



## This Sunday's Counsel

### THEME:

We are sanctified when we render works of mercy.

### PROMISE:

*"Lavishly he gives to the poor; his justice shall endure forever; his horn shall be exalted in glory."* (Ps 112:9)

### WORD:

Is 58:7-10/ Ps 112:4-9/ 1Cor 2:1-5/ Mt 5:13-16

### ORDER:

- *Share your bread with the hungry.* (Is 58:7)
- *Shelter the oppressed and the homeless.* (Is 58:7b)
- *Clothe the naked when you see them.* (Is 58:7c)
- *Remove from your midst oppression, false accusations and malicious speech.* (Is 58:9b)

### DIRECTIONS:

- Render works of mercy.
- Participate in mission work.
- Let your light shine before others.

## Let Our Light Shine

**REFLECTION:** Today's readings remind us that we are the light of the world. This means sharing our life in Christ with others in order to glorify God.

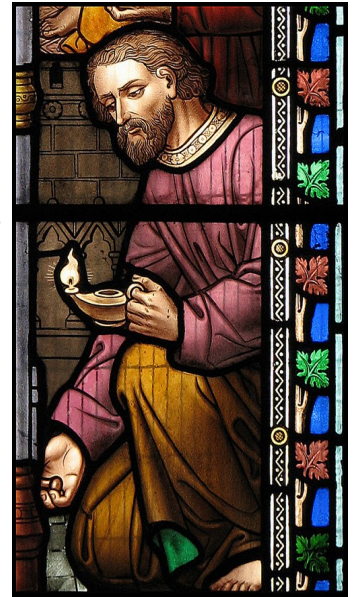
Just as Jesus enlightened the world with the radiance of His life, we too must do likewise with our lives. We ought to feel honored in being chosen for this mission. Consider the nobility and excellence of being human. We are endowed with the gift of understanding that knows this visible world and that there is a God, most good and most indescribable. We know there is an eternity. We also know what manner is best designed for living well in this world including looking after the poor, the hungry, the oppressed, and the homeless. Moreover, we have the noblest will that can love God and our neighbor. Look into our hearts and behold how generous it is. God's love in us calls us to love others.

We can never love our neighbor too much, provided God's love holds first place in our hearts. The image of God in all of us is our most powerful motive for loving each other. Loving our neighbor allows us to do much for God. Do not say I am not good enough or I have no talent to speak well. That does not matter. God

will tell you what to say and do. If ever you are afraid, say to yourself: *"The Lord will provide."* Our heart finds rest solely in God, who cares for us unconditionally.

Do not be concerned that we are not producing the fruit we intend.

We will only be asked if we have faithfully cultivated well these "empty and drylands." Go in simplicity and filled with courage. Our Savior will be with us always as long as we work for God's glory. Just as the stars are hidden in the sunlight, so *"Our life is hidden in Christ with God."* Walking in God's light and sharing our abundance of God's love in us, we are light of the world.



## Know Your Saints

### Saint Bernadette: Patroness of Illness

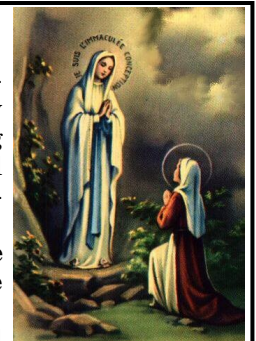
Born to poor parents in the Pyrenees Mountains of France in 1844, Bernadette was fourteen years old and of poor health when the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to her for the first time. She was walking in the woods near a spring when she heard a noise and saw a light. In the light was a young girl dressed in white, with a blue sash around her waist, a yellow rose on each foot and rosary beads on her arm.

*"I am the Immaculate Conception,"* said Mary and Bernadette fell to her knees at once and began praying the rosary. The Blessed Virgin appeared to Bernadette seventeen more times. She told her to pray for sinners, do penance and have a chapel built in honor of Mary.

At first, many people did not believe Bernadette's visions and thought she had a mental illness. In her visions, Our Lady directed Bernadette to dig in the dried mud near the mouth of a cave. A spring of water then burst forth from the ground and Our Lady told Bernadette to let people know that the waters of the spring had healing powers, if coupled with great faith in God.

Over the years, many miracles took place, and the Catholic Church recognized Lourdes as a holy place. Each year five million people from around the world travel to Lourdes, hoping to experience the healing power of God. The Lourdes Medical Bureau has verified 69 cures since Bernadette first caused the spring to produce clean water. Scientific and medical examinations have not been able to explain what caused the cures.

St. Bernadette joined the Sisters of Charity and died from tuberculosis of the bone in 1879 while praying the holy rosary. Her last words: *"Blessed Mary, Mother of God, pray for me. A poor sinner, a poor sinner."*



## Teaching Schedule

Feb 8 - Jesus in the Old Testament  
 Making of the Gospel - SPE 3  
 Feb 29 - Shepherds Training I - ME 19

## Save the Date

Feb 5-12 : Medical Mission to the Philippines  
 Feb 21-23 : Life in the Spirit Seminar  
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## **God's Blessings**

### **Birthday**

Olivia Cuasay	2/7	Claro Gomez	2/11
Toy Juarez	2/8	Emily Ho	2/11
Nancy Alvarenga	2/10	Christopher Biala	2/12
Edna Perez	2/10	Carl Caparros	2/12
Dette Santos	2/10	Gerald Mirandilla	2/12
Nino Fajardo		2/13	

### **Anniversary**

Jose & Nancy Alvarenga      2/8

## **Who Are You Gonna Call (or Text)?**

For Blessed Mother's visit - Tess Corso 732-604-1914  
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## **Marshalls**

Feb 7 - Joel Bermudo\*  
 Wendell Lumapas  
 Feb 14 - Morris Teves\*  
 Ceasar Morte  
 Roy Roldan  
 Feb 21 - Al Guerrero\*  
 Dennis Zulueta  
 Jay Talag

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## **Salt**

Jesus used the image of salt to describe the transforming effect of God's work in our lives - and how the Holy Spirit wants to work through us to bring the power and blessing of God's kingdom to others. As salt purifies, preserves, and produces rich flavor for our daily food, we, too, as disciples of Jesus, are "salt" for the world of human society. The Lord wants to work in and through us to purify, preserve, and spread the rich flavor of God's kingdom everywhere - his *"kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit"* (Rm 14:17).



What did Jesus mean by the expression *"if salt has lost its taste... it is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trodden under foot"* (Mt 5:13)? Salt in the ancient world was often put into ovens to intensify the heat. When the salt was burned off and no longer useful it was thrown out on the ground where it would easily get stepped on and swept away (Mt 5:13). How can we lose our "saltiness"? When we allow the world, sin, and Satan to corrupt us. The Lord wants us to preserve our "saltiness" - through virtuous living and rejection of sin - not only for our own sake but also for the sake of others.

Paul the Apostle reminds us that we are called to be *"the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing, to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life"* (2 Cor 2:15-16). Do you allow the fragrance of Christ's love, truth, and holiness to permeate every area of your life, your thoughts, words, actions, and relationships?

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 - 2 Cor 9:7*



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*"To love with all the soul is to be willing to offer life. This attitude must persist in time, and embrace our whole being. To love with all our strength, reminds us that where there is our treasure, there is our heart... We satisfy ourselves with an orderly and comfortable life that allows us to live without worry, without feeling the need to cultivate a spirit of poverty rooted in the Heart of Christ... We are required to attain the true freedom of children of God, in an appropriate relationship with the world and with earthly goods... Do not forget this: the devil always enters by the pocket, always. In addition, it is good to learn to give thanks for what we have, generously and voluntarily giving up that which is superfluous, so as to be closer to the poor and weak."*

- Pope Francis





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### THEME:

We are sanctified when we obey and teach God's commandment.

### PROMISE:

"...trust in God. You too shall live" (Sir 15:15b)

### WORD:

Sir 15:15-20/ Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18/ 1Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37

### ORDER:

- Follow the law of the Lord. (Ps 119:1)
- Go first and be reconciled with your brother. (Mt 5:24)

### DIRECTION:

- Respect the sanctity of life and marriage.



## Sinning In Thought

### REFLECTION:

Today is the 3rd Sunday where the Gospel reading is taken from the famous mountain discourse. Many know the mountain discourse as the BEATITUDES. I remember so well the location where our guide took us. It's not really a mountain but a hill that overlooks the sea of Galilee. When you are there, you won't think that the Holy Land is in the desert because you see a lot of greens. That must be the moisture that comes from the lake. At any rate, it's a beautiful place to be at. We'll have two more Sunday Gospel readings from the same sermon in the coming two Sundays. The part of the discourse that we'll be reflecting on is parts of Chapter 5 which mainly deals with our internal thoughts and desires, and the moral consequences for good or evil.



that sins are committed in the human mind. If one has the intention of doing something wrong, even if the thought is not acted on, those thoughts

Jesus is very clear when he points out

have consequences. He says that if you hate someone so bitterly that you want to kill or harm that person, you are guilty of murder. He gives us a similar advice in the case of adultery. You might say that you have never been unfaithful to your spouse. If you are accused of adultery, you would deny it. Yet the Lord says that if you lust for another in your heart, you are guilty of committing the sin of adultery. This refers to deliberate intentions which for one reason or another are not acted on. Brothers and sisters we have a very serious and heavy responsibility of monitoring

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## Tending the Flock

### Love Is The New Law

And addressing his disciples, he adds: *"unless your righteousness exceeds that of the Scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven"* (Mt 5:17,20). But what do this "fullness" of Christ's Law and this "superior" justice that he demands consist in?

Jesus explains it with a series of antitheses between the old commandments and his new way of propounding them. He begins each time: "You have heard that it was said to the men of old...", and then he asserts: "but I say to you".... For example, "You have heard that it was said to the men of old, 'you shall not kill; and whoever kills shall be liable to judgment'. But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be liable to judgment" (Mt 5:21-22).

And he does this six times. This manner of speaking made a great impression on the people, who were shocked, because those words: "I say to you" were equivalent to claiming the actual authority of God, the source of the Law. The newness of Jesus consists essentially in the fact that he himself "fulfils" the commandments with the love of God, with the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within him. And we, through faith in Christ, can open ourselves to the action of the Holy Spirit who makes us capable of living divine love.

So it is that every precept becomes true as a requirement of love, and all join in a single commandment: love God with all your heart and love your neighbor as yourself. "Love is the fulfilling of the Law", St Paul writes (Rom 13:10).



*- Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Message, February 13, 2011*

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all the crazy thoughts that rage within us and not allow ourselves to act from hatred, passion, or ignorance. There is an old Jewish saying that says: "all that is, is the result of what we have thought." I don't think anyone would hesitate to make a choice between life and death by choosing life. Yet, every moment in our life, we have to make a choice.

Let's remember Jesus' words when he said that not everyone who says "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven but only those who do the will of God in their hearts. Yes friends, our behavior must be the result of a good heart. Our behavior must flow from the inner conviction that the only way to happiness is obedience of the laws of God. God looks at the root of our actions which are our thoughts.

St. Paul says, "what eye has not seen, and ears have not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him."

## **Reverence**

Jesus taught reverence and respect for God's law - reverence for God himself, reverence for the Lord's Day, reverence or respect for parents, respect for life, for property, for another person's good name, respect for oneself and for one's neighbor lest wrong or hurtful desires master and enslave us. Reverence and respect for God's commandments teach us the way of love - love of God and love of neighbor. What is impossible to humans is possible to God who gives generously of his gifts and the power of the Holy Spirit to those who put their faith and trust in him.

God gives us the grace, help, and strength to love as he loves, to forgive as he forgives, to think and judge as he judges, and to act as he acts with mercy, loving-kindness, and goodness. The Lord loves righteousness and hates wickedness. As his followers we must love his commandments and hate every form of sin and wrong-doing. If we want to live righteously as God desires for us, then we must know and understand the intention of God's commands for us,

## **God's Blessings**

### **Birthday**

Faye Juezan	2/17	Mike Agustin	2/18
Grace Mantes	2/17	Arwin David	2/18
Robin Rae Touchette	2/17	Al Guerrero	2/19
Steph Antona	2/17	David Balisco	2/20

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Domenick & Carmela Palumbo 2/15

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### WORD:

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/ Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13/ 1Cor 3:16-23/ Mt 5:38-48

### ORDER:

- Follow the law of the Lord. (Ps 119:1)
- Go first and be reconciled with your brother. (Mt 5:24)

### DIRECTION:

- Respect the sanctity of life and marriage.



## Take No Revenge

### REFLECTION:

God the Father in His love for us sent His Son to assume our humanity so that we may share in His divine nature. His love is manifested in Jesus who left a lasting memorial of that love by instituting the



sacraments, through which we are purified and strengthened to follow the Father's call to holiness *"Be holy for I am holy,"* (Lev 11:45). For one, our encounter with Christ through the Eucharist enables us be transformed and follow His example of humility, meekness and patience and to bear witness to His love in our daily lives.

For the 4th week, the theme says, we are sanctified when we love our neighbor unconditionally and pray for those who persecute us. Jesus takes love to another dimension which seems to be difficult – to love just our neighbor but our enemies as well. This may be a hard teaching, but

by God's grace, it is possible as St. Paul tells us, *"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,"* (Phil 4, 13). Jesus knows the importance of love in the family and community. *"Love unites because*

*it forgives, bears, corrects gently, is patient and tolerates,"* (1Cor 13). He condemns revenge, but encourages endurance even in the face of oppression or persecution.

A few years ago, golfer Tiger Woods won the Masters Tournament. Instead of congratulating him, a "jealous" man called Fuzzy Zoeller responded with some mean, racist remarks. For this demeaning comment, this man received a great deal of criticism from the world press, but Tiger Woods' response was to say, "We all make mistakes, and it's time to move on" instead of retaliating. How

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## Know Your Saints

### Saint John of God: Patron of the Dying

Born on March 8, 1495 in Portugal to a family with great religious faith, John found himself a homeless orphan in the streets of Spain soon after turning eight. He became a shepherd in his childhood and, as a young adult, joined a company of foot soldiers fighting for the Holy Roman Empire in various parts of Europe. He left military service after eighteen years in his desire to become a martyr through working to free Christian captives in Africa. He had a vision of the Infant Jesus who bestowed on him the name "John of God".

John experienced a major religious conversion in 1537 while listening to a sermon of John of Avila. Moved by the sermon, he soon engaged in a public beating of himself, begging mercy and wildly repenting for his past life. Committed to a mental hospital, John was visited by John of Avila, who advised him to be more actively involved in tending to the needs of others rather than in enduring personal hardships. John gained peace of heart, and shortly after left the hospital to begin work among the poor. He established a house where he wisely tended to the needs of the sick poor, at first doing his own begging. But, excited by the future saint's great work and inspired by his devotion, many people began to back him up with money and provisions.

Behind John's outward acts of total concern and love for Christ's sick poor was a deep interior prayer life which was reflected in his spirit of humility. These qualities attracted helpers who, 20 years after his death, formed the Brothers Hospitallers, now a worldwide religious order. This Order has been officially entrusted with the care of the Pope. St. John of God died in 1550, on his 55th birthday.



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John Alberto	2/23	Dennis Buenafe	2/25
Fred Poblete	2/23	Raquel Adame	2/26
Jackie DelValle	2/24	Roy Roldan	2/26
Josie Rodriguez	2/24	Cecil Sanchez	2/26
John Young	2/24	Nelia Doropan	2/27

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## What Ministry's About?

*When ministry becomes performance, then the sanctuary becomes a theatre. The congregation becomes an audience, worship becomes entertainment and a man's applause and approval becomes a measure of success. But when ministry is for the glory of God, His presence moves into the sanctuary. Even the unsaved visitor will fall down on his face, worship God, and confess that God is among us.*

- Author unknown

## Revenge - Cont'd from Page 1

many of us would share Tiger Woods' response? Jesus was not in the business of getting even. Instead, he preached love for ones enemies and generosity towards them.

Vindictiveness corrodes our heart. It sours and grieves our spirit. We are very much unlike Jesus Christ who did not threaten His accusers with harm, but showed them love as He simply prayed to God: "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." Indeed, He is faithful to His promise from Psalm 103:3-4, "He pardons all your iniquities...He crowns you with kindness and compassion."

Our pursuit of sanctification is anchored on the unconditional love of Jesus for us despite our sinfulness. Holiness is the heart of our mission as His disciples. We were

not born holy. But Christ's example of prayer and fasting, concern for the poor and downtrodden, obedience to the Father's will and love for enemies, are shown to us so that we can correspond with His grace to be made holy. If we choose to walk with Him on the path to holiness, we allow Him to transform our heart and be more and more like Him. Ultimately, we give glory to God by imitating Jesus and live in the same character as He is.

### Prayer:

*Lord Jesus, You came to fulfill the commandment of love for us to emulate. We can only do as well if we focus on You as first in our actions. Help us persevere in nurturing a profound prayer life rooted on Your word, so that we can bear fruit abundantly as Your disciples for Your greater glory. Amen.*

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*Merciful and gracious is the Lord, slow to anger and abounding in kindness.*





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### THEME:

We are transformed to a life of holiness when we avoid all occasions of sin through prayers and fasting.

### PROMISE:

“...through the obedience of the one...the many will be made righteous.” (Rm 5:19b)

### WORD:

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7/ Ps 51: 3-6, 12-13, 17/ Rm 5:12-19/ Mt 4:1-11

### ORDER:

• “...You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.” (Mt 4:7)

### DIRECTIONS:

- Go to confession and receive Holy Communion regularly.
- Be reconciled with those who hurt you.

## Only By Grace

### REFLECTION:

After Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist at the Jordan River, he was led by the Spirit of God to withdraw into the wilderness of Judea - a vast desert wilderness that was mostly uninhabitable and full of danger. Why did Jesus choose such a barren, lonely place for a sustained period of prayer and fasting? Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us in their Gospel accounts that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. Mark states it most emphatically: *“The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness”* (Mk 1:12).



Jesus' testing in the wilderness was similar to the test which Adam and Eve underwent when God made them stewards of his creation and sharers in his glory and power. When God placed Adam and Eve in the Garden of Paradise, he provided them with everything they needed to live and to fulfill the stewardship entrusted to them. In giving them

the one command to not eat of the fruit of the tree of knowledge, God tested their love and fidelity (Gn 2:16-17; 3:1-6).

Why did they fail to obey this one command of God? They listened to the voice of a rebel angel, who disguised himself as a

very subtle and clever figure of charm and persuasion. Satan tempted Adam and Eve with pride and envy to claim equality with God. As a consequence of their disobedience, Adam and Eve were cast out of Paradise and driven into the wilderness.

Jesus now freely enters the wilderness in order to regain Paradise for the lost children of God. Jesus refuses food to show his dependence on the bread of heaven, the word of God, that would sustain him not only in his physical hunger, but in his hour of temptation as well. When Satan tempted Jesus to turn stones into bread, Jesus replied with the

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## Know Your Saints

### Saint George: Patron of Soldiers

Born in Cappadocia to Greek Christian parents around the third century, George joined the Roman army at a young age and was promoted to Tribune in his late twenties, serving as an imperial guard.

When Emperor Diocletian began to persecute Christians in 303 A.D., George defied the emperor and resigned from the army. *“I am a Christian,”* he said, *“and nothing can shake my faith.”* Anticipating his death, he gave away all his worldly wealth to the poor and prepared to join the Army of Christ. He was tortured, lacerated on a wheel of swords and beheaded but did not turn from God. His courage in the face of certain death inspired many conversions and tales of miracles.

Most famous of these stories is about George saving a village from a ferocious dragon that made its nest at a spring providing water to Silene, believed to be modern-day Lcyrene in Libya. Entire armies had tried to kill the dragon but failed. It devoured two sheep each day but if no sheep could be found, the villagers were forced to offer one of their daughters, chosen by drawing straws. This went on until one day the princess' straw was drawn. She was offered to the dragon, but before she could be devoured, George appeared. He faced the dragon, crossed himself with the sign of the Cross, and slayed the dragon with a single blow of his lance. After saving the town, the citizens abandoned their paganism and were all converted to Christianity.

St. George stands out among other saints because he is revered by both Christians and Muslims. He is included among the Fourteen Holy Helpers, a group of saints known to give special protection. He died on April 23, 303 A.D. and is today honored as patron of soldiers, the Boy Scouts and England.



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*Be merciful, O Lord,  
for we have sinned*

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words of Scripture, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Dt 8:3; Mt 4:4).

Where did Jesus find the strength to survive the desert's harsh conditions and the tempter's seduction? He fed on God's word and found strength in doing his Father's will. Satan will surely tempt us and he will try his best to get us to choose our will over God's will. If he can't make us renounce our faith or sin mortally, he will then try to get us to make choices that will lead us, little by little, away from what God wants for us.

Jesus was tempted like us and he overcame sin not by his own human effort but by the grace and strength which his Father gave to him.

He had to renounce his will for the will of his Father. He succeeded because he wanted to please his Father and he trusted that his Father would give him the strength to overcome the obstacles that stood in the way. Luke says that Jesus was "full of the Holy Spirit" (Lk 4:1). When tempted by the devil Jesus did not try to fight his adversary on his own human strength. He relied on the power which the Spirit gave him. Jesus came to overthrow the evil one who held us captive to sin and fear of death (Heb 2:14). His obedience to his Father's will and his willingness to embrace the cross reversed the curse of Adam's disobedience. His victory over sin and death won for us not only pardon for our sins but adoption as sons and daughters of God.

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**God's Blessings**

**Birthday**

- Nona Alquiros 2/28 Drin Aparicio 3/2
- Nilda Araga 3/3

**Anniversary**

- Renato & Elena Madarang 3/1
- Eric & Lucy Mecnas 3/4

**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

**Marshalls**

- Feb 28** - Eugene Yosucico\*  
Manny Palacios  
DV Del Valle
  - Mar 6** - Arnold Paderon\*  
Art Monta  
Yoyoy Quiapo
- \* Door Marshall

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*A lamb's recollection of the Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS # 21) held on February 21-23, 2020 at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Deal, NJ*

I am not new to our Lord's grace and am an intrepid person when it comes to God's invite. I cherish my creator's comforts and easily claim everything a blessing and miracle.

Amidst all the changes in my life I stick to a singular perspective and we were fortunate to have one significant constant: our invites to seminars. When the Life in the Spirit Seminar was announced, my wife and I were so excited. We knew what to expect as gifts to receive as our sponsors, shepherd and the community inspired us with their own LSS experience.

Once again, the Lord proved to me that I am still a child when it comes to my relationship with Him. With the right understanding and assistance from our spiritual director, Monsignor Schetelick, I was able to identify and feel the physical existence of the third persona. It is so real and nothing mystical about the Holy Spirit. With proper understanding, I now have an individual to consult for every discernment that I need. My comprehension was given a totally new overhaul and broader perspective of how to be more "like Christ" even in this current time. There was no change required on my part like St. Paul. The message came to me clearly to renew my personal relationship with Christ through the Holy Spirit and be a vessel of His glory, to be the light and salt of this earth with a transformed Christian attitude.

