



NEWSLETTER
June 26, 2022
PART 1

Jesus Read Genesis in a Very Special Way

WELCOME to our brand-new series, *Blessing and Curse*, where for the next eight weeks, we'll dive into *Genesis*, the first book of the Bible.



Question: *Why Genesis?*

Shouldn't we focus on the New Testament? Like the Gospels? Or the Letters of St. Paul? They're easier to understand. They're direct to the point.

We all have our favorite verses from the NT, such as "All things will work for good to those who love God." And "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Here's why we need to look at *Genesis*. Whenever Jesus was asked hard questions by the Pharisees or by His disciples, He liked turning back to Page 1 of His Bible. Because *Genesis shaped His thinking*.

Genesis was really important to Jesus. And because we want to follow Jesus, we want to read the Bible the way Jesus read His Bible. *He read Genesis in a very special way—and that's how we want to read it too.*

This is one of our lofty goals at The Feast.

May God's Word rock your world in today's Feast!

May your dreams come true,

Bo Sanchez



LETTERS

Roll Call: Anybody Present?

YES, in *The Feast Family* June 26, 2022 issue, there is a Roll Call.

Last Sunday, June 19, we celebrated Father’s Day. So, first on the honor roll call are our fathers, receiving our Feast present to them: edible flowers!

Rev. Fr. Steve Tynan, MGL, spiritual adviser of our Light of Jesus Family, and presider of the Mass in *The Feast* last Sunday, focused on God’s Presence in you and me, especially in the Eucharist — and we receive Him by being present. Where and how? Answers on *page 3*.

From his bout with the Coronavirus Disease (COVID) and its aftermath, our founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez, is now present— onstage-- in our Feast. And he tells us how to really understand our Lord Jesus. How? Be present in today’s Feast and know what shapes the Lord’s thinking, *page 1*.

Bro. Didoy Lubaton and Bro. Audee Villaraza point out one sure way to be present when the Lord makes a roll call is to *Rely on the Savior*. Plain and simple? Before you answer, check out *pages 14-33*

One who basks in God’s Presence is Lola Tina, present in our *Mercy Ministries* section series on the Anawim Home for Abandoned

Elderly which marks its 27th Founding Anniversary this year.

This issue is present to you in a three-part package. When you receive this jumbo package—our present to you this week-- put your hand on your chest and say, “Present!”

Glory to God,

Randy Borromeo
Media Ministry
Executive Director





FLASHBACK!

JUNE 19, 2022

Holy Mass SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



FR. STEVE TYNAN

on the Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17
The Disciples' Ministry

Excerpts...

Father God, we thank You for your Word. We thank You for the way Your Word forms our mind and our heart. We thank You for the power of Your Word. We thank You for the beauty of Your word. We thank You for its truth.

Lord, grant me the words to speak today. Grant each one of us heart to listen, to hear what You have to say to each one of us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

When we celebrate the Eucharist, we celebrate what the Church says is the source and the summit of our life as Christians.

The source-- because everything we receive, in a sense, comes through what we celebrate—the Death and the Resurrection of Jesus. So, the source, the summit. Well, what's greater than the Death and the Resurrection of Jesus?





How Sacraments Work

So, in the Eucharist, God has given us this incredible gift by which we don't only just remember: "My last birthday party when we ate this, and we went to that restaurant, or we went there, or whatever we did, blah blah blah."

We don't just remember something in the past. Or you can take out your photographs, or find the feed on Facebook that celebrated it. Or whatever you want to do and you can look at a photo and it helps you to remember. But it's just a photo, it's just a memory-- that's all it is. And sure, it evokes feeling, and evokes passion, and can evoke all sorts of things-- but it's a memory.

But what we have in the Eucharist is more than that. It's more than that-- because what we celebrate in the Eucharist is the Sacrament -- and Sacraments demand *presence*. That's presence with an *n*ce on the end, not a *t*s on the end.

Sacraments work because of presence. Sacraments gain their power because of presence, and the presence that I speak of is the Presence of God. God becomes present to us in the Word that we have just celebrated-- that's one part of the Eucharist, the Liturgy of the Word. And, here on the altar, God becomes present to us in the form of bread and wine. They look like bread and wine, smell like bread and wine. Generally speaking, if you do their chemical analysis, what you're going to find are bread and wine.

But the miracle that God works every time the Eucharist is celebrated is that sacramentally, He becomes Present to us and we receive His Body and Blood in the Eucharist. This is the beauty and the wonder of the Eucharist: If we fully understood what it meant to be in the Presence of God, there's no way we would be standing or kneeling or sitting during the Eucharist. We would lie face down on the floor, not daring to raise our head.

Like Moses in Sinai. He hid in the cleft of the rock because he knew to look upon the Face of God was death. They revered the Presence of God like that. They'd have the Shekinah, the Glory of God, accompanying them out of Egypt. And it was a cloud by day and a flame by night. This is the Glory of God.

And nobody could believe that -- when Moses went up on the mountain-- that he came, in a sense, face to face with God. Because they believed that to look upon the face of God was death.

But when Jesus came -- when He was born and took human form, when Jesus stood before us not just as Jesus Christ the Son of Mary, but Jesus Christ the Son of God-- we gazed upon a vision, a visage of God. We came into contact with God. We -- or those who were supremely blessed to be there at that time -- met the Son of God in person -- and they were forever changed.



God in Our Midst

Our understanding of what it meant to be in relationship with God, is no longer God standing above us as judge-- jury and executioner.

It's God walking in our midst.

In John's Gospel -- the Greek phrase that he uses to describe the Presence or the Coming of Christ was: He *pitched his tent in our midst*. God is one of us in the Person of Jesus. God is One of the human race.

This is what separates Christianity from any other religion.

God hasn't distanced Himself from us and sent punishment, and plague, and all those sorts of things upon us because of our sin.

No. He said, "I will engage... I will come... I will go there... I will meet... I will walk with... I will accompany... I will be one of them... I will know and experience their life in everything -- except sin."

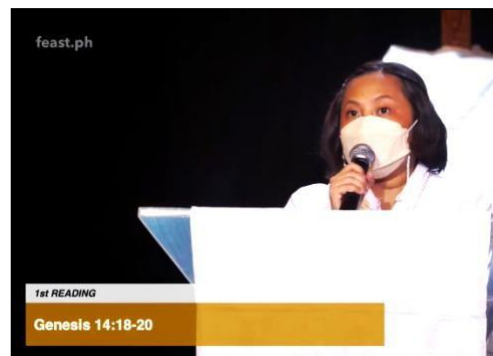
But the effect of sin Jesus experienced through His death on the Cross-- through the broken relationships around Him, the struggles, and the trials of His friends, His family, and people around Him.

So, yes, we celebrate the Liturgy of the Word which we're doing at the moment. But with the Liturgy of the Eucharist, when the bread and the wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, when we offer to the Father the same sacrifice that Jesus offered to the Father 2,000 years ago, we celebrate the Presence of Christ in our midst. And this is why the experience of the Mass-- the experience of the Eucharist being Present -- is infinitely more than watching the Eucharist online.

The Liturgy of the Word comes through *hearing*. The power of the Liturgy of the Eucharist comes through *being there* and *receiving* Christ in His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. This is the power of the Eucharist that we need to grab, hold of, we need to run with, we need to embrace, we need to ask the Lord to explain to us of, manifest to us in our life -- because without it we our powerless.

Reading I: Genesis 14:18-20

¹⁸ Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High.¹⁹ He pronounced this blessing: God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. And blessed be God Most High for putting your enemies into your clutches.²⁰ And Abram gave him a tenth of everything.



The Gift of Salvation

We celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit last week, the Pentecost. The empowering gift of the Spirit, the boldness of the Spirit that took a scared bunch of men out of a room, placed them in the marketplace, and inspired them to proclaim the Gospel.

That's nothing compared to what we celebrate in the Eucharist in terms of celebrating the gift of our Salvation. We celebrate the gift of forgiveness of our Savior. We celebrate the gift of the empowerment-- of what God has done for us in creating and redeeming us.

Pentecost doesn't happen without first the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. That is why we need to pray for revelation in our own life. We need to pray for understanding. We need to pray for awakening. We need to pray for enlightenment. We need to pray that we will understand what it is that happened -- not just when Jesus died on the Cross and rose from the dead—but what it is that happens when the priest consecrated the elements, the bread and the wine, and they become the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

We believe this by faith. Yes, there are some Eucharistic miracles around the world-- where they have done the chemical analysis, showing the bread and wine are really flesh and blood.

Those miracles are there to inspire. Those miracles are there to help us believe. Those miracles are there to awaken us to the possibility and the promise that Paul tells us-- that all things are possible for God.



Reading II : 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

²³ For the tradition I received from the Lord and also handed on to you is that on the night he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread,²⁴ and after he had given thanks, he broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

²⁵ And in the same way, with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.'

²⁶ Whenever you eat this bread, then, and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes.



The Point: Do We Believe?

Just as not everybody got to meet Jesus when He walked the earth 2,000 years ago, not everyone gets to see these spectacular miracles that God works-- whether they're Eucharistic miracles or whether there are people being raised from the dead, or people being healed or food being multiplied.

The miracles are there as signs and wonders. It's a little bit God saying, "Look, I can do this if you believe in Me... I can do this if you trust in Me... I have the power... I am God..."

But that's the point. Do we believe?

I love the story of the man in the Gospel (in Mark 5:21 -43)... His daughter is sick and he says, "Can you come and heal my daughter?"

... There is never any time for pride before the Lord. We can't claim anything for ourselves. Salvation is way, way beyond us. It's got to be us having the humility.

That's why I like the story.

The father believed-- he wouldn't be in front of Jesus if he didn't believe. You would not travel however far it was to find this Healer and get Him to pray for your daughter -- unless you believed. He wasn't going to stand before God and be arrogant...

He stood before God in truth-- which is humility -- and said, "I believe. Help my unbelief... I want to believe more... I want to trust more... I want to receive more..."

But that cry has come from the foundation of humility.

It has to come from an understanding of, "Lord, I can't, but I know you can."

It has to come from deep within. It can't be the shallow response of somebody wanting to be blessed but who's not willing to pay the price-- in terms of discipleship and transformation from within.



Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 110: 1, 2, 3, 4

"Yours is princely power in the day of your birth, in holy splendor; before the daystar, like the dew, I have begotten you."

R You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek.



God Gives His All

So, brothers and sisters, today's Feast gives us the opportunity to remember what it is that God gives us -- the gift we are given in the Holy Eucharist. The Body and Blood of Jesus Christ poured out for all of us-- for our salvation. And that's what we receive—God giving His all to you, and to me.

And if that doesn't stun us-- if that doesn't make us, in a sense, just lie face down the floor in homage to a God who would be so generous and so self-giving-- then there is something wrong with us.

We need to take the time to reflect and ask ourselves the questions I've been asking in this homily.

We need to ask ourselves, "Do I understand? Am I fully in awe of what God is doing? Am I responding in humility? Do I believe? Is my heart grateful?"

All those questions... Take the time to ask yourself those questions. Find out what the Eucharist really means to you and then we will have to have it. We will have to be there. It won't be enough to watch it.

We will have to be there to participate, to share, to encounter Christ in the most intimate way possible. He doesn't walk on the streets of the world today as He did 2,000 years ago. But He does offer Himself to us-- His Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist .

But to get the Gift, we have to be *here*. To get it, we have to participate. To get it, we have to believe. We need to receive Him in Holy Communion. We have a sacramental faith, brothers and sisters. It works by *presence*.

Let us pray for the grace to be present in Christ as He is Present to us. To receive Him as He offers Himself to us. and to embrace Him as He calls us into His Presence. To believe and live in the Kingdom of God each day of our life. Not because it's about me, but because it is about Him and the Gift of Salvation He offers. Let us receive that Gift and live it every day. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

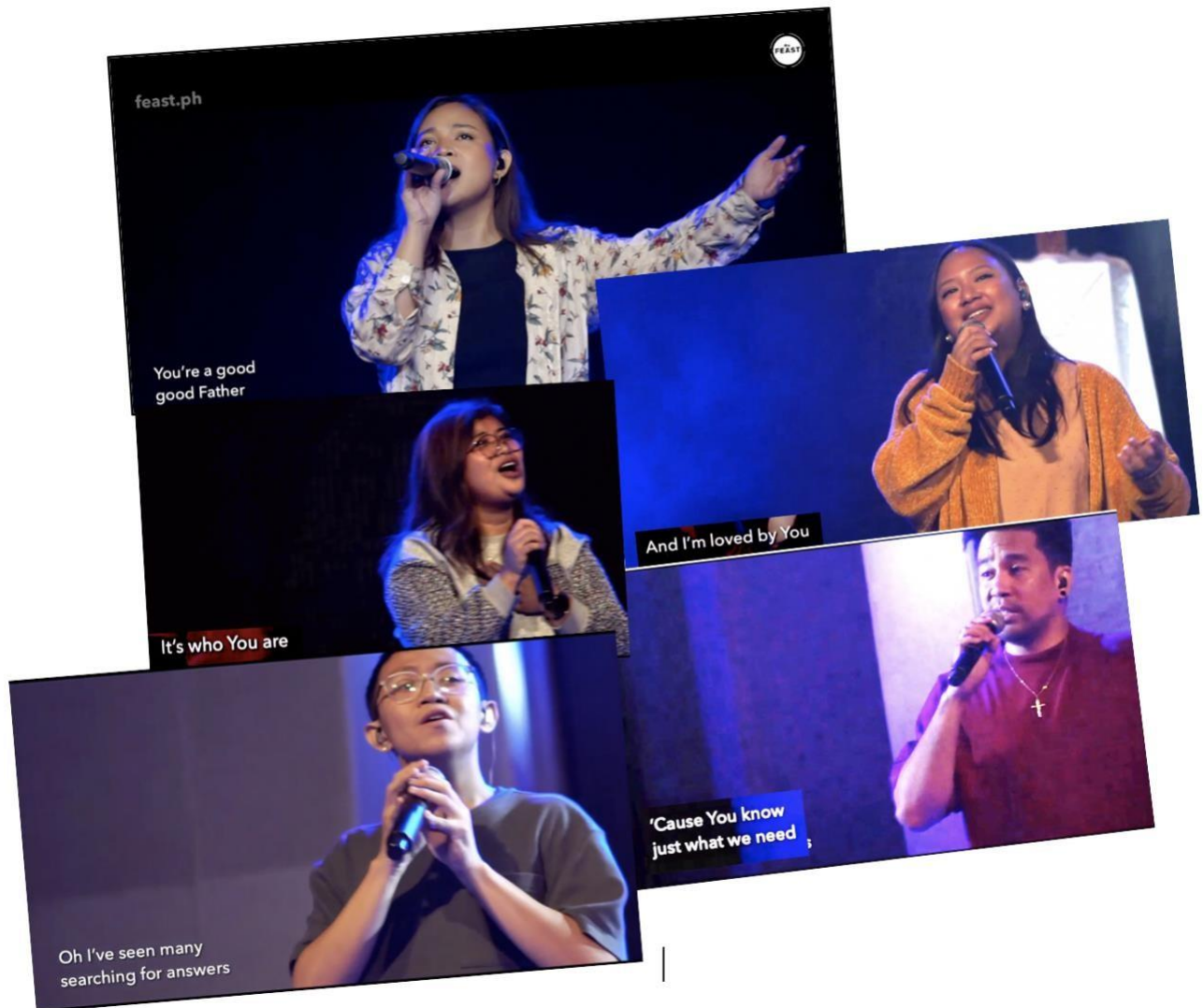


Worship!

EXHORTATION

VANYA CASTOR: Happy Father's Day!
I'm sure we have many experiences about what a father is. And I know there are many kinds of fathers as there are stars in the sky.

And today, we have a reason to rejoice because our Heavenly Father is good. He is perfect and loving. He is constant. He never leaves us. So, let's sing our praises to Him!



Worship!

PRAYER

DIDOY LUBATON: Let's pray:

Lord, You said in Your Word for us to be perfect just as our Heavenly Father is perfect. We're trying. We want to. We believe, Lord. You know us. We're proud, we're sinful, insecure—just as You see us now, coming before You. We're not worthy of Your love. And yet You do not condemn us. You still love us.

Oh, what a Father You are to all of us—seeing us as Your sons and daughters, never leaving us alone. Ever faithful to Your promises to us.

So, today, we do not look down on our sins. You do not do it first. But rather we look up to You as our dear Father. For we are totally, completely, and perfectly loved by You. And that is our prayer today: May we experience Your love more and more, and look up to You as our dear Father, to become more like You. Our prayer, in Jesus' Name, Amen.



Welcome!

Thank you so much, everyone, for being one of us today. And on behalf of all our leaders, I welcome you home.

And quickly, I want to greet all the fathers here. Happy Father's Day!

Somebody texted me, "Happy Father's Day—because tomorrow and for the rest of the year, it's all Mother's Day!"

Ha-ha. There's some truth to that. So, I'm enjoying the day, okay!

We also want to greet our bishops, our priests, and everyone who we consider as our spiritual fathers—those who've set beautiful examples of faith, of strength, and of love. Happy, Happy Father's Day!

And, of course, our dear Father God who's always there—faithful, loving us despite everything. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Lord.

For the fathers here, our Feast leaders have prepared something special for you. Dear fathers, these are edible flowers. So, (like mothers) we can receive flowers.





Welcome!

BO SANCHEZ: First of all , I'd like to honor one Filipina who gave honor to our country. She lifted our country at a time when the country needed it most. And recently, she won again.

She is one of us... She's been joining The Feast. Whenever she was not in training in some other country, she would be here. She's a wonderful friend.

And today, she's with us: Hidilyn Diaz!

NOTE: Weightlifter and airwoman, Hidilyn Diaz is the first ever Filipino to win the first ever Olympics gold medal for the Philippines -- since the country joined the Olympics close to 100 years ago -- when she won the women's 55-kilogram event in Weightlifting during the Tokyo Olympics on July 16, 2021.

She ruled the women's 55 kilogram event winning another gold medal during the 31ST Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) in Hanoi, Vietnam, on May 20, 2022.



I'd like to honor not only her, but also her coach, Coach Julius Naranjo, and the entire Team Hidilyn Diaz (THD).



I also want you to know that Hidilyn and Coach Julius will be getting married very, very soon. Syempre, Ninong ako.

Thank you so much, Hidilyn. Thank you, Coach Julius. You know, they have a bigger dream—not just to win gold medals for themselves. Actually now, they're raising up other athletes for the country. And it's amazing. So, let's keep on praying for Team Hidilyn!

Let us welcome them!

HIDILYN DIAZ: Thank you, Bro. Bo! Bro. Bo, Feaster po ako since 2013. I was broken-hearted when I joined The Feast. After two or three years... No...even after just a month, I began to love my sport. I learned to love myself, to value myself, what I am doing , because I became close to God because of The Feast.

I'd like to thank Bro. Bo, The Feast Family, everyone who has been supporting Filipino athletes. Especially those who prayed for me when I competed at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics and at the recent SEA Games. Thank you to Team HD. And to you all. I was not alone. You were all with me .

Welcome!

To All the Fathers

All the fathers, sometimes, your families do not recognize when you sacrifice. They do not recognize those times when you want to quit but you decided not to. Many times, you're very tired and you do not tell people you're tired. You do not tell your wife. You do not tell your children that you're already exhausted. You just soldier on. Why? Tunay kang lalaki. You are a man.



This morning, I was exhausted. Hindi na sanay sa travel. I arrived last night from Butuan where we had a whole day seminar. I talked to hundreds upon hundreds of people.

This morning, I said, “Oh my gosh, why am I so exhausted?”

And then I realized, well, two years of not traveling, you know...

But then I said, “A man’s gotta do what a man’s gotta do. Get up!”

And how many days of the years, fathers, did you make that decision? Pagod-na pagod ka na pero, tatay ka, e. Bangon!—You are so tired, but well, you are a father. So, you get up!

So, to all the fathers, I honor you. I honor you for being a man, for being a father to your family. Not only financially, but emotionally and spiritually, you lead your family. And so, thank you so much. Even if the family does not recognize it. Kasi hindi mo sinasabi, tahimik ka lang—Because you’re just keeping quiet. But God sees you. And God will reward you abundantly, fathers. Amen.

Special Guests from Butuan



Welcome, Bro. Joboy Aquino and his wife, Sis. Mimi. They’re the leaders of our Feasts in Butuan. And 300 joined The Feast.

And Bro. Joboy-- I don’t call him Congressman Joboy (he just won in the recent elections, and we thank God for that) --Bro. Joboy and his family are here.

Welcome! We love you. God bless you!



Thank You!

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