

2024: THE YEAR THAT WAS

IT's a New Year! So, let's celebrate! Let's have BEER! It's not what you think. Not the booze that sold like, well, beer, during the holidays.

Rev. Fr Eliseo Santos, in his Homily during the Opening Mass of FEAST CONFERENCE 2024 last November, gave us a different meaning of BEER: Bible, Eucharist, Express Love, Rosary...

If you were at the FEASTCON, you enjoyed his Homily and yes, felt truly blessed-- just like in the rest of The FEAST 2024.

That's why we love to reminisce every Feast every Year That Was.





Come, join us down memory lane and be blessed by the Good News brought to us by the Lord in The FEAST 2024 through our Feast Builders.

Here, Fr. Cris Cellan and Sis. Marowe Sanchez with our Feast Builders, from left: Bro. John Ben Rodriguez, Bro. JC Libiran, Bro. Bo Sanchez, Bro. Audee Villaraza, Bro. Alvin Barcelona, and Bro. Didoy Lubaton.

Thank You, Lord, for The FEAST 2024!

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



JANUARY 2024

The FEAST FAMILY online newsmagazine usually started with a message by our founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez about the Feast Talk for the Sunday when our issue would be posted.

In 2024, *The FEAST FAMILY* began with a major announcement by Bro. Bo:

Hi!

We let Bro. Audee Villaraza write the Talk for The Feast January 7, 2024.

Community needs to see other leaders such as Bro. Audee Villaraza and Bro. Alvin Barcelona greet them too once in a while.

Thanks!

May your dreams come true, Bo Sanchez



Bro. Audee Villaraza announced the first Feast Talk in 2024:





Based on Philippians 1



AND I AM CERTAIN THAT GOD, WHO BEGAN THE GOOD WORK WITHIN YOU,
WILL CONTINUE HIS WORK UNTIL IT IS FINALLY
FINISHED ON THE DAY WHEN CHRIST JESUS RETURNS.

Key Message: Make this year a chance for God to continue the work He began in you... Because until you allow the work of the Lord to start in you again, it will never continue....My prayer for all of you today is that you would allow God to continue the work that He started in you on Day 1. And to allow Him to not just continue this year but to complete you this year.

FEBRUARY 2024

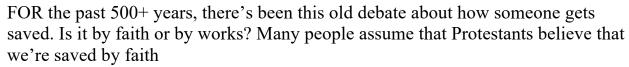
Bro. Bo Sanchez began a new Feast Talk on January 14, 2024, titled

TABLE TALKS: Community Recipes of Love, about embracing our family identity, family vision, and our common strategy for fulfilling this high vision.

The FEAST FAMILY February 2024 continued *Table Talks*.



Faith vs. Works?



and Catholics believe that we're saved by works.

But that's not true. In a very real sense, the "faith vs. works" argument is a false dichotomy. Because faith is *not* just believing the right doctrine. It's not ticking off whether you mentally assent that Jesus is God. Instead, *faith is trusting Jesus with your whole life*. It's a discipleship relationship of surrender. Ultimately, you follow Him forever.

Here's how I express it: "I'm not saved by faith or by works. I'm saved by Grace. And the only reason I can have any kind of faith or do any kind of good work is by His unstoppable Grace."

This perspective goes beyond doctrines.

This paradigm—that "everything is grace"—overflows on what kind of church we will build in this world.



MARCH 2024

A new Feast Talk series:



Talk



Excerpts...

BRO. AUDEE VILLARAZA:

We're starting a new series today called *MESSY SAINTS*. We're going to take a deep dive into 1 Corinthians— a letter from the apostle Paul to the people of Corinth.

What's awkward about this letter is that Paul

is revealing the ugliness of what's happening in Corinth. (Located in Peloponnese,

Greece, now known as Archaia Korinthos.)

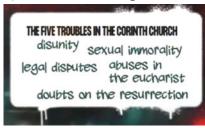
He's revealing skeletons in the closet. The letter was a private conversation between Paul and the Corinth community. The community was like a home church, like our Feast Lights which has 10-30 members per home. Most probably, a total of 150 parishioners...

... When everything is going wrong in the community, ministry, and life itself, the simple advice of Paul is this:

"Always go back to the beginning. Always Go Back to the Cross."

When you look at the Cross, you will wonder what can be greater than the Cross. Who else sacrificed the way Jesus did? Nobody.

Today, we have this privilege of going back to Him. To see Jesus clearing the Temple again. To point us in the right direction. Nothing else matters-- only Jesus.





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APRIL 2024

A Special Mini Series:



BRO. AUDEE VILLARAZA:

Excerpts:

We are going to do a four-Sunday talk mini-series before we launch into another long series. This special series is called *Raised to Life*.

We are going to try to answer the question: "What does it mean to be truly raised to life with Jesus?"

What is the evidence that you are being raised by Jesus?

It's through L.I.F.E:

...Sometimes, when you love, there is pain. If you get love without getting hurt, then you have never really loved. Even God got hurt when He was rejected by many of us. But the difference between God's love and our love is that even if God gets hurt, He doesn't get tired of loving you.

Love
Identity
Fulfillment
Eternity

BRO. BO SANCHEZ:

We're a bunch of imperfect people-- who are struggling, who fail. But you know what? We're doing it together. We're reaching out to the Lord every week and we're saying, "Lord God, come."

The perfect people don't come here. But because we're imperfect, we need God.

Let us not give up meeting, as some are in the habit of doing.

But let us encourage one another and all the more
as you see the Day approaching. --Hebrews 10:25.

MAY 2024

Brand-new Feast Talk Series



Talk



Excerpts:

BRO. AUDEE VILLARAZA:

While there are some people who are good at managing their emotions, some of us are not very good at that. Why? We have two reasons:

- 1. We have trouble labelling our emotions.
- 2. We have trouble leading our emotions.

Those two problems go hand-in-hand. You cannot lead something that you're unable to label. If you cannot label it, you cannot lead it.

BRO. BO SANCHEZ:

God created us with emotions. He could have created us as robots. If He made us as robots, we would have been more efficient. But why did God give us emotions?

I have a hunch. Every emotion has a purpose-- even the darkest ones.

For many people, emotions like happiness, gratitude, and peace are all good emotions. But emotions like anger, fear, and worry are all bad emotions.



We need to re-program our mind and say, "No, there are no such things as bad emotions."

There are only bad ways of leading them. Each emotion carries a gift.

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JUNE 2024

This month, Bro. Bo wrapped up the Feast series *FEEL:* Why Your Emotions Matter with a summary of gifts each emotion carries, and highlighting the special gift of happiness.

The Special Gift of Happiness

Every time we talk about difficult, troublesome emotions, we learn that they carry a special gift.



Shame calls us to build our identity in God's love.



Fear invites us to trust the only trustworthy Person.



Anger makes us strong to confront but also tells us to let God handle justice.



Sadness tells us to stop so we can heal.



Jealousy tells us to discern our desires and declare that we're made for more.



Happiness. What is the special gift of Happiness? You'll be blown away by this: The Special Gift of Happiness is to be in the present moment.

Whenever you are happy, it is a call to be present in the moment. To be *here*. To be *now*. We tend to live with the regrets of our past or to think about the worries of the future.

Happiness says, "Stop. Taste and see that the Lord is good."

Bro. Bo also introduced a new series titled *RESTED*, based on the Sabbath.



Excerpts:

There are some of you whose lifestyle is depleting little by little. You don't know it but it's siphoning your health and your family. In a way, it's also taking away your love, inner peace and joy. It's collapsing the infrastructure of your life.



God rested. But here we are acting like supermen, superwomen, acting like little gods -- not resting.

JULY 2024

Jubilee Year

As our Catholic Church celebrates the year 2025 as our Jubilee Year, the month of July is significant for The FEAST as this is the month we learn about the Jubilee Year which was Talk 4 our series *RESTED*.



Our Catholic Church sets a period of remission, or cancellation, from the penal or punishment consequences of sin under certain conditions for a year, usually at intervals of 25 years. https://www.google.com/search? Definitions from Oxford Languages

Talk 4 highlighted the Sabbath Year and the Jubilee Year for the Israelites. The Sabbath Year means one whole year of rest for the land and its workers. After 7 Sabbath Years or 49 years, they celebrate the Jubilee Year, the 50th year, during which time slaves would be emancipated, debts would be forgiven.

Excerpts:

BRO. DIDOY LUBATON:

After six years of planting and pruning, that land needs a year of rest to recover. The farmer has a scientific basis for this, and it's called "fallowing."

But the Bible is reminding us not just of the scientific but also of the practical and spiritual aspects of resting the land.

Imagine: Picture yourself having a one-year vacation. You'd be anxious: "How will I eat? Who's going to pay my bills? Who's going to send my kids to school? Who's going to pay for my Lazada orders?"

But it can also get you excited especially if you know that God provides. God will ensure that you will be given what you need...

The Sabbath gives us time and energy to stay still and remember our core identity: "We--you and I-- are God's beloved."

Through the Sabbath time-- the pause-- we remember that we are the beloved of God. You and the people around you are beautiful, amazing, loving, and phenomenal. We are family in the Light of Jesus in The Feast--that is one of the gifts of the Sabbath...

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AUGUST 2024

Yes, August 3, 1997, is The FEAST birthday! So, *The FEAST FAMILY* August 4, 2024, starts with *The Feast Letters* section of Bro. Randy Borromeo, reminiscing our happy 27 Years.

The FEAST Year 27

Happy Anniversary

IF you're a regular Feaster, you know our Light of Jesus
Family began when Bro. Gene Sanchez and our Tita Pilar attended a Charismatic gathering

and eventually started a prayer meeting at the garage of their home at 56 Chicago St., Quezon City. They celebrated their first anniversary on September 9, 1980. The following week, on September 16, 1980, their youngest son Bo, then only 14 years old, led the prayer meeting.

Every quarter, we held a General Assembly called Victory Celebration with Jesus which

eventually became **The Feast** starting on August 3, 1997.

Above, that's Bro, Bo leading our Feast at our first venue, the Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City.

Yes, The Feast is now 27 years old! The traditional LOJ General Assembly is now what we call our Grand Feast. Like our Grand Feast of our Feast Bay Area last Sunday, July 27, 2024.

In this issue, we share with you images of our celebration as our Feast has remained the happiest place to be.

"Happy" does not mean we don't struggle through the challenges of building and sustaining our Community. There are trials big and small. Like Typhoon Carina last Sunday, causing power interruptions-- so that our sound system conked out now and then. That explains why our founder, Bro. Bo Sanchez, was using a huge megaphone to continue blessing us with God's Word.

No, nothing can stop God's Feast. Happy Anniversary to us all!



All for God's Glory,

Randy Borromeo

Media Ministry
Executive Director



SEPTEMBER 2024

The FEAST FAMILY this month saw a first in the history of our Light of Jesus Feast: Bro. Bo Sanchez delivering with his son, Bible nerd Bene, the new Feast Talk series Come and See: A Bible Study on John.

But instead of standing onstage, look: they are sitting on a couch, just chatting, like father and son, but actually discussing profound, if not mind-boggling analysis of how the Apostle John wrote the Gospel --so that we can, yes, come and see, and most important, experience Jesus. Excerpts:



OCTOBER 2024

Something different. That's what we saw this October.

We're still on the Feast Talk Series Come and See: A Bible on Study on John.

It's a *study*, so, as we said, Apostle John's version of the Gospel could be mind-boggling.

To make learning the Gospel less tedious, Bro. John Ben Rodriguez does something different.

He presents two chapters right away: John 3 and John 4 to compare the different ways two persons-- Nicodemus, the Pharisee, and the Samaritan Woman-- encountered Jesus.



BRO. JOHN BEN RODRIGUEZ:

We're still on our series, *Come and See*. This series is about breaking down the Gospel of John, verse by verse.

Today, we're doing something different. I'm excited to share this with you. We will multitask in studying *The Book of John*. We're doing two chapters: John 3 and John Chapter 4.

These two stories from Chapters 3 and 4 are parallel. The author, John, intended for us to do it this way to see and compare the difference of these two persons encountering Jesus. We meet two persons with different backgrounds here. One person has power and authority. The other person was treated with shame in society. One person was a teacher of the law, and the other person was a violator of the law.

Here they are with Jesus: Nicodemus, the Pharisee (right) and the Samaritan Woman (extreme right).

Sounds familiar? It's like a drama series. There is the rich and the poor. There is the protagonist and the antagonist. That's why John wrote it as a reflective literature (a critical analysis of an experience





on how it impacted the reader and what one plans to do with the new knowledge).

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BRO. JOHN BEN RODRIGUEZ:

Although there were many differences, there was something common between the two: They both needed Jesus.

That's why they met Jesus. They encountered Jesus. I believe that we all need Jesus. I believe this because it was said that Jesus met the Samaritan Woman at noon, and He met Nicodemus at night. This means that in different seasons of our lives, we need Jesus.

I don't know about you. It may be nighttime in your life right now.

Everything seems dark. You're losing hope. Bills are piling up. You don't know what to do with the problems...

JESUS MEETS YOU WHERE YOU ARE.

Go to Jesus! He will meet you.

NOVEMBER 2024

Speaking of learning, November is the month of our biggest inspirational learning event, the FEAST CONFERENCE.

This month, *The FEAST FAMILY* came out with the FEAST CONFERENCE 2024 Special one on Day 1, and another one on Day 2



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We issue another Special on Day 3, together with The FEAST FAMILY

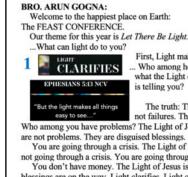
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DAY 1 NOVEMBER 22, 2024 Opening Mass

REV. FR. ELISEO SANTOS:

We need *BEER* every day: Bible, Eucharist, Express Love, Rosary... ...When we do things with great love,

we will be channels of His grace and others will be enlightened.



Welcome!



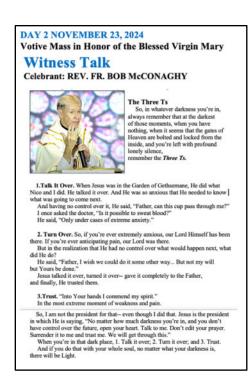
First, Light makes things clearer. Who among here have failures in life? You know what the Light of Jesus is telling you?

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.







Plenary Talk 2

The Talk in Plenary 2 is a conversation, interview style, between Bro. Bo Sanchez and special guest Jonathan Roumie.

Jonathan Roumie is an American actor playing the role of Jesus in *The Chosen*, an American Christian television historical drama, a worldwide megahit show.



What part of the Human Jesus do you love the most, as you play Jesus?

Oh... You know, I think it's almost impossible to go through your entire life without laughing. And so, I think being able to find those moments where Jesus can actually laugh and enjoy His relationships with people, enjoy

people's pleasure when they receive the miracle, or when they receive a healing, being able to watch them, as Jesus sees their lives transformed, and taking the joy in giving something to them.



I think those were my favorite—those moments Jesus getting to laugh, getting to smile, getting to take pleasure in creation and in healing people.

DECEMBER 2024



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MERRY CHRISTMAS, BELOVED FEASTERS:

It's been a fruitful and joyful year for us at The FEAST.

And yes, I believe that it's by no accident that we end every year celebrating Christmas.

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Yet, in a world that's getting noisier and darker, we are always reminded that CHRISTMAS is CHRIST.

... And where CHRIST is, there will be peace, joy, faith, hope, and love - leading to a brighter life.

On our last FEAST for year 2024, we come together again on our GRAND FEAST as One Family in our Feast Bay Area District and of our Light of Jesus Family...

We shall FIND JESUS in the NOISE and learn How To Put a Spotlight on JESUS Amidst the Craziness of the Christmas Season.

Like the shepherds who were brought the Good News by angels, and like the Wise Men who were guided by the Star of Bethlehem to the Holy Infant, we too shall hear, come, and see the Savior - The Light of the World!

We lift our thanksgiving, praise, and worship to The Reason for the Season -- Emmanuel - God with us!

Glory to God in the highest; and on earth peace to men of good will.

-- Luke 2: 14

Mayroong Magandang Mangyayari Sa 'Yo!

Don't Make 2025 Resolutions



Alvin Barcelona

BY the time you're reading this, you may be just about done with your Christmas parties and you're about to move to 2025-- and thinking about your New Year Resolutions.

Do you still make them? Or have you given up on making resolutions -- because they don't get fulfilled anyway?

Okay. This is my gift to you:

Don't make Resolutions. Make Great Decisions. I discussed this in my recent podcast Full Tank:

Making great decisions is so crucial if you want to live a great life. The quality of your life is determined by the quality of your decisions-or the resolutions you're making for 2025....

Questions: Is your life part of His Kingdom? And do you report to the King named Jesus?

If so, your decisions you submit to Him.

You tell Him: "Lord, I want to follow You in all my decisions -- because You're my King now

... My Friends, I invite you to come before the Lord and allow Him to empower you and to bless you. Oh, follow Jesus, and make your decisions under the King of your life.

Lord, Thank You for this beautiful moment where we can just report to our King, submit our decisions to Him. We pray for Your anointing because we want to follow You all the days of our life. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

May your dreams come true,

Bo Samely

Bo Sanchez



Thank You!

The Feast Family, now organized as the Feast Mercy Ministries, is a spin-off ministry of the Light of Jesus Family founded by Bro. Bo Sanchez. Earlier named as Kerygma Family, The Feast Family is a unique online, non-physical, borderless, international community of friends who support each other's personal growth.

Partner beneficiaries of the Feast Mercy Ministries flourish because of your generous support.

Thank you for being with us. We pray that you find your daily source of inspiration from the resources that we send to you. We pray too that you may consider giving to The Feast Mercy Ministries. No gift is too small.

Thank you very much in advance for your gift. Our prayer is that God will continue to reward you as you give.

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— Matthew 28:19