

## Covenant Life

- Our next **prayer meeting** is a week from today on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. We plan to have Children and Youth ministries.
- The Annual CCGD **All Saints Party** will be Thursday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm in the MSMCS gym. We are requesting volunteers, please directly contact Charlie Dorsey if you are able to serve.
- Continuing our tradition of honoring past and present family veterans on the Sunday closest to **Veterans Day** (Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> this year), we invite everyone to send a photo and service details to Sue Wagner at [s.wagner@msmcatholic.org](mailto:s.wagner@msmcatholic.org).
- [GodsDelight.org](http://GodsDelight.org) has prayer meeting [audio](#), [summaries](#), [transcripts](#), and [teachings](#).
- 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.

## Reflection

In praying through the reading this morning, the first point that stood out to me was in the [First Reading](#) where the author of Hebrews exhorts us to hold fast to our confession and confidently approach Jesus as our "*throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help*".

This exhortation rang so true with our formation as a community. We often studied Paul's exhortations to persevere in running the race and to always keep our eyes on Jesus. The further we get from our conversion and first love; we have the tendency to grow comfortable and relax from the passion with which we sought the Lord and surrendered every aspect of our lives to the Lord. The author of Hebrews is reminding us today to hold fast to our beliefs and the resolutions we have made to fully surrender all aspects of our lives to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and ensure that He is fully in control.

He is also reminding us to always approach our Lord in times of trial. Our natural human tendency is to try to solve our problems either by ourselves or through other human avenues. But as the Surrender Novena teaches us, we must truly surrender and trust our Lord. We cannot tell the doctor how to cure our illness...this is not surrender. To confidently approach our Lord and receive His mercy and grace for whatever ill us, we must pray "O Jesus, I surrender myself

to You, take care of everything" and then confidently rest in the assurance that He love us, wants the very best for us, and let go.

The other point that stood out to me was the last line of the [Gospel](#) "*whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.*" I think the reason this verse stands out is because of the selfless example of those that have gone before us in Community. The witness of so many women and men of God that built our Community is such a solid foundation. They were a selfless people who did not have personal agendas but sought the Lord and responded to God's call with a lifetime of selfless service.

Growing up in Community was such a blessing because so many people from different backgrounds came together to love and serve one another like no others I had ever seen. I was particularly impressed by the men who, successful in the world's terms, humbled themselves and served as the least among us. The women of our Community cared for every single person as if they were their own children and raised up a generation that experienced such love that many did not experience growing up in their natural families.

I believe this is still our goal, today and every day that we have left on this precious earth. We are called to follow Jesus' example of the suffering servant and joyously become the servant of all. This is how we catch the world's attention and convince them of the power of the Holy Spirit. This is how we respond to Jesus' mission and in our day and time live as He lived and lead souls to Him as He has asked of us.

Let us pray, "Jesus, we are eternally grateful that You came to earth and set the example for us of how to surrender and give our whole lives to follow You. I recommit myself today to hold fast to my confession and live every day with You in control. I pledge to come to You and Your throne of grace at the first signs of trouble in my life. I ask for a double portion of Your Holy Spirit today to truly follow Your example of being a suffering servant to unconditionally love those in my life. I love You Lord and trust that You will take care of all my problems and trials! Amen"

God Bless,

David