



Community News



Volume 17, Issue 2	<i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Feb 17, 2023
This Sunday's Counsel	"Disciples of Christ are called to be the salt and the light of the earth"	
<p>THEME: <i>We are the salt and light of the earth when we show unconditional love and kindness to everyone.</i></p> <p>WORD: <i>Disciples of Christ are called to be the salt and the light of the earth.</i></p> <p>PROMISE: <i>"He redeems your life ... crowns you with kindness and compassion" (Ps. 103:4)</i></p> <p>ORDER: <i>"You shall not bear hatred to your brother and sister." (Lev 19:17a)</i></p> <p>DIRECTION: <i>Love and respect one another.</i></p>	<p>In the First Reading, God told Moses to speak to his people "Be holy, for I, the LORD your God am holy" (Lev 19;1-2).</p> <p>This is God's command because the Israelites were rebellious and fighting with each other.</p> <p>Do not take revenge to your brother and sister. Love our neighbor as ourselves and not to hold grudge against one another. This command means for us to imitate Him and not to conform to the ways of the world. We should allow God to transform us internally and spiritually in order to be pure and holy so that we can enter the gates of Heaven.</p> <p>God's most significant characteristic is holiness, it is the absence of sin and that is why God cannot tolerate sins. Holiness is not only separated from sin and worldliness, but also set apart for God's purposes. In order to become holy, you need a long process of sanctification.</p>	<div data-bbox="714 478 1198 772" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>God's destiny God's destiny for mankind is holiness and to produce saints. If we look at the face of a saint there is a certain aura that surrounds them and we can even feel that holiness radiating to us. We feel reverence and respect. There is no holiness without obedience. Obedience leads to holiness. Being holy is showing God how much we love Him. Jesus is obedient unto death, suffered and died for us. In Christ we are already holy. We are so closely united with Jesus, that God sees us as clothed in the righteousness of Christ. As we become holy, we will naturally become more moral and being moral is about living in Christ. In Holiness we must allow the Holy Spirit to work in us.</p> <p>Sanctification is by the Holy Spirit. The Spirit sets us apart in Christ so that we might be saved. The Spirit also exposes our sin so that we may recognize and turn away from it and helps us see the glory of God.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>(continued in page 2)</i></p>
St. Catherine of Alexandria - Feastday November 25		

Saint Catherine of Alexandria is a canonized saint in the Catholic Church, who was martyred around 305 in Alexandria, Egypt. She is recognized as the Great Martyr and Saint by the Orthodox Church. The young saint was born around 287 in Alexandria, Egypt, one of the finest cities in the world, and a center of learning and culture as well as faith.



As a member of the nobility, she was also educated and was an avid scholar. Around the age of fourteen, she experienced a moving vision of Mary and the infant Jesus, and she decided to become a Christian. Catherine was arrested and scourged. Despite the torture, she did not abandon her faith. Word of her arrest and the power of her faith quickly spread and over 200 people visited her. The emperor's own wife, Valeria Maximilla was converted by Catherine. The emperor executed his own wife over her conversion. It is believed that Maximilla was alive and with her husband at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge in 312, seven years after the death of Catherine. One account claimed that angels took her body to Mt. Sinai. In the sixth century, the Emperor Justinian ordered a monastery established in her name. The monastery, Saint Catherine's, remains to this day and is one of the oldest in the world.

Around the year 800, a legend spread that her body has been found with her hair still growing and a constant stream of oil coming from her body. Nothing exists to this day of her remains, and her very existence has been called into question.

Source: <https://www.catholic.org/saints/>

Teaching Calendar



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.

Apr 8 Sat (1pm - 4pm) HE Annex. Advanced Intercession

COMMUNITY EVENT

Feb 26 Sun (1pm - 4pm) ME 16 Reunion will be held at the Holy Eucharist Annex.

Mar 4 Sat (9am - 1pm) Lenten Retreat by Fr. Cosme de la Pena

Mar 4 Sat (1pm - 4pm) Kick off Meeting for LSS Class 17

May 13 Sat (7pm) Concert: Philippine Madrigal Singers at co Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine, 61 Georgia Rd., Freehold NJ 07728. Gen Admission: \$40; VIP: \$75

May 26-28 Fri - Sun LSS Class 17, Holy Eucharist Parish Hall

Lectors

Feb 24	K. Cardente	P. Supan	D. Cardente
Mar 3	EJ Juliano	T. Juliano	BJ Dilag
Mar 10	F. Carandang	E. Maranan	M. Carandang
Mar 17	M. Fernandez	C. Reyes	C. Fabia
Mar 24	M. Co	L. Juliano	N. Castro
Mar 31	B. Urbiztondo	P. Supan	D. Bridgeman

Lord's Provisions

Jan 27	Praise & Worship	\$273.00
Feb 3	Healing Mass	\$606.00
Feb 10	Praise & Worship	\$172.00

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As we know **"Our body is the temple of God"** (Cor 3:6) and that the spirit of God dwells in us. If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person, for the temple that you are, is holy.

In our theme, Jesus says you are the salt of the earth. Salt is used as a preservative in meat and food. Christians who obey God and do His will serve as preservative of the human race and the earth by slowing down the moral and spiritual decay of the succeeding generations up to this day. The followers of Jesus has done great job in preserving His teachings and His commandments for the last two thousand years. Jesus' disciples, our forefathers and all His followers were the true example of the salt of the earth, through their works, testimony and witnessing to the point of giving up their lives.

We as Christians being the salt of the earth need to live as pure as a life so we can be a shining light to others so they can see Jesus in our words and action.

Rosary Leaders

Mar 3	Youth Ministry	Mar 10	Perla Cruz
Mar 17	Nuska de Castro	Mar 24	Daisy Pabatao
Mar 31	Marta Ayon		

Prayer Warriors

Mar 3	HEALING MASS	
Mar 10	A/L Palmero	A/C Guanzon
Mar 17	D/K Cardentes	P. Cruz/M. Zwirblis
Mar 24	P/L Padolina	M. Ayon/P. Cruz
Mar 31	R/E Maranan	F/M Carandang

Intercessory Prayer

Mar 3	HEALING MASS	
Mar 10	GRP 2	Mar 17 GRP 1
Mar 24	GRP 3	Mar 31 GRP 2

GOD'S BLESSING

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1	Jose Padolina	19	Ma. Aurora Garcia
12	Nap Cruz	20	Nora Garrido
12	Emma Gomez	24	Sandy Scheiner
14	Erwin Chu		

FEBRUARY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

11	Danny & Nenette Biscocho
13	Dino & Sabrina Supan

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In our BLD community, we strive to follow God's teachings and live a moral life as witnesses of God's love. **"Salt is good but if the salt has lost its taste, how shall it's saltiness be restored"** (Luke 14:34-35). For our brothers and sisters who has lost their saltiness with BLD, let us bring them back so that they will regain the flavor that was lost, and once more they will shine. In Mt 5:38, Jesus said when someone strikes you on the cheeks turn the other one as well. It is hard to digest if you hear it the first time, furthermore He said love your enemies and pray for those who hates you. This is nothing compared to what Jesus has gone through in His betrayal, scourging, humiliation, crowned with thorns nailed to the cross and died.

Jesus' unconditional love for us surpasses all the sufferings He bore for us as ransom for our sins, delivered us from Hell, open the gates of Heaven and gain us our salvation. He asks the Father to forgive us. What love is this that knows no bounds, that no human can comprehend, and as He was dying on the cross, He prayed to the Father to forgive our sins.

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