

### Covenant Life

- Our next prayer meeting will be TODAY, February 13<sup>th</sup> 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. In preparation, please spend time in prayer today seeking the Lord and asking for a prophetic word. God has spoken very clearly to us at our meetings this year and we want this to continue.
- 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.

### Community calendar

- February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm - Diocesan Synod opportunity at Mary Immaculate
- February 20<sup>th</sup> at noon - Therese Caffey Celebration of Life Prayer Luncheon - MSMCS gym (link to funeral mass video is: [here](#))
- February 27<sup>th</sup> at 4pm - CCGD Prayer Meeting - MSMCS gym

**Reflection** - Upon hearing the readings today I was immediately struck by the connection between the first reading from Jerimiah ([Jer 17:5-8](#)) and the Responsorial Psalm ([Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6](#)). I even had to page back in the Magnificat to make sure the reader was not re-reading the same passage 😊.

Meditating on the tree planted by water...I immediately thought of all of you as the water I am planted near. The interconnected relationships of Community are a tremendous source of strength and nourishment.

Rereading and reflecting on the two passages I was obviously attracted to the promises and benefits of the tree being close to water, *"it fears not the heat when it comes; its leaves stay green; in the year of drought it shows no distress, but still bears fruit."* And from the psalm *"that yields its fruit in due season, and whose leaves never fade. Whatever he does, prospers."* Wow, these are all good things and why would anyone of want something different?

Reading the passages more carefully I was led to the preceding verses that present the condition for the analogy of the tree planted near water: *"Blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose hope is the LORD."* And from the psalm

*"Blessed the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked, nor walks in the way of sinners, nor sits in the company of the insolent, but delights in the law of the LORD and meditates on his law day and night."*

Now I understand the message. The analogy does not apply to the randomness of a planting location but to the one who trusts and hopes in the Lord. The one who turns away from the wickedness, sin, the insolent, and delights in the law of the Lord and meditates on it day and night!

I appreciate when the church readings come together and provide a clear message. I want to be a tree planted by water and that is one of the obvious reasons I continue to be a part of the Christian Community of God's Delight. I see in each of you a source of life. You are water for my soul.

But it is more than that. We cannot just be comfortable being together...God placed a very specific call upon us to be His Delight and live our Covenant. We do that by putting our hope and trust in Him! We do that by turning from the world and all its allurements and delighting in His ways, His laws, His precepts, and making them our own.

Thank you for being water. Let's continue to preserve in being the water of life, encouragement, support, affirmation to one another as we journey the road home to our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. How is our Lord asking you to live this message?

Let us pray together. *"Heavenly Father, thank You for planting me so close to You, my eternal source of life, and so close to such wonderful sisters and brothers who are also such a powerful source of life and support. Grant me the strength to live for You today and every day. To make You and You alone my hope and joy. I renounce all attachments to the world and recommit myself to meditating on Your ways, laws, precepts and truly living them every day. Help me live this today. I love You Lord."*

God bless,  
David