needs healing, not just our body. And it is important for us to approach the Eucharist with faith and allow ourselves to be touched by Christ.