

Covenant Life

- Next Sunday, January 23rd, we will continue our pattern of Sunday in-person prayer meetings on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.
- Please email back prophetic words that you receive this month for the discernment of the coordinators.
- If you were unable to attend our last prayer meeting, you can listen to the audio [here](#), and read the Word Gift summary [here](#) or the transcript [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.

Reflection - Today is something of a 'special readings day'. The mass readings that I normally reflect on in this letter have special significance to us as a Community. The scripture from Isaiah ([Is 62:1-5](#)), which of course is the scripture from which we received our name, tells of being "*a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD, a royal diadem held by your God*" and goes on to speak of God's joy and delight. It would be hard to count the times that I heard the story of our being named God's Delight but looking back on our history and all that God has thus far accomplished through our Yes, it is also hard to not think that God is truly delighted and joyful in the furthering of His Kingdom that has been accomplished. That being said we cannot live in the past, nor should we worry about tomorrow. God's call to be His Delight is an ever-present call to live each day in the fullness of that calling.

Some aspects of 'the how' come forth from the beautiful responsorial psalm 96 ([Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10](#)) where we hear familiar exhortations to sing to the Lord a new song, proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations, give to the LORD glory and praise, and many more. What emotion the song *Sing to the Lord a new song* evokes and how true it is that we each were transformed by our Baptism in the Holy Spirit and began a new life in Him singing a new song for Him!

As I ponder the blessing of our covenant life and all that God has accomplished through us what comes to mind first, even before the great events that we hosted, is the love that exists between us. What is it that has enabled this small group of sisters and brothers in the Lord to stay together, stay connected all these years? The answer is partially revealed in the second reading from 1 Corinthians ([1 Cor 12:4-11](#)) where Paul describes the impact of living Life in the Spirit.

The Holy Spirit imparts His gifts for His purpose and as we live in Him we are able to accomplish His will. This is what I witness in Community, so many unique and special people all loving and serving as one. So many gifts at work that all seem to be ordered as one...truly a work of the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel today from John ([Jn 2:1-11](#)) provides what could be the simple truth for our continued Yes, our ability to remain in Him and available to His Spirit. It is captured in Mary's few words "*Do whatever he tells you.*" Mary's words ring loud and clear. Do whatever He tells you. This seems to be the answer to every question. The solution to every problem. My prayer today is that we recommit to being close enough that we hear His words for us today and that we live our response to His call by doing what we best discern is what He tells us, individually and as a Community!

The deacon who preached the mass Laurie and I attended last night ended his homily with the petition that everyone goes home and reread the readings and reflect on the Love and Joy expressed and receive that love and joy. I end this letter with the same exhortation. Let us read and reread these words and take them in. It is a special day, a time to see the massive blessing of the Community and a day to appreciate that God is not done with us yet and, until He calls us home, recommit to fully living our covenant with Him and each other.

God bless,

David