



Month of June

WORD: *Having experienced the love of the Father and the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ, we should give glory to the Most Holy Trinity.*

READINGS

June 3 Prv 8:22-31

Ps 8:4-9

Rom 5:1-5

Jn 16:12-15

June 10 Gn 14:18-20

Ps 110:1-4

1 Cor 11:23-26

Lk 9:11b-17

June 17 2 Sm 12:7-10,13

Ps 32:1-2,5,7,11

Gal 2:16,19-21

Lk 7:36-8:3

June 24 Is 49:1-6

Ps 139:1b-3,13-15

Act 13:22-26

Lk 1:57-66,80

DIRECTIONS (BLD GLOBAL):

1. *Seek the will of the Blessed Trinity in everything that we do in our Community.*
2. *Reconcile regularly with God through the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Eucharist.*
3. *Continue to be an instrument of God's saving love, as shepherd, sharer, worship leader and as a community member.*

PROPHECIES (BLD GLOBAL):

1. *Listen to and follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit because these come from me and my Father.*
2. *Persevere in declaring and living by My Word and I will be honored and glorified in you.*
3. *Have faith in me and share that faith that all may believe I am the true and living God who can lead them to the Father.*

Reflection for June

The first thing we must have learned from our parents about religion was the Sign of the Cross. The last thing a priest will do at our graveside is to make the Sign of the Cross over our body. A Christian's life is marked "*In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit*". The Bible often speaks to us about the Father (as originator of all life, relating to creation), sending His Son, Jesus, His Word (for our salvation) and communicating the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth (relating to our rebirth in water through our baptism).

This month of June, our themes glorify the Holy Trinity who gave us life, who wants us to enjoy the abundant life that Jesus is offering us here on earth, and who have prepared a life of eternal joy for us. We wonder why God is so concerned about each and every one of us. The reason is that God's very being is love. St. John affirms this: "*God is Love.*" (I Jn 4:8, 16) The Bible tells us that the only reason God reveals Himself to the Israelites is his sheer gratuitous love. In Deuteronomy 8: 6, 8, we read: "*For you are a people sacred to the Lord, your God; He has chosen you from all the nations on the face of the earth to be a people peculiarly His own... It was because the Lord loved you...*" God never stopped saving the Israelites and pardoning their unfaithfulness and sins. In Isaiah 43: 1b, God says, "*Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine.*" And in Hosea 2: 21, "*I will spouse you to me forever; I will espouse you in right and in justice, in love and in mercy; I will espouse you in fidelity and you will know the Lord.*" God's love for his people is compared to a father's love for his son. It is stronger than a mother's love for her children. God loves his people more than a bridegroom his beloved; His love will be victorious over even the worst infidelities and will extend His most precious gift: "*God so loved the world that He gave His only Son.*"

As we accept God's love by accepting the Lordship of Jesus in our lives, Jesus will save us, He will provide for us. The Eucharist is God's sign of His love and care for us. Jesus indicates that He intends to share His life with us. He wants to strengthen us in body, soul, and spirit. As we allow Jesus to enter our hearts (Rev 3:20), He will satisfy our hunger and thirst for companionship, love, concern, mercy, respect. When we suffer from absence of someone, Jesus will be present with all the concern and love of a friend.

The Holy Spirit is God's gift as we read in Rom 5:5, "*God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*" Though man has been disfigured by sin and death, man remains "*in the image of God,*" in the image of the Son, but is deprived "*of the glory of God.*" (Rom 3:23) The Holy Spirit will convict us of our sins and if we repent and ask for forgiveness, the priest in confession will absolve us of our sins. Then Holy Spirit who is the "*giver of life*" will restore us in the Father's likeness by giving us again the glory of God. (CCC 705). When we surrender our lives to Jesus, the Holy Spirit will lead us to an ongoing conversion of heart so that we will live holier lives according to the Gospel of Christ.

As we continue to make Jesus our rock of refuge, our stronghold, the Holy Spirit will empower us to be like John the Baptist, a herald of Christ. We will also be called the prophet of the Most High. We will go before the Lord to prepare His ways, to give His people knowledge of salvation through the forgiveness of their sins. (Lk 1: 76-77).

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Youth Corner: Youth Encounter #3

Reflection and Thanksgiving

By Mike Querol

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek; and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened (Matthew 7:7-8).

For the Weekend of YE#3 thirteen participants came to the retreat in answer as to who God is. They had questions and concerns and in one weekend were answered. Thirteen strangers who had never met each other came in but when the weekend ended they ended up as thirteen brothers and sisters and became one family. The Lord's power, love, and wisdom are evident in the participants this weekend.

Before and throughout the weekend the youth of BLD Phoenix worked hard in preparation of the upcoming YE in hoping that more brothers and sisters would join the community, mission accomplished. Although there were struggles and road blocks in each and every one of our paths we made it to the finish line with the Lord's Help. In doing so each and every one showed compassion and determination and has strengthened their relationship with God.

The participants came to the retreat not knowing what to expect. Many were resistant and hesitant with the prayers of the community and God's power and love we were able to open up their minds and hearts. As the weekend progressed the class became closer and tight knit. This class did things that are almost unheard of for YE weekend but through God's grace were a special class to remember.

As much as I can speak on how special the weekend was, it was an experience that you had to be there to understand. Everything happens for a reason and the Lord is always there to protect you. We are here to serve and to welcome members into the community and in doing so we welcomes thirteen brothers and sisters in Christ!



SHEPHERDS TRAINING

(For appointed Adult and Youth Shepherds)

June 23, 2007 (Saturday)

9 AM - 3 PM

Rooms 1-3 OLV

Please bring your Bible, pen, notebook and favorite dish!

Singles And Civil Marriages

By: Father Paul Lehman

Allow me to bring up a delicate subject that may seem to affect only our teens and singles. However, it actually affects our total BLD stance as a counter-culture Catholic charismatic community. Being counter-culture does not mean that we isolate ourselves from the practicalities of life in the "world". It would deny the challenge of the community to be evangelistic. Remember how we commission the graduates of the Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS) weekends to be a leaven, and spread the Good News whether convenient or inconvenient. The point I want to make in this column is the position I think we should take regarding civil marriages by Catholic couples in or out of community, and in general, preparation for Sacramental marriages. As you know a civil marriage between catholic couples is not recognized as valid in the Catholic Church. People get confused on this, and think a couple can be civilly married now (for whatever reason) and get sacramentally married sometime in the future.

The reality is that the couples are no more married after the civil marriage than they were before the civil marriage. If they are living together as man and wife after a civil marriage they are not to receive Holy Communion. Catholics in civil marriages are co-habiting. Co-habiting couples have an 80% failure rate when they do decide to marry in the church. What is the loving and personal approach that we, and especially parents, should take when a single girl gets pregnant? Often when this happen the parents panic and in a desire to save face, they rush the young couple into a civil marriage. NOTHING COULD BE MORE DISASTROUS. Not only are they putting the couple into an occasion of sin, but they are taking the chance of ruining three lives.

We have to be loving, supportive and non-condemnatory, but at the same time prayerfully discerning. Do not make a second mistake as a solution to a previous mistake engagement. I find it difficult to believe that a normal couple in love and "going steady" for a long period of time, can stay chaste. I am talking about good young people who WANT to be chaste. It is a matter of human nature, not good intentions. Let all young and not so young, take a stance of discouraging romantic situations, and steady dating between couples when marriage is realistically many years ahead. The world does not believe this. "Try it out", they say. I believe and have seen many good couples, struggling to be chaste during their single days, who are now enjoying the joys of happy married life. Are you with me on this?

**Youth Life in the Spirit Seminar #2
(July 27-29,2007)**

“SALUBUNGAN”

June 29, 2007

After Praise & Worship

All YE 3 Graduates AND Youth ages 14-20, please stop by the Registration Area and pick up an Application form for YLSS 2 or check out www.BLDPhoenix.com

WEEKLY THEME AND PROMISE

Week#1 Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity [Wisdom]

Theme: We glorify the Holy Trinity when the Holy Spirit, sent from the Father and the Son, guides us.

Promise: “...*Hope does not disappoint, because the love of God Has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*” (Rom 5:5)

Week#2 Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ [Faith]

Theme: We glorify the Holy Trinity when we believe in Christ and partake of His Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist.

Promise: “*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes.*” (1 Cor 11:26)

Week #3 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time [Repentance]

Theme: We glorify the Holy Trinity when we accept the Father’s forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Promise: “*The Lord on His part, has forgiven your sin, you shall not die.*” (2 Sam 12:13)

Week #4 Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist

[Evangelization]

Theme: We glorify the Holy Trinity when we proclaim the Good News of salvation through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Promise: “*I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation*

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Dory Hey (ME 4)
- 8 - Jack Marquez (ME 6)
- 9 - Rupert Arrieta (YE 1)
- 12 - Bing Omega (ME6)
- 13 - Nina Custodio (ME 4)
- 14 - Bea Bautista (YE 1)
- 17 - Manny Siongco (ME 4)
- 19 - Mike Kelly (SPE 1)
- 21 - Rob Omega (YE 3)
- 28 - Phillip Go (YE 2)
- 29 - Mario De Leon (ME 6 Davao)

ANNIVERSARIES

- 12 - Fr. Josh (Ordination)
- 17 - Gerry & Gladys Bautista (ME 2)
- 19 - Jess & Ning Laforteza (ME 1 Reno)
- 23 - Mike & Tess Martinez (ME 5)
- 27 - Jess & Gee Go (ME 5)

Reflection for June continued...

When we make the sign of the Cross, beginning at our forehead, “In the Name of the Father”, we should always bear in mind that God our Father created us in His image and likeness. When we touch our hearts as we say, “and of the Son,” we open our hearts to Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and when we touch our shoulders, saying, “and of the Holy Spirit”, we acknowledge the Holy Spirit who guides and strengthens us to lead holy lives even amidst trials and afflictions.

As we glorify the Holy Trinity, we have the assurance that the “*Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit*” is with us, for we are the beloved children of God.

Order: “*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*” (Romans 5:1)

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Didache: The Lord’s Teaching Through the Twelve Apostles to the Nations.

The **Didache** (Διδαχή, Koine Greek for "Teaching") is the common name of a brief early Christian treatise containing instructions for Christian communities. The text is possibly the first written catechism, with three main sections dealing with Christian lessons, rituals such as baptism and Eucharist, and Church organization. It was considered by some of the Church Fathers as part of the New Testament but rejected as spurious by others, eventually not accepted into the New Testament canon with the exception of the Ethiopian Orthodox Church "broader canon". The Roman Catholic Church has accepted it as part of the collection of Apostolic Fathers.

Considered lost, the Didache was rediscovered in 1873 , and published ten years later by Pilothouse Bryennios, a Greek Orthodox metropolitan bishop of Nicomedia, in the Greek Codex Hierosolymitanus written in 1053, from which he had already published the full text of the Epistles of Clement in 1875.

Shortly after Bryennios' initial publication, the scholar Otto von Gebhardt identified a Latin manuscript in the Abbey of Melk in Austria as containing a translation of the first part of the *Didache*; later scholars now believe that to be an independent witness to the tradition of the *Two Ways* section (see below). Dr. J. Schlecht found in 1900 another Latin translation of chapters 1 through 5, with the longer title, omitting "twelve", and with the rubric *De doctrina Apostolorum*. Coptic and Ethiopian translations have also been discovered since Bryennios' original publication.



BLD Phoenix

Community Bowling Tournament

When: June 16, 2007 12 NN-5 PM

Where: Luke Air Force Base Bowling Center
7262 N. 137th Ave. 85309 Bldg. 1525

Please sign up with Manny & May Siongco
\$10/head (3 games including shoes)

www.BLDPhoenix.com

Ministry Announcements

Intercessory Ministry

Please update petitions monthly for continuous prayers and/or update Intercessory ministry heads for answered prayers. You may please make/update prayer requests through a link in the website or e-mail ministry heads Denny & Nina Custodio at dennyc1220@cox.net.

IDLC

- ◆ IDLC meeting is on **June 30, 2007** at 12:00 PM at the Victory Home Care office. The address is 1103 S. Mesa Drive, Mesa, AZ 85210.
- ◆ To all DCS and Ministry Heads (and all those involved in handling minors) please take the Safety Environment Training for Ministries offered by local parishes. You may check the Diocese website for training schedule:
<http://safeenvironmenttraining.org/index.php>

Secretariat

- ◆ Please wear your community I.D. If you do not have one contact Evan & Joie Pangilinan at evanjoie@yahoo.com.
- ◆ For those who have completed the Safety Environment Training for Ministries, please submit your completion information/details to Secretariat.

CORPORATE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

1st Fridays: Holy Mass with Anointing-7:30 PM
2nd, 4th & 5th Fridays: Praise & Worship-7:30 PM
3rd Fridays: Youth Praise & Worship-7:30 PM
(Venue for Friday activities: OLV Chapel)
June 24 Filipino Sunday Mass - 5:00 PM at OLV
(Sponsored by BLD Phoenix)

THE LORD'S PROVISIONS

Cash flow as of May 2007

<i>Receipts</i>	\$ 2,481.25
<i>Disbursements</i>	\$ 2,146.95
<i>Surplus (Deficits)</i>	\$ 334.30

See Treasury Logbook for details-available at Registration Area or see Treasury Ministry Heads Pedro & Cita Rivera

Thank you for your generosity!

BLD Phoenix 2007

Encounters and Seminars

July 27-29 YLSS#2 Mount Claret
Aug 10-12 SPE#2 Mount Claret
Sep 14-16 LSS#5 Mount Claret
Oct 19-21 Aspirants Retreat-Living Waters
Nov 9-11 Marriage Encounter #7

(*ME - Marriage Encounter; YLSS - Youth Life in the Spirit Seminar; SPE - Solo Parents Encounter; LSS - Life In The Spirit Seminar*)

CATHOLIC CULTURE: June Celebrations

Trinity Sunday (June 3)

The dogma (code of belief/doctrine) of faith which forms the object of the feast is this: There is one God and in this one God there are three divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first divine Person; the Son is the second divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But we submit humbly and say: *Lord, we believe, help our weak faith.* The feast of the Blessed Trinity needs to be understood and celebrated as a prolongation of the mysteries of Christ and as the solemn expression of our faith in this triune life of the Divine Persons, to which we have been given access by Baptism and by the Redemption won for us by Christ. Only in heaven shall we properly understand what it means, in union with Christ, to share as sons in the very life of God.

The feast of the Blessed Trinity was introduced in the ninth century and was only inserted in the general calendar of the Church in the fourteenth century by Pope John XXII. But the *cultus* (veneration) of the Trinity is, of course, to be found throughout the liturgy. Constantly the Church causes us to praise and adore the thrice-holy God who has so shown His mercy towards us and has given us a share in His life.

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (June 10)

The solemnity of Corpus Christi, dedicated to the mystery of the Eucharist, concludes the cycle of feasts following Easter. The date is fixed by the Vatican as the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, which in turn is the Sunday after Pentecost. As extracted from the book of Pope Benedict XVI, *God Near Us*, he mentions that there are three components especially that constitute the distinctive shape of the way we celebrate this day. First there is what we are doing right now, meeting together around the Lord, *standing before the Lord*, for the Lord, and thus standing side by side together. Next there is *walking with the Lord*, the procession. And finally there is the heart and the climax of it, *kneeling before the Lord*, the adoration, glorifying him and rejoicing in his presence. Standing before the Lord, walking with the Lord, and kneeling before the Lord, these three therefore are the constituent elements of this day, and we are now going to reflect on them a little.

This feast day was first officially celebrated at Liege in 1246, and extended to the universal Church by Pope Urban IV in 1264. In Italy the traditional feast dates back to the 15th century, and the route of the annual procession was set in the 16th century.

The procession through Rome was abandoned in 1870, after Italian forces took Rome from the papacy. Pope John Paul II revived the tradition in 1979.