



Community News

This Sunday's Counsel

THEME:

We are nourished for eternal life when we worthily partake of the Holy Eucharist.

PROMISE:

"...whoever eats this bread will live forever." (Jn 6:51b)

WORD:

1 Kgs 19:4-8/ Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Eph 4:30-5:2/ Jn 6:41-51

ORDER:

- Taste and see the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 34:9a)
- Be imitators of Christ. (Eph 5:2)
- Do not grieve the Holy Spirit. (Eph 4:30)

DIRECTIONS:

- Believe the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.
- Be in the state of grace when you receive the Holy Eucharist.
- Be kind to one another, compassionate, forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.
- Be willing to sacrifice and share your blessing with others.

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Uniting With Jesus

REFLECTION:

The Holy Eucharist unites us in charity and the love of Christ. Being invited to partake on His table is a privilege not because we deserve it but because of His grace and unconditional love for us. The Holy Eucharist reminds us of the Paschal Mystery, in which Jesus gave himself as a gift for our salvation. Jesus said in the gospel, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world" (Jn 6 :51). The bread is a symbolic representation of God's life-sustaining provision. Constantly receiving Jesus as the bread of life through the Holy Eucharist provides us with spiritual healing and nourishment. Receiving Christ in our life is receiving an eternal life blessing. His grace is overflowing, unlimited, and unconditional. One must seek Christ, who provides eternal life rather than cling on to our earthly desires, which are temporary. Ambition, power, fame, and pos-



sessions can deceive us to feel that we are not even hungry and we do not need anything else in our lives. On the other hand, a feeling of worthlessness or undeserving could be a devil's tactic that we are not worthy of His grace. We need to be in communion with Christ to live an eternal life.

Jesus speaks about the benefits of believing and abiding in him. Of consuming him, and making him a part of us, and us a part of him. How can we be part of

Him? Joining a community united in Christ provides us an opportunity to share with Christ's passion, death, and resurrection. In this community, we are driven by a common goal: to follow our Lord's footsteps and enrich ourselves with what matters to God. Soaking ourselves in God's word will help us persevere in our faith and hopefully be able to store riches not here on earth but in heaven. Knowing and receiving Jesus in our lives is not sufficient, just like faith

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Tending the Flock

Hunger For The Bread Of Heaven

In Jewish thought it was clear that the true bread of heaven, which nourished Israel, was the Law, the word of God. The People of Israel clearly recognized that the Torah, which was Moses' fundamental and lasting gift, was the basic element that distinguished them from other peoples and consisted in their knowledge of God's will, thus the right way of life. Now Jesus, in manifesting himself as the bread of heaven, witnesses that he himself is the Word of God in Person, the Incarnate Word, through whom man can make the will of God his food (cf. Jn 4:34), which guides and sustains his existence.

Therefore to doubt in the divinity of Jesus, as do the Jews in today's Gospel passage, means setting oneself against God's work. Indeed, they say: he is the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know! (cf. Jn 6:42). They do not go beyond his earthly origins, and for this reason refuse to accept him as the Word of God made flesh. St Augustine, in his Commentary on John's Gospel explains it in the following way: "These Jews were far from the bread of heaven, and knew not how to hunger after it. They had the jaws of their heart languid... This bread, indeed, requires the hunger of the inner man" (26, 1).

And we must ask ourselves if we really feel this hunger, the hunger for the Word of God, the hunger to know life's true meaning. Only those who are drawn by God the Father, who listen to him and let themselves be instructed by him can believe in Jesus, meet him and nourish themselves with him and thereby find true life, the road of life, justice, truth and love.

~ Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus Message, August 12, 2012

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Raelynn Sypher		8/12	

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Idolatrous

Did you know? Why do we seek the Lord? Why do I seek the Lord? What are the motivations for my faith, for our faith? We need to discern this, because among the many temptations we encounter in life, among the many temptations there is one that we might call idolatrous temptation. It is the one that drives us to seek God for our own use, to solve problems, to have thanks to Him what we cannot obtain on our own, for our interests. But in this way faith remains superficial and even, if I may say so, faith remains miraculous: we look for God to feed us and then forget about Him when we are satiated. At the centre of this immature faith is not God, but our own needs.

~ Pope Francis

- Last Week's Prophecies**
1. *Receive the abundance of my blessings and graces; receive my body and blood; as soon as you receive, share Me with others without limit.*
 2. *Satisfy your heart, your soul, and spirit with my body and blood which will strengthen you in your journey and will revive you to achieve righteousness which is pleasing to My sight.*

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without work is dead. We must testify and put our faith into action. We are also called to evangelize others and invite others to join His table. We also pray for an increase in the priesthood that will continue to minister to Christ's Church. Christ has always been faithful in inviting us to His table, and it is up to us if we will take the opportunity to let Him take over our lives. We are

called to be His messenger of love, peace, and happiness. For His light to shine through us, we have to eliminate the dark areas in our lives. We have always been drawn to Him, but to keep the spirit high, we must constantly be united in Him through the Holy Eucharist. This calls for self-reflection: Do you accept Christ's invitation to partake in His abundance?

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PROMISE:

"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." (Lk 1:45)

WORD:

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/ 1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56

ORDER:

- Proclaim the greatness of the Lord. (Lk 1:46b)
- Lift up the lowly. (Lk 1:52b)
- Fill the hungry with good things. (Lk 1:53b)
- Remember His promise of mercy. (Lk 1:54b)

DIRECTIONS:

- Be bold in witnessing God's presence in our lives and in bringing the Good News to others.
- Seek and intercede for one another.
- Actively participate in mission works.
- Be merciful and forgiving.

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YES That Brings Blessings

REFLECTION:

When the Archangel Gabriel appeared and greeted the Blessed Virgin Mary, he said *"Greetings, you are highly favored woman! The Lord is with you"* (Lk 1:28). Thus, it is logical to say that the Blessed Virgin Mary who is full of grace is completely free of sin. And suffice it to say that the Blessed Virgin Mary who is free from sin like her Son Jesus, should also share in the resurrection and glorification of Her Son.



Our theme for this week is a fitting way to celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of our Lady to heaven.

Mary is the perfect model of obedience to God's plan of salvation. When the Archangel Gabriel came to her, not even fully understanding what the message meant, she consented to be the Mother of Jesus in absolute faith and complete obedience. She declared, *"Behold, I am the servant of the Lord, let it be done to me according to your word."* (Lk 1:38). In another instance,

at the wedding at Cana, Mary invites the servants to the same faithful obedience, *"Do whatever he tells you,"* (Jn 2:5), and we know that the first miracle of Jesus happened.

Obedience always brings blessings, *"Blessed are*

those who hear the word of God and obey it," (Lk 11:28). As disciples in our beloved community, we said YES to the call of service to the Lord and to build His kingdom in the lives of His people. Our YES means, Yielding to His call to a faithful and committed service, Entrusting everything to His divine plan and will, Sustaining and nourishing ourselves through prayer, reading of the WORD, receiving the sacraments, and love of neighbor.

Obedying God is an essential step in receiving His greatest blessings. Mary's "yes" gained for us a Savior. Our obedience always benefits others. God often rewards others through our obedience

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Tending the Flock

Our Inheritance

At her Assumption, Mary was *"taken up to Life"* – body and soul. She is already a part of "the first fruits" (1Cor 15,20) of our Savior's redemptive Death and Resurrection. The Son took his human life from her; in return he gave her the fullness of communion in Divine Life. She is the only other being in whom the mystery has already been completely accomplished. In Mary the final victory of Life over death is already a reality. And, as the Second Vatican Council teaches: *"In the most holy Virgin the Church has already reached the perfection whereby she exists without spot or wrinkle"* (Lumen Gentium, 65). In and through the Church we too have hope of *"an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us"* (Cfr. 1Petr 1,4).

~ St. Pope John Paul II, Homily, August 15, 1993



Bread

Those who are hungry do not ask for refined and expensive food, they ask for bread. Those who are unemployed do not ask for enormous wages, but the "bread" of employment. Jesus reveals himself as bread, that is, the essential, what is necessary for everyday life; without Him it does not work... In other words, without Him, rather than living, we get by: because He alone nourishes the soul; He alone forgives us from that evil that we cannot overcome on our own; He alone makes us feel loved even if everyone else disappoints us; He alone gives us the strength to love and, He alone gives us the strength to forgive in difficulties; He alone gives that peace to the heart that it is searching for; He alone gives eternal life when life here on earth ends. He is the essential bread of life.

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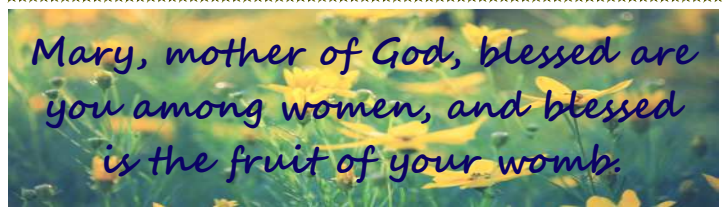
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BLD Youth Winners

The Foundation of the Philippine-American Medical Society of New Jersey (FPMAS-NJ) has announced the following winners in its 2021 Leadership Evaluation:

1st Place	-	Leila Ysabel Caraos
2nd Place	-	Audry Ellen Gruehn
	-	Caitlin Elise Salita
3rd Place	-	Aileen Victoria Roldan
4th Place	-	Harry Jameson Faradin
Honorable Mention	-	Bryan Gabriel Cac
		Matthew Cipriaso
		Phillip Andrew Pullenza

Participants in the annual search were outstanding senior high school students in the Filipino-American community all over the state. Those selected received cash awards ranging in amounts from \$300 to \$1000. Caraos, Roldan, Cac and Cipriaso are members of BLD-Trenton Youth Ministry.

Drs. Alberto and Corazon Velez (ME-16), the program's facilitators, together with the Foundation's Board members, strongly encouraged all students to participate in next year's search.

Congratulations to all the awardees.

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<p>to Him, in particular to those closest to us. When a parent obeys the Lord, the entire family reaps the rewards of God's blessings. Likewise, a child's obedience blesses his or her parents.</p> <p>What is the significance of the Assumption of Our Lady to heaven in our life? When we call upon and ask the loving intercession of our Blessed Mother, she will surely bring our prayer requests to Her Son, Jesus. Being close to her will surely bring us closer to her Son, Jesus.</p>	<p>Her love for us has been manifested in the many apparitions documented by the Church. She urges people, regardless of culture or belief, to open their minds and hearts to God for the conversion and salvation of mankind. Just like Mary, we will receive the same promise that the Lord gave her when she submitted to God's plan in humble obedience - "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled," (Lk 1:45).</p>
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"Many are the troubles of the just one but...the Lord delivers him." (Ps 34:20)

WORD:

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/ Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21/ Eph 5:21-32/ Jn 6:60-69

ORDER:

- *Believe...the Holy One of God.* (Jn 6:69b)
- *Serve the Lord.* (Jos 24:15)

DIRECTIONS:

- Strengthen your relationship with God through prayers and meditation of the Word.
- Serve the Lord with a joyful and willing heart.
- Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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The Challenge Worth Taking

REFLECTION:

Reaching our final destiny of eternal life can only be secured if we accept and follow Jesus Christ, the anointed Son of the Most High. In the words of Peter, *"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,"* (Jn 6:69). But more often, following Jesus seems to bring us at a crossroad. One road is open and wide, more convenient to tread, but which leads us to uncertain consequences; while the other is a narrow and difficult rough road which will test our endurance, but traversing this path brings us life and the Spirit (cf. Jn 6:63b).

Following Jesus brings with it many challenges; oftentimes we are confronted with a weary spirit which prods us to think whether we should pursue our spiritual journey or just give up and go back to our convenient worldly life. Accepting Jesus in our life and embracing the truth in His teachings requires a lot of sacrifices, giving-up on our attachments and priorities, and following the Christian way of life. Whenever our spirit wanes, for instance, we tend to lose enthusiasm in actively participating in our community. When we are called to



serve, we are quite reluctant to accept tasks and responsibilities, making all sorts of excuses. And we forget that to say "yes" to God's calling is an act of gratitude to be chosen by Him. Responding to the call to serve is a great opportunity to give back all the blessings that the Lord has given us, apart from being a blessing to others. We should be ready to serve with a fervent spirit, in the same way as Joshua open-heartedly professed, *"As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord,"* (Jos 24:15b).

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Tending the Flock

Will You Also Go Away?

This provocative question is not only addressed to listeners in his time, but also reaches the believers and people of every epoch. Today too, many are "shocked" by the paradox of the Christian faith. Jesus' teaching seems "hard", too difficult to accept and to put into practice. Then there are those who reject it and abandon Christ; there are those who seek to "adapt his" word to the fashions of the times, misrepresenting its meaning and value. *"Will you also go away?"* This disturbing provocation resounds in our hearts and expects a personal answer from each one; it is a question addressed to each one of us. Jesus is not content with superficial and formal belonging, a first and enthusiastic adherence is not enough for him; on the contrary, what is necessary is to take part for one's whole life *"in his thinking and in his willing"*. Following him fills our hearts with joy and gives full meaning to our existence, but it entails difficulties and sacrifices because very often we must swim against the tide.

"Will you also go away?" Peter answers Jesus' question on the Apostles' behalf, and in the name of believers of every century: *"Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life; and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God"* (vv. 68-69).

~ Pope Benedict XVI, *Angelus Message, August 23, 2009*



Humility

Do I want to be recognized by others, to affirm myself and to be praised, or do I think rather about serving?... Do I know how to take a step back, defuse quarrels and arguments, or do I always want to excel? Let us think about these questions, each one of us: how am I doing with humility?... With God, only those who recognize themselves as nothing can receive the all.

God does not exalt us because of our gifts, because of our wealth or how well we do things, but because of humility... God lifts up the one who humbles him or herself; He lifts up the one who serves.

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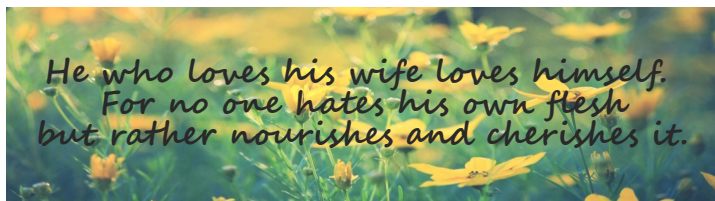
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Rouinna Crocco	8/20	Popong Arias	8/22
Koy Torralba	8/20	Jannahlyn Mijares	8/22
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Jesus urges us to remain faithful to Him and to live in the "spirit that gives life" (Jn 6:63). When we live in the Spirit of Jesus, we go beyond ordinary life so that we may live a full life. Yet, to achieve progress in living in the Spirit, we must acknowledge and humbly accept all of our failings, especially our spiritual deficiencies. We should not lose heart, but be patient and wait while joyfully carrying out our daily concerns. Let us do everything in a spirit of gentleness, compassion and faithfulness. For those of us who love and hope in God, our weaknesses are not as great as God's mercy.

Sometimes, we feel there is a lot more to be done to be holy and we begin to feel unworthy. Let us not be disturbed. In living a holy life, our whole life is destined to be a practical test as we con-

stantly strive to do better from our mistakes. We need to persevere and pray for the grace of fortitude so that our souls stay calm and be at peace. As our community word for the month reminds us, Jesus is the Bread of Life, and therefore faithfully receiving Him in the Holy Eucharist nurtures our whole being. Our unwavering dependence on God assures us that we are solidly planted where He wants us to be.

For true believers in the person of Jesus Christ as the Holy One of God, there is no other place to go, but to remain in Jesus and follow Him as His disciples. Though following the righteous path challenges our resolve to be faithful, we can rest in the assurance in this week's promise that, "Many are the troubles of the just one but... the Lord delivers him," (Ps 34:20).

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THEME:

We are nourished for eternal life when we honor God's commandments.

PROMISE:

"Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart...shall never be disturbed." (Ps 15:2, 5b)

WORD:

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/ Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5/ Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/ Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

ORDER:

- *Observe the commandments carefully.* (Dt 4:6b)
- *Be doers of the word, not hearers only.* (Jas 1:22)

DIRECTIONS:

- Surrender our lives to God's will.
- Show your love through acts of charity and spiritual works of mercy.

The New Commandment

REFLECTION:

Every morning, I eagerly wait for my daily emails from Flocknote. These emails are called Catechism in a Year and I smiled when I came upon this message yesterday:

What is charity?

Charity is the theological virtue by which we love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves for the love of God. Jesus makes charity the new commandment, the fullness of the law. *"It is the bond of perfection"* (Col 3:14) and the foundation of the other virtues to which it gives life, inspiration, and order. Without charity *"I am nothing"* and *"I gain nothing"* (1 Cor 13:1-3).

What exactly are God's commandments? The Gospel has been very clear: the greatest commandment is to love our



God with all our strength, with all our mind and will all our hearts. The second commandment is to love our neighbors as ourselves. These two commandments are the foundation of everything else. Foundation of our actions, our speech and our faith.

The Gospel reading from Mark clearly gives us the contrasting attitudes of our faith. The hypocrites, the Pharisees and scribes, who came all the way from Jerusalem

to judge and accuse Jesus and His disciples for not following man made rituals, practices and statues. Instead of love and acceptance, they were there for one thing to condemn, to accuse, to find fault.

Sadly, we still have Pharisees and scribes in our midst, we are all guilty of acting like these hypocrites. As Isaiah prophesied, *"This people honors me with*

Commandment - See Page 2

The Source Of Our Sin

Where does evil spring from and what's the solution for eliminating it from our lives? Jesus deals with this issue in response to the religious leaders' concern with ritual defilement - making oneself unfit to offer acceptable sacrifice and worship to God. The religious leaders were concerned with avoiding ritual defilement, some no doubt out of fear of God, and others out of fear of pleasing other people.

Jesus points his listeners to the source of true defilement - evil desires which come from inside a person's innermost being. Sin does not happen. It first springs from the innermost recesses of our thoughts and intentions, from the secret desires which only the individual soul can conceive.

God in his mercy sent his Son Jesus Christ to free us from our sinful cravings and burden of guilt, and to restore us to wholeness of life and goodness. But to receive his mercy and healing, we must admit our faults and ask for his forgiveness. *"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 Jn 1:8-9).

Adapted from www.dailyscripture.net

Last Week's Prophecies

1. *Be generous in your service to your fellow man for it is Me whom you are serving.*
2. *My children, do you love Me? Love your brothers and sisters especially the least of your brethren and those you feel are unlovable. Be a living witness of My love and mercy by showing compassion.*
3. *You have tasted My goodness. You have seen My goodness. So why are you regressing instead of advancing in your spirituality? Continue and strive to love Me and serve Me as you have pledged to be My faithful disciples through this community.*
4. *My children, do not be afraid to walk in the path I have prepared for you. I have called you and I will sustain you.*
5. *My children, I loved you. I have forgiven you. I have served you. Now; do the same to your brothers and sisters.*

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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, 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.

God's Blessings

Birthday

Ma Desiree Azarcon	8/27	Fr. Gerry Paderon	8/29
Ernesto Kho	8/28	Mark Senter	8/29
Karen Lukban	8/28	Mark Hernandez	8/30
Paul Alimario	8/28	Manny Acosta	8/31
Kaynan Delacruz	8/28	Clarence Causing	8/31
Jean Catarata	8/29	Kyle Robinson	9/1
Marichille Jamolod	8/29	Totie Araga	9/2

Anniversary

Andy & Grace Mantes	8/28
Carl & Mina Duque	8/29

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

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their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts." How many times have we judged our brothers and sisters? How many times have we judged that certain individuals cannot receive the saving grace of the Eucharist as we deemed them to be sinners, totally ignoring that we are bigger sinners. Have we treated all our brothers and sisters consistently, do we treat others differently because we deem them to be more important than others.

Why then is it so hard to follow our Lord's commandments? Why do we prioritize our needs and wants over our Lord's will

and our neighbors needs? One answer: our selfishness. We all cling to our lives as if this life belongs to us. This life, brothers and sisters, is not ours but belongs to our Father in heaven. As our Lord Jesus Christ has clearly shown us, charity is the new commandment. He sacrificed His life for the redemption of all sinners, for all of us. He sacrificed His life because He recognized that this was not His, but His life belonged to the Lord. We cling to this life as if we are so afraid of losing it that we become timid for being charitable to our neighbors.