

Sisters and Brothers, let us put our confidence in Our Lord! 07/09/2023

Covenant Life

- Our next Gathering is Today, Sunday, July 9, at 3pm. Please join us!
- *Exciting news: We are restarting **Children's Ministry**. Cecilia Briseno has graciously offered to organize a ministry for our little ones during our Gatherings that will enable them to have some special time together during Word Gift time. Please help spread the word to all young families!*
- Meet and Greet - All new families are invited to a Meet and Greet after the Gathering today. Food will be provided, and entertainment and games for the children. Come and find out about our Covenant Life and about the new Children's Ministry.
- 50th Anniversary content is available on our [Jubilee web page](#); past prayer meeting audio is [here](#), Word Gift summaries are [here](#), and transcripts are [here](#).
- Your ongoing financial support to the Community is sincerely appreciated. Please donate online [here](#) or mail your donations to P.O. Box 225008 Dallas, Tx 75222.

Those of you receiving this weekly letter are likely aware that my family spent the week celebrating the life of my mother and laying her to rest. It is impossible to communicate how graced we were by your prayers, encouragement, and physical support. The Body of Christ is alive and well. Blessings to each of you.

Mom's celebration provides a tangible example of how we should live in the Body of Christ. In Zechariah 9 on Sunday we are told "Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem. See, your king shall come to you..". God seeks us,

and it is only up to us whether or not to say "yes". When we do say "yes", His dominion is established from "sea to sea". Our experience of His Love was not only through God's direct graces, but also through your love and through the Kingdom that lives in you and in our little body, the Community of God's Delight. It leads us to Psalm 145: "I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God".

St. Paul reminds us in the second reading, from Romans 8, the differences of flesh and spirit, and the differences between our mortal bodies and the Spirit who gives life to those bodies. For the flesh (our desires) must be put to death, just as our mortal bodies must die. However, our spirits can live when we give our lives to Jesus, and His Spirit will raise our mortal bodies as well. Those who experience the physical death of a loved one know how painful death is, and how ugly it can be. However, it is amazing how we can experience death and can simultaneously experience God's Love and His graces, and how our faith in Him can be increased despite death's sufferings.

The Gospel from Matthew 11:25-30 gives voice to the song in our hearts: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to little ones". This song is amplified through our shared lives together. In His kingdom, we truly learn that no matter how we labor or are burdened, no matter the form of the crosses we are called to bear, that His yoke is easy, and His burden is light.

Please keep David and Laurie in your prayers for a blessed vacation.

Blessings to Each of You

Bob Montgomery