

## Covenant Life

- Our next in-person Community Gatherings is TODAY at 4pm. We are meeting in-person on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays.
- This week we launched our 2022 Promise Drive and the website to enter your Promise is: [2022 Promise](#).
- Very soon you will receive a personalized letter that provides a summary of your Year-to-Date giving relative to your 2021 Promise. Please help us end the year financially strong.
- If you were unable to attend our last prayer meeting you can listen to the audio [here](#), the Word Gift summary [here](#) and the transcript [here](#).
- Our school, Mount St. Micheal Catholic School is conducting their Fall donor campaign, if you can financially support this ministry, please discern a donation and donate online at [MSMCatholic.org](http://MSMCatholic.org) or contact me.
- 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 - Over the years I have heard so many proclamations about the 'end times'...analysis of the signs, various calculations about the date, even extreme attention to being prepared. The theme of the readings today draws our attention to the eventuality.

Our [Shelter for His People](#) ministry is dedicated to helping us be prepared in practical ways. But what is God asking of us in the domain of spiritual preparedness?

I do not think He wants us worried or concerned. I do not think He wants us stressed or troubled. I think He wants to live as a people who have already read the last chapter and know how the story ends (since we have 😊). We know that Jesus has paid the price and as long as we are walking with Him, we have nothing to fear, nothing to be worried about, nothing to be concerned, stressed, or troubled about. He has already won the victory, washed our robes, and secured our eternal future.

I have not said anything new here. But what I offer is the exhortation to really live our daily lives with this confidence. I will not try to add to the many motivational speakers who have shared on this theme, but I will challenge us, as the Christian Community of God's Delight, to embrace it this week. This is the wisdom of the Church in having a cycle of readings that repeat. We do not read readings we have not heard before, but we are asked to again ponder them and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal anew how we should respond.

This is my request, that we pause the first thing every morning this coming week and ask God to reveal to us how He would have us live this day...without fear but as if it could be our last. What will He ask of us? Let us commit to asking the question and saying Yes.

*"Jesus, my savior, You have paid the price to cleanse me of all my misdeeds. Today, and every day this week, I seek Your revelation of how I can live this day totally for You...totally surrender to Your perfect will. I release my fears, worries, concerns, anything that might be holding me back. I will live today as if I might meet You tomorrow in paradise. I surrender, I give You my all. Amen."*

God bless,  
David