

WELCOME HOME

CONNECT WITH GOD. CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER.



BE GRATEFUL EVEN FOR IMPERFECTIONS



GRUMPY Grandma Gladys was the crankiest old woman in town.

One day, she announced to her family, "I want a pet. It's gotta be perfect!" Boy, did her family have a hard time finding a pet for her!

A nephew gave her a cat. "Too clingy," she said and returned it. A niece gave her a turtle. "Too slow," she said and returned it too.

Finally, they found a *genius* dog. He was spectacular. So they gave it to her, crossing their fingers she'd like it. The next day, the family saw Grandma Gladys playing chess with the dog!

They said, "Aunt Gladys, that's the smartest dog in the world!"

She smirked, "Nah, I'm returning him too. Would you believe? He's lost 3 of our last 5 games..."

Do you want to be happy? Don't be like Grumpy Grandma who wants everything perfect.

Learn to be grateful even for the imperfections of life.

Today, we have a special message on gratitude.

May your dreams come true,

BO SANCHEZ

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INTERPRETATIONS AND APPLICATIONS

MY grade school teacher gave us the list of ingredients for the next day's cooking class. We brought all the ingredients, and then she gave us the instructions on how to cook *pork sinigang*. We formed different groups following only one instruction, but our dishes ended up tasting differently. One was too sour, one ended up too salty, and another ended up too spicy. For the others, the meat was still half-cooked; in the other group, the vegetables were overcooked.

Looking back, our teacher had one specific list of ingredients and one thorough cooking instruction, but our interpretation and application made the difference in our dishes.

It's the same with the Catholic Church. We all read the same Bible, and we generally have the same belief, but how we interpret and apply what we know usually differ. Today at Feast Bay Area Sync, it's our pleasure to have Fr. Bob McConaghay to answer the questions about our Catholic faith that we have really been meaning to ask for a long time.

I pray that we listen more to the instructions of Jesus, our Great Teacher. May we deeply understand His call and keep on learning His ways. And may we all be living on faith, with one hope, and in unity with our God.

Blessing and healing,

DIDYO LUBATON



TREASURES
WHY REMAIN CATHOLIC?
BIG DAY



**Today's
Bible Readings**

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| 1st Reading: | Ez 18:25-28 |
| Psalm: | Ps 125:4-9 |
| 2nd Reading: | Ph 2:1-11 |
| Gospel: | Mt 21:28-32 |

BLESSING BLOG

GOD ALLOWS

Rico and Bianca Gonzalez share to Ariel Gozon how attending Sync since last year has blessed their lives.

THEY FOUGHT HARD TO GET MARRIED.

It was after the birth of little Sophia when Bianca became an estranged wife. During this challenging part of her life, she met Rico, who was then actively serving in another charismatic community. As they served God together, they eventually fell in love, and like any couple, they enjoyed their partnership. However, Bianca's situation made their marriage a mere dream they might never obtain as a blessing. But because of their faith, they still asked God in prayer what their hearts long for. And as they prayed for their dream, they acted on it.

While they were on the process of completing the requirements needed for their marriage, they also discovered and attended The Feast. With prayers and action, every barrier kept getting pushed away -- Bianca's petition for annulment was granted, and their marriage license was cleared. Their prayer to be united as one with God's blessing came true; their Church wedding pushed through last July 2016.

THEY HAVE TO OVERCOME ANOTHER TRIAL.

However, the couple had another battle to overcome. Bianca who diagnosed with Lupus (SLE) in 2013, eventually had to give up her career. It was a blessing that she heeded the call to attend Bro. Bo Sanchez's seminar, "How to Heal Yourself Naturally" this year. There, she met Bro. Didoy Lubaton, whom she now treats as her personal health, spiritual, and life mentor. Eventually, the couple attend Sync after Bro Didoy's invitation. A week later, they joined the LUX Retreat for couples. There, they were introduced to Bro Troy and Sis Klara Escartin, who serves as the Sync's Couples Ministry Heads. After this series of events, things have become clearer for the couple -- **God calls them to serve at FBA Sync.**

THEY WERE CALLED TO SERVE.

In that same week, they decided to commit to the SYNC session, God's blessings started pouring in. Their marriage grew stronger and their faith deepened. Bianca noticed her lupus flares became less frequent, so she decided to get back into her career. She received four job offers all in the same week! "I felt in SYNC with God, my body, mind,



Rico and Bianca Gonzales, together with their daughter Sophia, spend their Sundays at Sync, enjoying every session as a family.



spirit, family, and career," says Bianca as she recalled her experience. While Rico, who has been searching for deeper ways to serve God, found his home at Sync. They are now active members of Sync's Couples Ministry, while their daughter Sophia, actively enjoys attending the Sync Awesome Kids and meeting new friends as well.

Sync family helped and pushed them forward to find and fulfill their purpose, which is to love and serve others through a ministry.

Rico added, "We were once broken, then The Feast turned our brokenness to a blessing, and Sync drove our blessings to a Godly purpose."

Do you have a similar story or an inspiring story to share? Email your story to hello@fbasync.com and be a blessing to others!

RECAP FROM LAST SUNDAY

Gospel Reading According to Matthew 20:1-16



GOD'S WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS.

- Fr. Joel Jason

Is God unfair? Sometimes, we find it hard to understand God and His plans for our lives. We usually focus on the problems and the small aspects of our lives without seeing the bigger picture. But all we have to do is to trust in God's wisdom, for once we do, we will be secured no matter what our circumstances may be.

SERIES: TREASURES

Big Day

Big Message: "Find your Treasure"

Our Catholic faith has a rich history that reveals the beauty of our faith. Aside from understanding our history, we are reminded to take part in the Holy Eucharist, and to be with our heavenly family that includes Mary and the Saints. But above all these, as Catholics, we have to dig deep into our hearts and rediscover the treasure, which is the foundation of our faith, and that is Jesus Christ. He is the "Treasure of our treasures". Once we find Him, we are home.



CELEBRATE THE PRESENCE OF JESUS IN THE HOLY MASS



LOOK DEEP INTO YOUR HEART AND FIND THE TREASURE THAT HAS BEEN PLANTED THERE. FIND JESUS.



JESUS IS THE TREASURE OF ALL TREASURES



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▲ Sync's Awesome Kids Ministry having fun while they dance and sing to praise songs!

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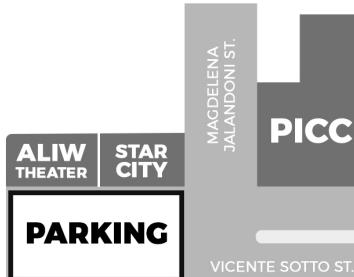
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1 CHRONICLES 16:29

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