



I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Phil 4:13

The Witness

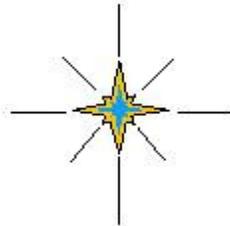
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THE HEAVENS DECLARE THE GLORY OF GOD

Recently I watched several documentaries on the solar system which displayed the wonders of creation beyond earth. The sad thing for me was that at no time during these programs was God given a mention or any credit for His amazing creation. It was as though the universe just appeared out of nowhere. The marvels being displayed in these films brought to mind the above words from Psalm 18. We who believe, only have to look up to the stars to be reminded of the wondrous **GLORY OF GOD**. As Advent approaches we are also invited to contemplate on the first Christmas night in Bethlehem when Mary gave birth to God's Son Jesus, our Saviour and Lord, who later from the cross declared Mary to be our mother also.

Despite the disruptions that the covid pandemic has caused worldwide, CSOE, has been able to present a number of courses throughout 2021 which have been very well attended. Sandra and her team of teachers have utilised ZOOM very creatively. Apart from a few minor hiccups most have proceeded smoothly. These courses attracted interstate participants as well as from overseas. During February and March Fr. Adam Samsel and his team presented 7 Young People in the Gospel to both youth and teachers in PNG.

The fruit of Sandra's studies produced a new course presented in October entitled **JACOB'S BLESSINGS** - Illuminate & Inspire Today. We looked at 12 windows painted by the artist Marc Chagall, which are situated at Hadassah University Hospital Synagogue, Ein Karem, Israel. The windows depict highlights from the lives of each of Jacob's sons. Sandra gave us many interesting points to ponder on the life and personality of each son. At the conclusion of each window we were invited to spend time in quiet contemplation and address several pertinent questions. This proved to be a very illuminating time for me where the Holy Spirit gently but firmly helped me respond. I was challenged particularly in my use of time, choices



and my response to other's needs. I believe the Lord is asking me to return to these questions regularly and I am very grateful to have participated.

Today our friend and fellow member of CSOE Edward Teye is to be ordained to the Society of the Divine Word in Keysborough, Melbourne. We congratulate Edward on this momentous occasion with a promise of our prayers, asking for God's continued protection and blessing on his ministry. Edward's life is a wonderful testimony of perseverance and faithfulness to God's call.

I extend my grateful thanks to all who have worked tirelessly throughout 2021, under difficult circumstances, to ensure the ongoing work and success of the CSOE. Thanks to all our prayer support team – your ministry is invaluable and special thanks to my fellow members of The Committee of Management. May our dear Lord bless us all and keep us always safe in His love and care and may you enjoy some time of refresh and renewal over Christmas and New Year.



Listening with heart

Meeting Luke, his Gospel and his Jesus in a 3-week session taught me a very important lesson and disposition in life, and that is to listen with my heart. By doing so, with the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit, I could also write and share something wonderful and special about the Lord who is present in every person and circumstance of our life. Thank you so much CSOE!

- Wency Provideo

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- ▶ ESTABLISHES PARISH EVANGELISATION TEAMS

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10 PILLARS - *Novo Millennio Ineunte*

1. Co-operation with Grace
2. Prayer
3. The Holy Eucharist
4. The Sacrament of Mercy
5. Listening to God's Word
6. Proclaiming God's Word
7. Marian devotion
8. Family life
9. Work
10. Suffering

THIRTY ATTRIBUTES OF THE LORD

1. He is my Restorer (*Ps 23:3*)
2. He is my Helper (*John 14:16*)
3. He is my Strength (*Isa 12:2*)
4. He is my Redeemer (*Isa 59:20*)
5. He is my Hope (*Ps 71:5*)
6. He is my patience (*Rom 15:5*)
7. He is my Truth (*John 14:6*)
8. He is my Resting Place (*Jer 50:6*)
9. He is my Overcomer (*John 16:33*)
10. He is my Light (*John 8:12*)
11. He is the Power of God (*1 Cor 1:24*)
12. He is my Bread of Life (*John 6:35*)
13. He is my Fortress (*Ps 18:2*)
14. He is my Refuge from the Storm (*Isa 25:4*)
15. He is my Everlasting Father (*Isa 9:6*)
16. He is the Author of My Faith (*Heb 12:2*)
17. He is my Deliverer (*Ps 70:5*)
18. He is my Counsellor (*Ps 16:7*)
19. He is my Peace (*Eph 2:14*)
20. He is my Rewarder (*Heb 11:6*)
21. He is my Healer (*Mal 4:2*)
22. He is my Shield (*Ps 33:20*)
23. He is my Wisdom of God (*1 Cor 1:24*)
24. He is my Purifier (*Mal 3:3*)
25. He is my Hiding Place (*Ps 32:7*)
26. He is my Shade from the Heat (*Isa 25:4*)
27. He is my Refiner. (*Mal. 3:2-3*)
28. He is my Resurrection (*John 11:25*)
29. He is the Lifter of My Head (*Ps 3:3*)
30. He is my Stronghold in the Day of Trouble (*Nah 1:7*)

EMMAUS COURSE – SCRIPTURE PEARLS

Elaine McGrath

Ephesians 3:17-19

When I first came into the Renewal I was a broken person, spiritually, mentally and lacking self-esteem. That was the beginning of my journey to know how much God loves me. Now this passage is my prayer for everyone, to know the length, the depth and the height of God's love.

Wency Provido

Matthew 28:20

"And teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

My precious and priceless pearl ...

My pearl of Scripture enables me to go on and continue to seek and follow God's will in my life despite the countless, insurmountable challenges along the way.

At times, just like the two disciples heading to Emmaus, I am tempted to give up and just turn my way back, but God, through His Word, sends help and encouragement, assuring me of His constant presence and love that will guide me all throughout. Like a lamp, God's Word continually brings light to my path, and like a fire it makes my heart blaze, drawing me to take part in the mission of proclaiming His Word in any group and age of people, and in any part of the world.

Just like everyone else, I had my own share of challenges brought by the Coronavirus pandemic. Amidst all these truly I could testify that God's Word indeed brings salvation and renews life. Thank you so much CSOE.

Rosemary Farrell

Psalms 139:13

"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb."

I was a forced adoptee, who didn't meet her mother at birth. My adoption was closed. After a law change I got my identity papers from the NSW government and found my biological mother and later my biological father. I was 53 years old. After my biological father died, my biological mother cut off all contact with me. The second rejection. It was at this low point that Ps. 139:13 was given to me.

This verse is significant to me because Brigita said these words in a healing prayer over me one year ago. I am a forced adoptee and had experienced the second rejection from my mother and I was unable to see clearly. The words of this Psalm reminded me, all that I am is of God, not of earth. It is God who created me, with purpose and meaning and love. It is God who wanted me to be born and to live and to love Him and my neighbours. Knowing this, through this verse, keeps me calm, loved, purposeful and glowing in God's love.

Marg Percy

Deuteronomy 6:4-6

I think Deut. 6:4-6 speaks to us telling us the ultimate way to express our love to what is most precious in our creation is to ***love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength' and hopefully we will always be in awe of His loving powerful presence.***

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Peter Murray

Matthew 18:20

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

I have been drawn to Mt 18:20. Through concerns I have with the course of society and the growing confusion affecting the Church. Only our Saviour can alleviate such problems and prayer and penance are foremost in any response. The gravity of the situation calls for dedicated efforts to foster prayer and Mt. 18:20 stands out as an incentive to do so. To this end, with a colleague, I am part of a weekly online group centred around the Rosary and prayers of an intercessory nature that emulate the format of *The Prayer of the Faithful*. *In this we seek to surrender our concerns to the goodness and love of our Lord, whilst encouraging widespread participation in groups of this nature.*

Pat Cooper

Matthew 9:2-8

This Scripture reminds me of what I call my own mountaintop experience when I was baptised in the Holy Spirit and I, like the disciples, didn't want to come down from the mountain.

Denise Illott

Ephesians 1:19-20

Following my experience of Baptism of the Holy Spirit at an ecumenical prayer meeting, I was anxious to purchase my own bible. I travelled from Camperdown to Warrnambool (a big deal for me about 38 years ago) and acquired a Good News translation. My pride and joy. The first scripture that was a real 'Epiphany' for

me came one morning about 5am before I went to milk the cows. I remember where I was sitting when I read from Ephesians 1:19-20 ... **“How very great is His power at work in us who believe.”** This power working in us is the same as the mighty strength which He used when He raised Christ from death and seated Him at His right side in the heavenly world.

Wow! The power that raised Jesus from the dead was working in me. Unbelievable! I was sooo excited, and still am. Jesus not only spoke on the road to Emmaus but can be revealed to us also through Scripture.

Lovelyn Hector

Psalm 138:8

It has an assurance of fulfilling His purpose in me. Often in troubled moments I would put the names of my children in the first line. **“For your love O Lord endures forever.”** Very satisfying to know his love endures forever, no matter what.

“Do not reject the work of your hands.” Again I can plead when my children or I do wrong, it is comforting to ask Him not to reject us, the work of His hands.

Ferdi Sedhoff

Matthew 11:28

Around 15 years ago when I started making this special Cross (right) I found Jesus in front of me with outstretched arms. He suddenly came to me and has never left me since.

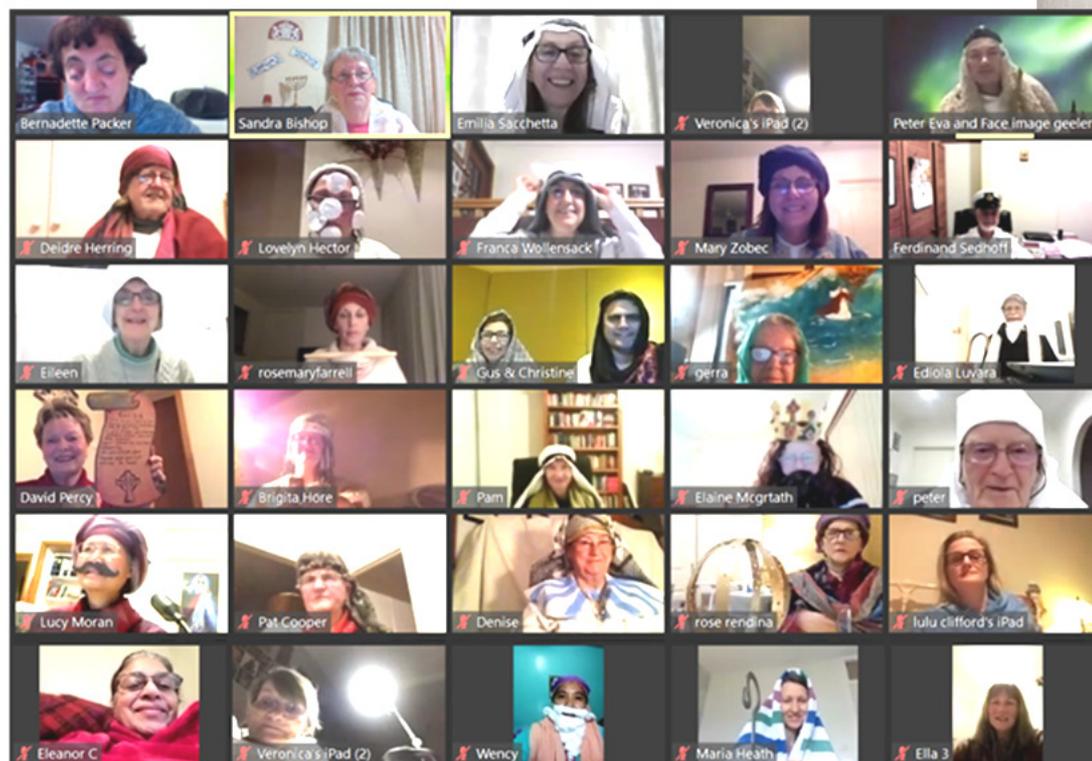
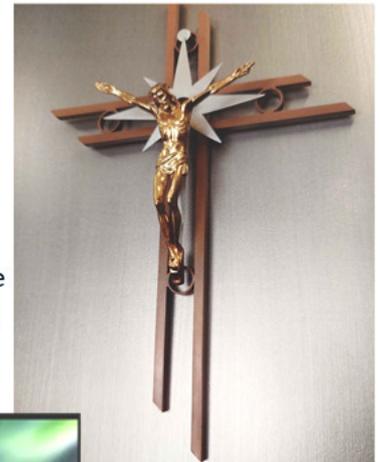


Photo on left:

Participants dressed up for the synagogue.

REFLECTIONS ON JACOB'S BLESSINGS

1. REUBEN first son of Leah

I can't help feeling sorry for Reuben. It must have been an unhappy family household. He felt his mother's lack of love from Jacob. Then he tried to spite his father by taking the concubine. He repented, but suffered the shame of his sin.

I have struggled to practice my FAITH, but I'm not aware of ever rejecting it for another way. It's a bit late in the day for me to beware of lust, but I am aware of the consequences of sin.

2. SIMEON second son of Leah

When I receive the Eucharistic Jesus, I acknowledge He came on earth to save us, so I come back constantly to receive Him. His warning of deceit and envy I realise is very relevant to me. I will try to be truthful.

3. LEVI third son of Leah

I try to "Fear the Lord your God with your whole heart", but sharing the Good News and leading others into the light of Christ? I'm not sure that I am. None of my children practice their FAITH. They do respect me, but just ignore or tolerate my FAITH practice. I continue to pray for them.

My Levi resolution is 'Do not seek to revenge any perceived insults.'

4. JUDAH fourth son of LEAH

My conscience does become deadened when I criticize and judge others. I try to be aware of this so, go to confession once a month. I am very careful of my money. I realised lately that I experience annoyance when I receive such a constant barrage from charitable organisations always asking for donations. I lost sight of how many people really need help. There is the matter of pride that is always lurking in the back of my mind, so I spend too much time worrying about what I will wear and what I look like!!!

5. Zebulun sixth son of Leah

His warning is one I need to take seriously. I've tried to rear and educate my children. To do this, I have had to train and retrain along the way.

My downfall is not with them, but the high degree of competition that is always there between my sisters and I. This always leads to long gaps between communicating and almost boasting when we do meet. My resolution is to take time to build a more trusting relationship with each of them.

6. Issachar fifth son of Leah

His warning: "Walk in singleness of your heart....seeking the will of God."

I try to go to Mass as often as it is available and to say the Rosary and go Exposition on Saturday morning (before Covid). I work in the welfare division of St. Vincent De Paul and a local pregnancy support group (Olivias Place). My Issachar resolution is to be available to my family. At Christmas time, I only give books, so I challenge the family to consider some things they would rather ignore.

7. Dan first son of Bilhah

Well, I don't like confrontation and fighting, so by nature I don't resort to these. However, that doesn't mean I don't harbour anger and envy in certain situations, even to the extent of imagining situations where I argue and deliver the punch line.

8. GAD first son of Zilpah

"In thy soul hold not guile....love one another in deed and in word."

When a sibling or neighbor offends me, I generally keep my distance and let it blow over, rather than discussing it- lack of courage actually.

My resolution is to make a greater and more concerted effort to be on closer terms with my sisters.

9. ASHER second son of Zilpah

Asher seems to be the most pleasant of all the sons. He knows that people like good food. By supplying this, he is peaceful and able to heed the commandments of the Lord.

My resolution is to always be happy and at peace.

10. NAPHTALI second son of Bilhah

Support all organisations that are upholding Christian beliefs and refuse to accept the Godless way of life we have here.

My resolution is to protest against the new legislation that our Premier is trying to get through Parliament.

11. Joseph first son of Rachel

He is an example of trying always to follow God's way. He warns us to love one another by disregarding another's faults.

My resolution from him is to not just make occasional gestures, but embark on a consistent program of reconciliation with my sisters.

12. BENJAMIN second son of Rachel

My resolution here, is the same as for Joseph.

REFLECTIONS ON JACOB'S BLESSINGS

Jacob's blessings were received beautifully by me! I hope he continues.

Chagall mesmerises me and I hope and pray I find time to find out more about him. I hope my curiosity will see me meet him at heaven's door, just as his parents did. I am still reflecting on the course.

Reuben – lust. Thank God I am saved from this sin.

Simeon – deceit. There are some areas for improvement especially what is termed as 'white lies'. I am not envious.

Levi – fear the Lord. Yes I do. I need to share the Good News and bring others into the light of Christ. If I can get my son D.... in that will be a great blessing.

Judah – fornication and love of money. Again, praise God. When my conscience is obscured I run to confession. I do love the Sacrament of Confession.

Zebulun – division. My family is very much divided. When I was much younger I was instrumental in causing trouble. But I have repented and I am now the one that tries and binds us together. Very difficult, but I try. Mostly, I resort to silence.

Issachar – seeking the will of God. I need to work on this more. Working full time does not help me much.

Dan – spirit of lying. I don't practice

lies. Again my worry here is white lies, fun lies.

Gad – love one another. Not very easy but I try my best.

Asher – heed the commandments. Again I try very much.

Naphtali – saving souls. I only pray for them. I pray for the souls in my own family especially my children and husband that we should make it to heaven.

Joseph – hide faults. I practice this a little bit not to embarrass others. Should practice it deeper when it comes to my colleagues. I leave it to their self-realisation when they say or do things against me.

Benjamin – flee evil. Awakening, indeed I need a deep awakening.

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Reflection.... MARC CHAGALL

Very interesting to hear your comments about Marc Chagall and see the details as you describe them. Like everybody else, I would be lost in the colour and in the maze of references, most of which would be lost to the average viewer without a guide.

As a matter of interest, I was living in London when Chagall completed the ceiling of the Paris Opera House. We all rushed over at the first opportunity and booked to see Troilus and Cressida only so we could see the ceiling. No one had any money and our seats were up in the gods which meant we saw about a third of the stage and a distortion of the ceiling.

Will:

Reflection.... ISSACHAR'S WARNING:

*To practice discernment when decisions are being made and always include the will of GOD in the equation and if you believe that discernment is not one of your attributes, seek a person whom is known to have this GOD given gift of Discernment.

*Praise be to God for all the life changing courses I have participated in with CCR & CSOE through the past approx. 27 years and still now, currently participating with you in the CSOE course, 'Jacob's Blessings' and 'Metanoia' with The Way P/G. I will forever thank the Lord, because all these courses have truly nurtured me with an abundance of Spiritual Treasures over the years and I pray for God's intercession as I try to discern how to pass on these Spiritual Treasures to all who have ears....especially for all who are in need.

Rose

JACOB'S BLESSING COURSE

Thanks for the Jacob's Blessings Course. I can definitely see that you spent many, many hours researching the windows. The following is my homework:

REUBEN

First question: I was impatient waiting on God's answer to one of my prayers. My prayer was answered, although it took at least 10 years. I do believe he answered it, in his perfect way and his perfect time!!

Inspiration: I am inspired to be patient and trust God.

SIMEON

First question: I feel so privileged that I'm able to receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist (when we are not in lockdown!!). I also feel very honoured and privileged that I am an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. The Eucharistic Host is spiritual food for my soul.

Inspiration: Always be honest and never be envious of others.

LEVI

First question: I try to spread the Good News of Jesus to family and friends but sometimes I fail! Sometimes it's easier to sit quietly if people around me have little or no faith.

Resolution: Be courageous and zealous! Spread the Good News of Jesus!

JUDAH

1st question: I turn back to God by going to Confession and asking for forgiveness.

My inspired resolution: Truly believe that God is merciful and loving. All I need to do is repent and ask for forgiveness.

ZEBULUN

1st question: I believe my God-given treasure is sharing my testimony with others and hopefully leading them back to God. Also, I try my best to show love and kindness to everyone in my life.

My inspired resolution: Continue to share my testimony and show love and kindness to everyone.

ISSACHAR

1st question: I thank God for each new day and have learnt to Praise Him on good and bad days! Also I share God's love and mercy, by trying my best to share my testimony with others.

My inspired resolution: To thank and praise God everyday!

DAN

1st question: When I was younger, I was envious of others. I also remember being angry with certain people that hurt me by their words and actions. My faith has helped me to forgive them.

My inspired resolution: To be grateful and thankful for everyone and everything in my life, with God's help. Also, to continue to forgive others who have hurt me.

GAD

1st question: When I was offended by certain people, I was angry and very upset. As my faith and belief in God became deeper, I was able to forgive them.

My inspired resolution: To love and forgive unconditionally.

ASHER

1st question: Talking to others about my faith and sharing my testimony.

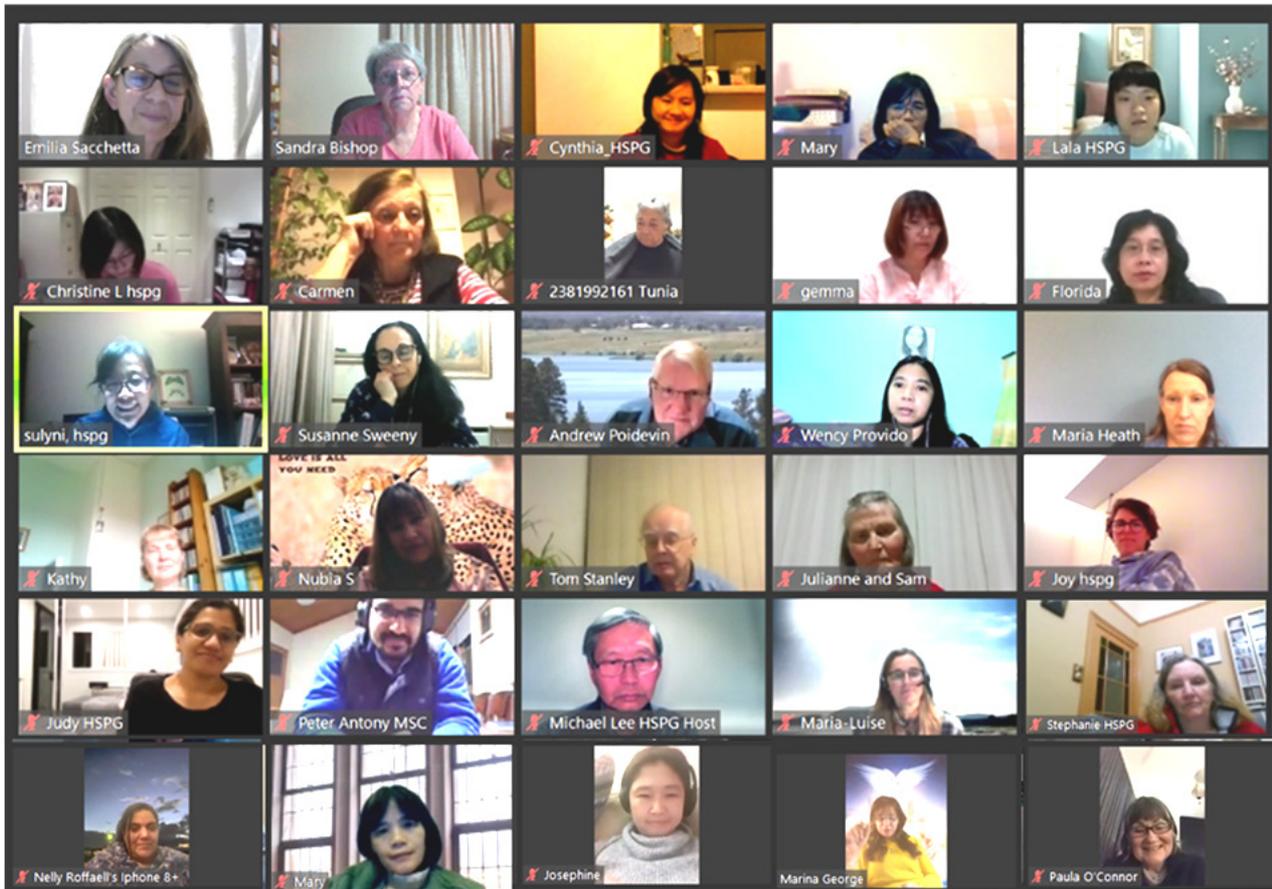
My inspired resolution: To keep the commandments and truly follow Jesus.

From Franca

Participants below



JAMES COURSE – SEPTEMBER 2021



Cynthia Dew

The study has given practical guidance on how to live our faith day to day. The wisdom is based on the Word of God, to be aware of what we are tempted by, and how to discern the words. There are also consequences for not being able to discern well.

Wency Provide

THE TWO FUNDAMENTAL PILLARS OF DISCERNMENT: **Silence and Prayer**
My biggest take away from James Discerning course. As I continue to seek God's will for my life, I learned to appreciate and value more silence and prayer. I would only hear God's voice if I allow Him to speak to me especially through His Word, in solitude and in prayer. May I learn from the discerning posture of Mary and be able to say, **"May it be done to me according to Your Word."** Thankyou HSPG and CSOE for continually drawing us closer to our Lord.

Paula

Discerning James course makes me want to meet James!

Florida

Discerning James course is very relevant and practical in daily Christian life. The course is well presented. Drawn to read the Bible.

Andrew

From all the wisdom that we have learnt from the

seven pages of the Letter of James, makes you hungry to explore the whole 1,585 pages in total in the Bible.

Lala

Discerning James course well presented. One part that spoke to me, to my heart, is to be alert and that Satan can be disguised to be good.

Gemma

Discerning James course has made me fall in love with the Word of God. Bells ringing in the courses imprinted in my memory. One particular bell is Faith must be practiced ... practiced ... practiced.

Christine

It is a beautiful course. The homework reinforces the lessons and with a good finish.

Michael

Discerning James course challenges us to put our Faith into practice.

Anonymous

I have read the Letter of James before. James course brought me to a deeper level of spirituality.

Tunia

A very good course. It is very practical everyday life.

Anonymous

Discerning James course has brought awareness to my weakness; and now I have tried to put into action – slow to speak.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The song 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' is an English Carol. From 1558 until 1829 Roman Catholics in England were not permitted to practice their faith openly. During that era someone wrote this carol as a catechism song for young Catholics. It has two levels of meaning – the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the Church. The 'True Love' is of course, Jesus Christ, because truly Love was born on Christmas Day. The partridge in the pear tree also represents Him because that bird is willing to sacrifice its life if necessary, to protect its young by feigning injury to draw away predators.

- ◆ The 2 turtle doves were the Old and New Testaments.
- ◆ The 3 French hens stood for faith, hope and love.
- ◆ The 4 calling birds were the 4 gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke & John.
- ◆ The 5 golden rings represented the first 5 books of the O.T.
- ◆ The 6 geese a-laying stood for the 6 days of creation.
- ◆ The 7 swans a-swimming represented the sevenfold gifts of the H.S.
- ◆ The 8 maids a-milking were the 8 beatitudes.
- ◆ The 9 ladies dancing were the 9 fruits of the H.S.
- ◆ The 10 lords a-leaping were the 10 Commandments.
- ◆ The 11 pipers piping stood for the 11 faithful Apostles.
- ◆ The 12 drummers symbolised the 12 points of belief in the Creed.

Original source: Fr Calvin Goodwin, FSSP.

GOOD HABITS

Daily Thanksgiving – Patsy

About 30 years ago, my sister and I were following daily reflections in a book by a lady in England. I can't recall who she was, or much else we learned, but recording daily thanksgivings is the only thing I do remember. From that time then, I've kept the practice of writing down four Thanksgivings to God for blessings I've received in my diary each evening. I don't even know if my sister does this or not.

Communion Line – Janine

Many years ago a priest suggested that as we line up for Holy Communion at Mass we could pray God's blessing upon the person ahead of us in the queue. I have continued that 'Good Habit' at each Mass for about 30 years now. I hope this habit bears good fruit.

Good News before Bad News – Maryann

By this I mean that I make sure I read the Gospel of the day BEFORE I listen to news on the radio, or look at electronic news feeds or read the newspaper.

My Good Habit – Lovelyn

My Monday bible study with the team. This is useful every week to dedicate my time with the group. The deeper understanding of the bible, especially the Old Testament, and self with regards to the 'Application' by Scott Hahn is very helpful.

My Good Habit – Kaye

I have always kept a diary of sorts, so in 2011, when I was introduced to a Scripture Diary at my Prayer Group, I thought, "Something

different". The Scripture Diary I refer to is the one published by the Scripture Diary Ministries at the Carmelite Monastery in Kew, Victoria.

When my diary arrived, I read the introductory pages, and there started the Good Habit. The diary has a weekly reflection, daily references for Mass readings, the Liturgical Year, Seasons and Feasts. Each day I reflect on the Responsorial Psalm and so I am set for all the day has to offer.

What started out as a small step, now 10 years on, is a daily habit. My 2022 diary has just arrived. Thank you Lord for the gifts my diary brings me each day.

Rosary Habit – Rose

My daily or shall I say nightly habit is to place my Rosary Beads under my pillow before I go to sleep.

Daily App – Sandra

I like the App 'Pray as you Go' to start the day or even to end the day ... Lovely music to start and then a reflection on the day's Gospel.

School time

In a Catholic school cafeteria, a nun places a note in front of a pile of apples,

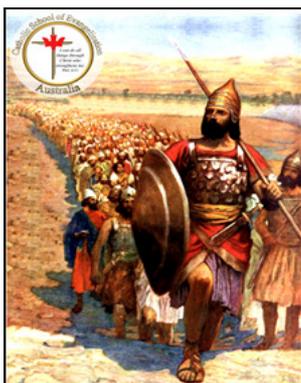
"Only take one. God is watching."

Further down the line is a pile of cookies a little boy makes his own note,

"Take all you want. God is watching the apples."



John Dykun



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A silhouette of a person in a prayerful posture, with hands clasped, set against a blue sky with light clouds. The person is on the left side of the frame.

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OF DISCERNMENT:

Silence and Prayer

My biggest takeaway from James Discerning course. As I continue to seek God's will for my life, I learned to appreciate and value more silence and prayer. I would only hear God's voice if I allow Him to speak to me especially through His Word, in solitude and in prayer. May I learn from the discerning posture of Mary and be able to say "May it be done to me according to Your Word." Thank you HSPG and CSOE for continually drawing us closer to our Lord. -Wency Provideo