

### Covenant Life

- TODAY we will gather for prayer and praise at 4pm in the MSMCS gym continuing our pattern of in-person prayer meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.
- 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** - As I was praying through the readings today and reflecting on Jesus' quote from Isaiah, Therese Caffey came to my mind. She was certainly a *proclaimer of God's Word*. I looked back at the transcripts, and she spoke up with a prophesy or sharing at each of our last four Gatherings. I should not have been surprised since she was so faithful and often the first one there praying...

Rather than hearing from me this morning I present you her words to us and ask that you read and reflect upon her words and what God might be saying to you and to us as a Community. Let's respect our dear sister by responding to her exhortations.

**10-24-21 Sharing/Prophecy:** In this morning's Gospel reading (Mark 10:51), Jesus says to Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" What went through my mind as I reflected and prayed was something that at first seemed unrelated, which was the anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. I think that at every apparition at Fatima and at Lourdes, the visionaries asked Our Lady, "What do you want of me?" As I was praying later, the Lord seemed to say, "I have asked you what you want, and I had given you so many things that you have asked from Me. Now, will you ask Me what I want of you?"

**11/14/21 Sharing:** Laura's admonition caused me to think about what my picture would be like on God's refrigerator. Then Paul's word from the Sermon on the Mount made me think of something. Right now, the Lord has me reading the Diary of St. Faustina. I opened it this morning to read where I left off and read the line that I had marked, which said, "*Old age is not a reason to leave the battle.*" That made me remember something that happened six years ago now to be exact. Tracy, Juanita, and Esmerelda, and several others went to an Unbound Conference in Pennsylvania. On Saturday night, Matt Lozano said, "We are not going to do what we had on the schedule tonight because God says we are not supposed to. We are going pray with each other. Get into groups of three or four and pray with one another. Do not do Unbound, just pray." So, I got into a group with people I did not know. For some reason, they decided to pray with me first, probably because they felt I needed the most. One woman who

had never seen me before, looked at me and said, "God says, 'I am not done with you yet.'" I think those two things: "*old age is not an excuse to leave the battle,*" and, "*I am not done with you yet,*" is what God would say to each one of us. We worship a God, who we know is very good at paradox. He is very good at bringing life out of death, joy out of sorrow, and peace out of bitterness. We know that in the abstract, but do we really know that is what He wants to do in each one of us who sometimes feels old and useless. He wants to bring youth and joy. The best weapon to fight this battle is the joy of the Lord, for that is our strength.

**11/28/21 Prophecy:** You are My delight. You are My chosen people. You are the ones I rejoice over. But I have a question for you. What is your grave? What is there in your heart that is dark? What is there in your heart that seems dead? That is what I ask you to give Me. Let Me be victorious in you. Let Me arise in you. This Advent, the Church awaits the coming of the light, the coming of the dawn. Let Me shine my light in you and through you to all those around you. But give Me that little, tiny place that you hide, that small fear that you cannot overcome, that darkness that sometimes overcomes you. Give it to Me and let Me rise victorious in you. Let Me use you to be the light of the world.

**12/12/21 Prophecy:** It is true, I have given you many gifts. I have given you more gifts than you will ever know, or ever recognize. But I ask you now to allow Me to do even more. I asked you to allow Me to make you My gift. I asked you to allow Me, each of you, allow Me to make you My gift. You are My gift to the world that is hurting. You are My gift to the world that is darkness. You are My gift. Will you allow people to unwrap you? Will you allow Me to show you off, to let you be the gift that I give to the world this day? I want to make you My gift. Will you say, "Yes," to Me?

A quick summary to mediate on:

- "Will you ask Me what I want of you?"
- "Old age is not an excuse to leave the battle, I am not done with you yet". He wants to bring youth and joy. The best weapon to fight this battle is the joy of the Lord, for that is your strength.
- "You are My delight. You are My chosen people. You are the ones I rejoice over. But I have a question for you. What is your grave? Give it to Me and let Me rise victorious in you. Let Me use you to be the light of the world."
- "I have given you more gifts than you will ever know, or ever recognize. But I ask you now to allow Me to do even more. I asked you to allow Me to make you My gift. Will you say 'Yes' to Me?"

God bless,  
David