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Our Mission Statement: The All Saints Catholic Community is a fully integrated, multicultural community with English as its unifying language. It is an open, warm, welcoming, inclusive community that prays together and celebrates its unity in diversity.

July 7, 2015 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings (*Missalette* p 29 et seqq.): Ez 2:2-5 • Ps 123:1-4 • 2 Cor 12:7-10 • Mk 6:1-6a

Celebrant: Fr Herbert Gillessen

Fear and faith are both beliefs

Fear and faith have been contrasted in the Gospels of the last two Sundays. It was Jesus' presence and healing touch that overcame all fears. He said to the woman who suffered hemorrhage for 12 years: "Your faith has saved you!" and reassured Jairus: "Do not be afraid, just have faith!"

Faith and fear appear to be opposites, but if you peel off the cover, you will realize that they are the same inside: beliefs. The differences are: faith believes that good things will happen and fear believes that bad things will happen. The problem is that they are so powerful because they are beliefs and beliefs create our reality. This is why Jesus would often tell those whom he healed: "Your faith has healed you." The same is the reason why Jesus could not convert many in his hometown because they did not believe in Him.

What you believe in, will happen. When we have fear, we create the very thing we are afraid of.

Since faith and fear are beliefs, they are also expectations: fear expects problems, faith expects blessings. And the universe adjusts to our expectations! Even if problems come up in our lives, faith turns them into blessings. We can ask ourselves: what do I expect to happen today? Problems or blessings? It all depends on what occupies our mind: fear or faith? Jesus would ask the same question He asked His disciples: "Why do you fear? Do you not yet have faith?"

We should have faith in our hearts and expect blessings. Blessings are limitless because God loves us and gives us everything we need in our lives to be happy and become the source of joy, happiness and blessings to other people. From today on we should expect life to get better and become happier. Albert Einstein said: "There are two ways of living your life: One is to live as though nothing is a miracle. The other one is to live as though everything is a miracle." This is why we celebrate the Eucharist every Sunday and in so doing, we celebrate life as a miracle and say '*eucharisto*' to God, meaning: thank you, Lord. With faith in our hearts we hear again Jesus saying: "Go in peace, your faith has saved you!" **Fr. Jun Ocampo SVD**

Welcome to All Saints! Many of us are gone for the summer and return in August but would like to welcome you to our community. A few events to look forward to:

- **First Communion/Confirmation Parent's Meeting on Sunday, August 30th after Mass. Contact Jenny: jgebhar@yahoo.de**
- **Fall Family Bazaar on Saturday, September 5th. Contact Heide: h.doblhofer@t-online.de**
- **Welcome BBQ Potluck on Sunday, September 13th after Mass. Please bring a side-dish.**

Have a great summer everyone!

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