



FAMILY

DECEMBER 1, 2024



SPECIAL

CONGRATULATIONS, Everyone!

Welcome to our GRAND FEAST! We're congratulating one another for many wonderful reasons.

Congratulations on our overwhelmingly victorious FEAST CON 2024! Indeed, we came, we saw, and we joyfully experienced "The Light" as we all proclaimed, "Let There Be Light!"

COME and SEE... AGAIN!



Congratulations because it's already the month of December! It's the most awaited season of the year, and the last month of a fantastic year of receiving God's blessings!

And congratulations because we're finishing our amazing, life-changing talk series, *COME and SEE*, a Bible Study on the Gospel of John.

Today's Grand Feast is fully loaded!!! We'll have a special celebration for the success of Feast Con 2024, and we'll have the final two talks of our series from our two awesome preachers.

In Talk 10: *Resurrection*, we'll learn again that Jesus continues to meet people where they are -- and when people encounter Jesus, their lives change forever.

And in our final Talk 11, we'll hear and believe that *God Is Calling You Again!* We shall be led to relive our conversion stories and our God-Moments.

And, of course, we will surely be blessed by our spirit-filled worship, and by the Holy Mass.

Get ready for another power-packed GRAND FEAST!

Welcome to The FEAST, where *You are Loved!*

Mayroong Magandang Mangyayari Sa 'Yo!

Alvin Barcelona

Spreading the Light

ON November 17, 2024, we cancelled The Feast at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) following the weather forecast on the onslaught of Super Typhoon Pepito in Metro Manila and other areas. Typhoon Pepito indeed came.



Since we didn't have a Feast that Sunday, we didn't have an issue of *The FEAST FAMILY* for the following Sunday, November 24, 2024. This day, actually happened to be the day of our Grand Feast that capped the 2024 FEAST CONFERENCE, our biggest inspirational learning event.

As we have done every year, we issue a Special on the FEASTCON. So, this Feast Sunday, we give you our Special on Day 1 of FEASTCON on November 22, 2024.



We share excerpts from the Homily of Rev. Fr. Eliseo Santos (*above*) on the Gospel on November 22, read by Mass Concelebrant Rev. Fr. Albert Garong (*right*).

We also give you excerpts from the Welcome Message of Bro. Arun Gogna, giving an outline of the parts of the FEASTCON which centered on the theme *Let There Be Light*.

And we feature powerlines on the Talk of Bro. Audee Villaraza, *Overcoming Darkness*.

I was blessed to serve at The Feast, announcing major features of the Conference.



I prayed that God would continue the work He has begun for us and I asked that our brothers and sisters be expectant for what God will still do for us.

Yes, God is giving us more. Today, we go back to our regular Feast and continue with our series, *COME and SEE*. Bro. Alvin Barcelona introduces Talk 10 and Talk 11, *page*

In the beginning, God said, "*Let there be light.*" And with His unconditional love, amid the darkness of our world today, He continues to shine His Light which we are spreading especially to those who need Him most.

All for God's Glory,
Randy Borromeo
Media Ministry
Executive Director





Flashback!

DAY 1 NOVEMBER 22, 2024

Mass

Memorial of St. Cecilia



**Reading the Gospel: Concelebrant
REV. FR. ALBERT GARONG, SSP**

Homily

By **REV. FR. ELISEO P. SANTOS, SDB**

These days, we are reading about *Revelation* and we are fast approaching the end of the Liturgical Year where we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King (Sunday, November 24, 2024).

Jesus was already in Jerusalem. He had had a grand welcome. But then He continued to teach, to preach.

Christ Cleanses the Temple of Your Heart

Today, we read that Jesus was cleansing the Temple-- of businesses, of those who cheat, of those who take advantage of the pilgrims, because they had no choice -- they had to pay, exchange money.

It was at the Temple that cheating was rampant. And all these were with the approval of the priest and Temple carers. It should not be like so.

But Christ now is cleansing the Temple-- the Temple of our hearts. The Temple of our hearts should be cleansed from...



any form of selfishness... any form of tyranny... any form of objection.

That's why we have to practice humility obedience, and charity.

... And hence, today's saint gives us an example-- St. Cecilia, who was very determined to keep her perpetual virginity, was willing to be beheaded for the sake of witnessing for Christ.

Martyrs, by the way, are called witnesses for their faith, for their hope-- "The Lord will be my inheritance. You will be my reward, Lord. Even if we suffer, even if we get sick, it's okay. We offer what we suffer. So that like You, we save the world."

... I would like to invite all of us to ask the Holy Spirit to open our hearts, our minds, our ears, and to inspire also the speakers of this Conference that *Let there be Light*-- that we may be open to discern, to learn, to obey, and to do with charity the good things that we are going to hear about the speakers' experiences.

... And so, in tribute to St. Cecilia, I'll sing my message to you:

Let your light shine for all the world to see

The brightness of your love within peace that sets you free

Let your light shine through all your nights and days

And men will see the things you do and give your Father praise.

We shall do this in the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

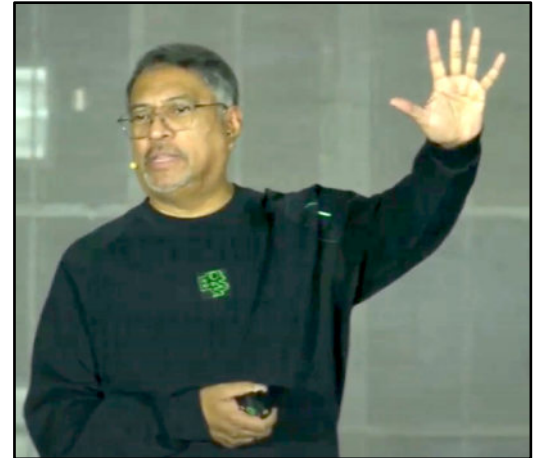


Welcome!

BRO. ARUN GOGNA:

Welcome to the happiest place on Earth:
The FEAST CONFERENCE.

Our theme for this year is *Let There Be Light*.
...What can light do to you?



1 LIGHT CLARIFIES

EPHESIANS 5:13 NCV

"But the light makes all things
easy to see..."

First, Light makes things clearer.
... Who among here have failures in life? You know what the Light of Jesus is telling you?

LET THERE BE LIGHT

The truth: Those are not failures. Those are lessons. Who among you have problems? The Light of Jesus is clarifying to you that those are not problems. They are disguised blessings.

You are going through a crisis. The Light of Jesus is telling you: No, you are not going through a crisis. You are going through a transformational experience.

You don't have money. The Light of Jesus is telling you something else. Your blessings are on the way. Light clarifies. Light changes your perspective.

That's why God said: *Let There Be light*.

2 LIGHT CLEANSSES

1 JOHN 1:6-9 NIV

"If we claim to have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin."

1 JOHN 1:6-9 NIV

"If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

Light cleanses us. Light can sanitize a lot of stuff. You know that. Ultraviolet light disinfects water.

My dear Friends, God doesn't major in your mess. He majors in your magnificence. What the Lord monitors in your life is not your mistake, but your skill. He does not focus on your fumbles. He focuses on your fabulousness. Because while you're still wrestling with your history, God is already talking about your destiny.

The Light of Jesus in your life will purify your words, your actions, and your thoughts. Especially the way you look at yourself.

While you're still wrestling with your history, God is already talking about your destiny.

That's the light. That's why He said: *Let There Be Light*.

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LIGHT CURES



Isaiah 58:8b says:

Then your light will break forth like the dawn and your healing will quickly appear.

Light heals.

Scientists and doctors say red light heals wrinkles. Blue light heals acne.

I don't use blue light. Blue is Ateneo. Green light heals all sicknesses.

Animo, La Salle☺

When the Light of Jesus enters your life, your emotional wounds will be healed. You will be happier more often. Why? Because you create simple rules of happiness. You don't make things hard for yourself.

We Filipinos, we are very easy to please. You want proof?

Okay, look at the one beside you.

(Laughter).

See? I haven't said a joke, you are already laughing.

That's what the Light of Jesus says: Laugh. Don't be always serious.

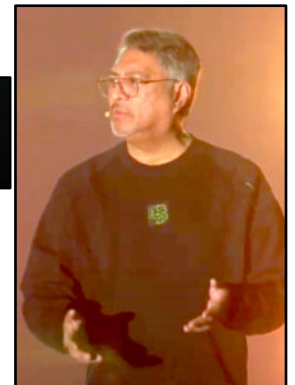
The unruly power of Emotions -- anger, fear, worry, grief-- are like inner storms in your life. And you know, if your emotion is intense, the Light of Jesus shine into that inner storm and you will hear Him say, "Peace. Be still."

And you will feel great calm.

Let There Be Light.

4

LIGHT CULTIVATES



The last one: **Light cultivates.**

Light makes things grow. Photosynthesis, right? In Science we learned that if there's no sunlight, plants die. You cannot live without light.

The Light of Jesus cultivates the real you. It brings out the real you. You cannot live under a fake light. You cannot pretend to be someone else. You need to be yourself. You need to be faithful to how God made you. Be faithful to who you are.

... So, my dear Friends, just allow the Lord to be with you. In this darkness of your life, just allow the Lord to minister to you. Say, "Lord, be with me."

And believe that everything will turn bright because Jesus is the Light of the World, and He tells you: *Let There Be Light.*

JESUS IS
THE LIGHT OF
THE WORLD

Talk



BRO. AUDEE VILLARAZA:

Let's sing with reverence and respect:

Thy Word is a Lamp unto my feet and a Light unto my path.

The Old Testament. This message is for somebody who is struggling in some darkness in your life.

TRUTH
**WE ALL HAVE
A DARKNESS IN US.**

You don't have to raise your hand to acknowledge that there is darkness in your life.

I know there is darkness in your life, and God knows whatever that is. Because Isaiah is giving us some good news today. Isaiah says>

The title of my talk is *Overcoming Darkness* and I'm going to be sharing from this *Book of Isaiah*.

ISAIAH 9:2 NLT
"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned."

OVERCOMING DARKNESS
THE LIGHT THAT PREVAILS
GENESIS 1:3

"But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

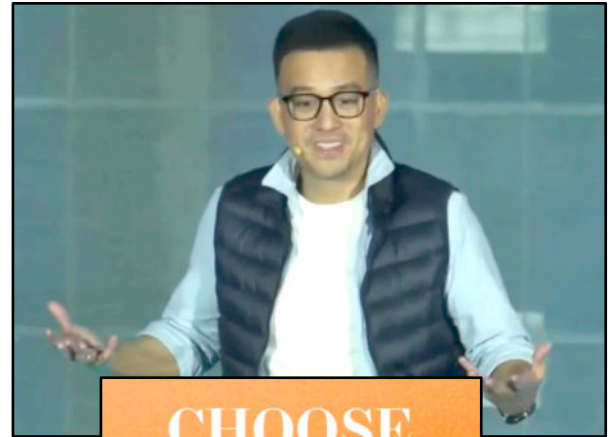
The Bible says
God did not give us a spirit of fear.
What God gives to us?
A spirit of power, a spirit of love,
and a spirit of self-control...

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The Message

Here's my big message: *Choose the light.*

...My life now revolves around work, ministry, family. But you know, if you met me 30 years ago, you'd know my life was completely different. I started smoking at 13, got into drugs at 17, fooled around with people at 21, got my first tattoo at 24. And then I went bankrupt at the age of 25-- owed P7 million... Until I met God at the age of 26... and boy, did He change my life.

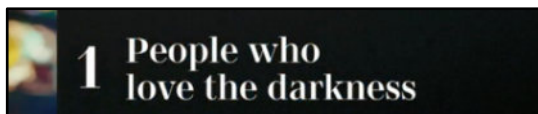


**CHOOSE
THE LIGHT**



**3 TYPES OF PEOPLE
STRUGGLING WITH
DARKNESS**

There are three types of people who struggle with darkness.



**1 People who
love the darkness**

There are two categories:



**CATEGORY 1
Those Who Know
They're Living in
Darkness**

Those who know they're living in darkness. You've accepted the reality of who you are and you put a period on it. If you're like that, you've given up, you've never encountered the love of God. Why? Because nobody encounters God and remains unchanged.



**CATEGORY 1
Those Who Know
They're Living in
Darkness**

People who think they are living in the light, but actually they are living in the dark. They are confused. Some of us celebrate the lies of the world so much that the truth almost feels like *hate*.

We live in a post-truth era-- where truth is no longer truth.

So, if the truth is no longer convenient for you, you can easily reject that truth.

... But let me say this out loud, my dear Friends... Heaven is still holy.

Hell is still hot. The Bible is still the truth. Sin will always be wrong.

And God will always be the Way out of this mess that we're in.

So, how do you know-- how do you live in the truth?

Well, you come before God every day, as regular as you can, and say:

"Lord, search my heart. Know my anxious thoughts. See if there's anything that is offensive in me and then lead me to the path of everlasting life...

If I am the problem, fix me. But if I am not, protect me."

2

People who despise the darkness

The more you love the light, the more you despise the darkness. Because the truth is, when you are in brokenness, you are attracted to dark things. You like listening to dark music. You like reading dark stuff.

But when you are healed, you're attracted to the Light.

When you're in brokenness,
you're attracted to darkness.
When you're healed,
you're attracted to light.



3 People who choose the light

When you start choosing the Light, the darkness, it doesn't really go away. And it takes a very spiritual mature person to realize that that's okay. Why?

Because darkness and light always co-exist. Just the same as good and evil.

In the beginning, it was darkness, and God said, "*Let There Be Light.*"

But take note, God never took away the darkness. He called the darkness *night* and the light He called *day*.

There was a separation-- but God kept it there because He wants us to be responsible. As you get into the midst of darkness, your job now, as a Christ follower, is to choose the light.

But you know, one of the greatest mistakes all of you and I can make is to think like this: "Because I gave my life to the Lord when I was 13 years old, or maybe just five years ago, that God is done with me. I've surrendered all my darkness to the Lord."

That's not true... There's nobody here who can be so faraway from God for Him to minister to you. But I also realized this: There can be a point in your life where you can get so far from the Lord that He's unable to minister to you.

This is the place where we all want to be. But see, here's the thing:

The darkness doesn't go away.
But when you encounter Jesus,
the light grows brighter
every day.

Exodus 8:13 says:

EXODUS 8:15 NIV

"But when Pharaoh saw that there was relief, he hardened his heart and would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the Lord had said."



You can get so deep in your anger, and in your darkness, that God cannot touch you.

And some of us are reveling in that darkness, as in saying, "Lord, hands off my situation."

What should you do?

You open your life to Jesus. You trust Him enough to let Him minister to you.

The fulfillment of Isaiah's prophesy happened when God sent His Son Jesus and Jesus said: "*I am the Light of the World. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.*"

JOHN 8:12 NLT

"I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

I love that Jesus did not say, "You're never going to walk in darkness."

He didn't say that. Jesus does not guarantee that you're not going to walk in darkness. He guarantees that when you walk in darkness, He will be right next beside you...

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me... --Psalm 23 ESV

God is our firm foundation,
my Friends. Choose the Light.
Choose Jesus, the Light of the World.
Let Him penetrate into the deepest,
darkest, ugliest, vilest parts of your life.

Let Him minister to you so He can change your life forever and change it completely.

**CHOOSE THE LIGHT.
CHOOSE JESUS.**

Let Us Pray:

Father, we're believing that Your Spirit is more than enough to wash away every shame, every guilt, every iniquity that we hide in every crevice, and every corner of our life.

We allow Your Light to penetrate these dark corners, Lord, and we're throwing away the key today. As You knock on our doors, we open these doors for we know that we will never want to come to a moment in our life, at the end of our life, when we will be the ones to knock, and knock and knock on Heaven's door.

Now, we allow, Lord, that as You knock on the door of our heart, that You would come in. We release our darkness to You, oh, Lord, that Your Light would heal us and bless us, and change us. In Jesus' Name. Amen.



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*God blesses those who are merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.*

--Matthew 5:7

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Your giving today not only will help us continue the evangelization mission that God entrusted to us but also help the other 10 foundations that need our financial support.

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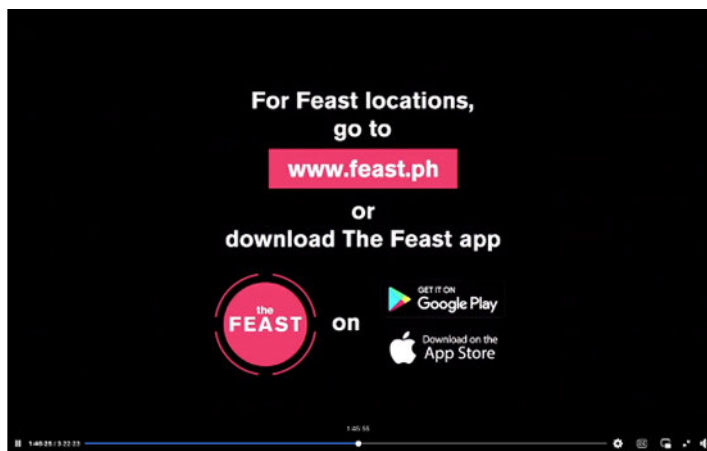
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— Matthew 28:19

