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My Daily Reflection

THE RICH AND THE POOR

Read: 1 Timothy 6:3-19

“...When we consider people living in poverty, struggling just to get by, we can feel guilty because of our comfortable lifestyle. But when we see others who live in luxurious houses, drive expensive cars, and make exotic vacations, our lifestyle seems unpretentious and humdrum.”

“...How much we possess is not as important as our attitude toward our possessions... ‘Godliness with contentment is great gain’ - (Tim. 6:6). Regardless of our status, we should be content, neither coveting more nor resenting those who have more than we do.

Although we as Christians may enjoy God’s blessings without feeling guilty, we must heed Paul’s admonition not to be haughty but to trust in God (v.17). We must humbly acknowledge Him as the source of all we have, and share willingly and generously with others (vv.17-18). Such generosity has eternal value (v.19). Since God measures our giving by the degree of our sacrifice (Mk. 12:42-44), many who have little to give in this life will be immensely rewarded in the life to come.

“Whether we are rich or poor, let’s be sure to invest in eternity.”

*“If we have been blessed with riches,
We must be rich in deeds;
God wants us to be generous
In meeting others’ needs”.*

“Our value is determined not what we have but by what we do with what we have.”

- ❖ Direct quotes were taken from Chicken Soup for the Soul. Reflection by Baby Balite, spiritual sister from the Philippines.

Thanks, Baby...

Calendar

Devotion Prayer Leader:

October 4	Carrie
October 11	Terri
October 18	Elizabeth
October 26	Sylvia

Worship Leader:

October 11	Yoly
October 25	Carrie

Healing Mass: October 4

Devotion Prayer	7:00 PM
Mass	7:30 PM
Celebrant: Father Jeffrey Dillon, Pastor Christ The King Church	

Guess Vine: October 18

Father Philip Romano, Chaplain, Mt. Sinai
Hospital, NY., NY
Topic: Saint Padre Pio

Birthday Greetings to:

Rose	October 4
Heidi	October 9
Loretta	October 12
Olga	October 20
Carrie	October 21
Judy	October 22

***“ You have been baptized by the Spirit.”
God Bless all the LSS #1 graduates.
A million thanks to all who served, you
will be repaid a hundred fold!***

Share Line

- ❖ *Praise the Lord! September was a busy month for everyone involved in the BLD Assisted LSS #1, which was held on September 9-11 at Corpus Christi, Woodside, NY. And presided by Father Christopher Okorie, visiting priest in Our Lady of Mercy Church.*

The formation of the LSS was patterned after the BLD's program with slight modification due to constraint of the location. However, the presence of the Lord reigned over the whole three days of the seminar and everyone acted in good spirit with spontaneity. Everyone did what had to be done and everything fell into place beautifully.

The full support of the BLD Outreached Ministry, headed by Fe and Raul Fernando, was ever present and lend a helping hand through out the event together with Denia & Albert Meneses, DCS and Espie & Horace Eclipse, LSA Their presence as well as the so many BLD members of various ministries made a difference to the Divine Mercy Prayer Group and the candidates themselves. Everyone felt sanctified in the presence of the Lord in that place. The Holy Spirit move everyone specially the sharers in their inspiring testimonies while the candidates gained valuable wisdom in those experiences. The sharers namely Judy & Rolando Abalajon, Carrie Matillano, Cherry & Rene Bacani, Alan Creus, Yoly & Gabriel Gemarino, Denia & Albert Meneses delivered their testimonials full heartedly focusing on the goodness of the Lord that changed their lives for the better.

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From the Vine

We thank the Lord for increasing our spiritual growth through Father Jose Cadusale, Chaplain of Queens Center Hospital. Father Joe accepted our invitation to enlighten us in understanding the Bible. Many of us Catholics are Bible shy that's why other religions use it as a weapon to criticize us. In fact we are even attack for lack of understanding the Word. They use the Bible as a recruiting tool to sway some lukewarm Catholics to their belief by misleading or distorting the Word.

Father Cadusale committed himself to be with us on the fourth Tuesday of every other month. We praise the Lord! Father Joe's first meeting with the Divine Mercy Prayer Group was September 27th.

Father Joe cited important reasons for having Bible Study but he emphasized that the foremost reason is God wants us to do so as He invite us to Grace in Isaiah 55. Reading and understanding the Bible unlocks the abundant blessings He stores for us as it is written in verse 11:

"So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; It shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."

In addition, Father Joe went on to explain that God's word is not only a blessing in this world but also an investment for the next world. Almost all the investments we do now give only certain amount of Return of Investment (ROI) but investing in our future life gives us 100% ROI as written in Matthew 13:23: "But the seed sown on the rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

In Revelation 20:4-10, the glory of God will be with those who witness to Jesus Christ and for the word of God and who had not accepted the beast or its image nor had accepted its mark on their foreheads or hands... and at the end... as it is written:

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"The devil who had led them astray was thrown into the pool of fire and sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet were. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever."

This revelation indicates that we have premiums to pay on this earth to insure entrance to Heaven to be with the right company and not to suffer with the enemies in the under world.

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group was also enlightened by the fact that the Bible, which some religious groups claim to be theirs, is not true. The truth is that the Council of Hippo on 393 A.D. approved the Catholic Bible, as it is known today and it is composed of two books: The Old Testament (46 Books) and The New Testament (27 Books). On the other hand in 1521 A. D. Martin Luther, a former catholic priest who protested some teachings of the Catholic Church regarding indulge, left and took with him the Bible. However, he removed the seven Books from the Old Testament known as Deuterocanonical or as the Protestant called it the Apocryphal books namely:

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| 1. <i>The Book of Tobit</i> | 5. <i>The Book of Wisdom</i> |
| 2. <i>The Book of Judith</i> | 6. <i>The Book of Sirach</i> |
| 3. <i>The First Book of Maccabees</i> | 7. <i>The Book of Baruch</i> |
| 4. <i>The Second Book of Maccabees</i> | |

The truth that we had the Bible since 393 AD and Luther came only in 1521 will show how other religion can deceive and play on our ignorance of the Bible.

Father Joe Cadusale also gave the short origin of the word Bible, which originated from Greek word Biblion meaning book. He mentioned other root words stemming from Greek or Hebrew words will help us in our study.. Learning our Bible will arm us in claiming and defending our faith from unbelievers but most of all it is a way to be close to Him and know Him and His plans.

Though there was uncertainty in the beginning with regards to the number of candidates, we trusted the Holy Spirit that He will send us the ones He had chosen to hear the Word. At the end there were eleven candidates who were baptized in the Spirit and received the especial glorious blessings from the Lord and they are:

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| 1. <i>Victoria Angeles</i> | 7. <i>Olga Kunz</i> |
| 2. <i>Remy Balagot</i> | 8. <i>Josie Navales</i> |
| 3. <i>Carolina Beteta</i> | 9. <i>Ace Salgatar</i> |
| 4. <i>Narcisa Binas</i> | 10. <i>Virgie Salgatar</i> |
| 5. <i>Yolanda Cruz</i> | 11. <i>Vivian Villanueva</i> |
| 6. <i>Vedia Fortis</i> | |

With the blessings of the Lord, we CONGRATULATE ALL OF THE NEWLY BAPTIZED LSS #1

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- ❖ *We thank all who made the LSS #1 a possibility and sweet success. To mention a few, we thank Neneng & Nonoy for bringing the outreach program to the Apostolate of Divine Mercy, Cita & Tommy Alayu and Josie & Alan Britanico for coordinating the formation and the whole program. Alma & Henry Baral as Shepherd Coordinator, Alan Creus, Cherry Bacani, and their members in the Praise Ministry. We owe thanks to Heidi Batomalaque, Eli & Charlie Benedicto and all their members for preparing and presenting on time the sumptuous and delicious food. Steve Joseph, Pat Farcon, and Nickie Nicanor in their various tasks, Rose and Elizabeth in the Registration, Last but not least, we give thanks to the Intercessory group headed by Estelle Austria and Lou Armstrong, their endless prayers pulled us all together and kept the enemies at bay. Amen,*
- ❖ *We congratulate Alan for another concert in Poland. We are truly blessed to have such talent amongst us. Alan, we wish you the best and pray for a happy and safe trip.*
- ❖ *We would like to thank Sister Katie for helping us produce the program for our October 4th healing mass. Speaking of Sister Katie, all are invited to attend a series of talk about Social Teaching, which she'll present with Father Chris at the lecture room in the convent starting Wednesday, October 13, 2005.*
- ❖ *We are planning for our second Mercy Sunday Celebration. Please send any suggestions so we can organize the programs/activities for that day. We may celebrate the Mercy Sunday mass at 1:30 PM if permitted or have it with the 12:00 noon mass. Then have the blessing of the Divine Mercy images before its distribution. Praying the Chaplet was also suggested as well as praying the nine- day novena be said in the church. All these suggestions we have to coordinate with the church since the novena starts on Good Friday. We'd like to hear from you.*
- ❖ *Father Cadusale will include the schedule of the Devine Mercy Prayer Devotion in the FILIPINO CATHOLIC Monthly News starting December 2005 issue. He will be back with us on November 22nd, the 4th Tuesday of the month for the next Bible Study. Father Romano will preside our December 6th Healing Mass. Please invite your family, friends and relatives during our worships, healing, and especially when we have guest speakers.*