



Community News



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This Sunday's Counsel **"The Father's love makes us joint heirs with His Son, Jesus Christ"**

THEME:
We are joint heirs with Jesus Christ when we live in God's righteousness and serve the needy.

WORD:
The Father's love makes us joint heirs with His Son, Jesus Christ.

PROMISE:
"The Lord keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free." (Ps. 146:6-7)

ORDER:
"...pasture and couch their flock." (Zep 3:13c)

DIRECTION:
Pray and support one another.

In the Gospel, Jesus gives as the Beatitudes.

Beatitudes are the profound display of God's wisdom. His thoughts are out of this world. However, our materialistic minds have tendencies to oppose and twist these truths, and insist that we are righteous than our Creator. It is sad to see that even our family members fell into the trap of this generation. Our community of believers need to deepen these truths, so members can act on matters consistent with the Word and not the world.

We look for happiness at the wrong places. Our choices are based on what make us happy, but following this formula outside the moral landscape, results in sadness and disappointments. We are all made for Him, and the rightful place for complete happiness and joy is no other than Him. **"Your heart is restless until your rest in thee"**, said St. Augustine. Stupidity for world but holiness and



righteousness to God.

The Beatitudes are Paradoxical Blessings. It is counter intuitive and is against the current world's definition of being blessed. At first glance, it just doesn't make sense; however, this must be true because it came from Jesus. How do we reconcile the contradiction?

Macarius (Makarios in Greek) is the original Latin word for Blessed, Happiness or Exalted Happiness. But how can one be happy when poor, sad, meek, hungry and thirsty, forgiving, holy, being a peacemaker and persecuted - aren't these curses instead? Yes, **these blessings are curses** in the old (Deuteronomy 28:15-20) for being disobedient to God's law, but these are **blessings in the New Covenant.** (Luke 6:24-26).

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St. Martín de Porres - Feast day November 3



Martín de Porres Velázquez OP (9 December 1579 – 3 November 1639) was a Peruvian lay brother of the Dominican Order who was beatified in 1837 by Pope Gregory XVI and canonized in 1962 by Pope John XXIII.

He is the patron saint of mixed-race people, barbers, innkeepers, public health workers, and all those seeking racial harmony. He was noted for his work on behalf of the poor, establishing an orphanage and a children's hospital. He maintained an austere lifestyle, which included fasting and abstaining from meat. Among the many miracles attributed to him were those of levitation, bilocation, miraculous knowledge, instantaneous cures, and an ability to communicate with animals.

Martin was born in the city of Lima, Viceroyalty of Peru, on 9 December 1579. He was the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman, Don Juan de Porras y de la Peña, and Ana Velázquez, a freed slave of African and Native descent. His father abandoned the family and he grew in poverty. When Martin was 34, after he had been given the religious habit of a lay brother, he was assigned to the infirmary, where he was placed in charge and would remain in service until his death at the age of 59. He was known for his care of the sick. Martin was a friend of both Saint Juan Macías, a fellow Dominican lay brother, and Saint Rose of Lima, another lay Dominican. By his death on 3 November 1639, he had won the affection and respect of many of his fellow Dominicans as well as a host of people outside the priory. Word of his miracles had made him known as a saint throughout the region.

Source: *American Catholic*. Archived from [the original](#) on 27 April 2015.

Teaching Calendar

Feb 11 Sat (1pm - 4:45pm) via Zoom. BBS - Growth in Prayer and Witness Development. Link will be sent via email.

Feb 28 Tue via Zoom. CSL Supplementary Teaching. Link will be sent via email.

Mar 11 Sat (1pm - 4:45pm) at Holy Eucharist Annex. BBS – Gifts and Fruits of Holy Spirit. Siena Inventory.

Mar 28 Tues via Zoom. CSL Supplementary Teaching. Link will be sent via email.

COMMUNITY EVENT

Jan 27 Fri (7:30 pm) Praise and Worship will be held at the Holy Eucharist Annex.

Jan 31 - Feb 3, 2023 BLD Camden/Trenton Medical Mission in the Philippines. Total of 50 missionaries (20 Camden members) will serve the poor, sick, prisoners, malnourished children and needy family in areas of Mauban, Quezon, Cavite and Batangas City. Please pray for a spiritually-led and safe mission trip to the Philippines.

Lectors

Feb 3	J. Guanzon	C. Guanzon	C. O'Connor
Feb 10	J. Gracia	L. Angelia	N. Castro
Feb 17	EJ Juliano	C. Ayon	T. Juliano
Feb 24	K. Cardente	P. Supan	D. Cardente

Lord's Provisions

Dec 16	PnW	\$195.00
Jan 6	Healing Mass	\$448.00
Jan 13	PnW	\$202.00
Jan 20	Intercessory Prayer	\$70.00

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Jesus clearly demonstrated this in His earthly life and emphatically on the cross. "Christ ransomed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, "Cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree," that the blessing of Abraham might be extended to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith." (Gal 3:13-14). The way to build up treasures in heaven is through these beatitudes for the sake of the Gospel. Because the ultimate of blessings came to the world by way of the cross.

By contrast earthly blessings are spiritually dangerous, that's why Jesus said, **"It's easier for the camel to enter the eye of the needle than a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God"** (Mt 19:24). Because **"where your treasure is, there your heart be also"** (Mt 6:21). Earthly richness has tendency to drag us away from heaven and focuses us on earthly goods and independence from God. True happiness is detachment from earthly goods and reliance on God. That's why Jesus said, "take up your cross and follow me" (Mt 16:24b). "God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong." (1 Cor 1:27). Let's not be ashamed to look fools in His name. Let us not turn suffering away. St

Rosary Leaders

Feb 3	Youth Ministry	Feb 10	Salve Palma
Feb 17	Salve Palma	Feb 24	Tita Briones

Prayer Warriors

Feb 3	HEALING MASS	
Feb 10	P.Cruz/N. de Castro	F/M Carandang
Jan 20	R/E Maranan	A/C Guanzon
Jan 27	P/L. Padolina	A/L Palmero

Intercessory Prayer

Feb 3	HEALING MASS		
Feb 10	GRP 2	Feb 17	GRP 3
Feb 24	GRP 1		

GOD'S BLESSING

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Kathleen Cardente	19	Marta Ayon
2	Nuska de Castro	24	Bill Thompson
8	Letty Padolina	27	Christy O'Connor
8	Rolando Cruzat	29	Risa Fergoson
9	Elsie Robin	31	Esperanza Gines
11	Lina Aningalang		
12	Noli Cruz		
17	Mila Carandang		

JANUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

3 Anthony & Lynette Palmero

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Paul said, – "I rejoice in my suffering for Your sake" (Col 1:24a). St Augustine said, "...[Beatitudes] the perfect model for Christian living." Today's culture is sucked into the false definition of happiness - a life without suffering and misfortune. That's scientifically and historically wrong, for suffering has been, always and will remain in this world 'til the end of times. But Jesus said, "...take courage for I have conquered the world." (Jn 16:33b). Living happy is to live a good life as defined by the creator of goodness - God. Since He is a good God and he created all things good, therefore there is goodness in suffering. The challenged then is to find it. No, we do not have to, Jesus had proven that - He was tormented and died so "...we too might live in newness of life." (Rom 6:4c). Yes, it hurts, it pains, but rejoice and hope, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain..." (Rev 21:4). If we have to add the 9th Beatitude that applies to BLD Community and the believers of today, what would that be? I would propose, **"Blessed are those who have not seen me and have believed."** (Jn 20:29b). Jesus referred us, 2000 years removed yet believing; therefore, be happy for we are blessed. The Lord promised that **"He keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets captives free."** (Ps 146:6-7).

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