



# Pastor's Message

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Last week, I had a delicious, take-out Chinese food for a dinner. After nearly finishing my meal, I decided it was time for consuming my fortune cookie.

The outside cellophane wrapper was removed, then I cracked open the cookie. Next, I pulled out my “fortune.” My fortune was, “Fear is the darkroom where negatives are developed.”

Was that “fortune,” just for me? Or, was it for you too?

Fear being akin to a darkroom is an excellent comparison. Both can disable the person from seeing everything which is present. Each of them may cause discomfort due to the absence of light to navigate the world. Neither fear, nor a darkroom is a place a person wishes to remain for long spans of time.

When a person is disabled by fear, he/she is definitely blind to everything and everyone around him or her. The world becomes so difficult to pass through! To dwell too long in such a sphere of fear is a nightmare, which causes a negative view on life to occur.

Interestingly, if you experienced fearful thoughts and/or feelings, even sometimes, you are worthy of membership into a group of the most famous people noted in The Bible. Moses; Mary, the Mother of Jesus; Joseph, Mary’s husband; Peter, the Apostle are a just a few of those people. Over three hundred and fifty times in The Holy Bible, either God or an angel sent by God, advises the listener not to be afraid!

God relayed that message to the aforementioned individuals. And, He does the same for you and me. Perhaps, He is doing so right at this moment.

Fear not. Trust more.

Who would have imagined a fortune cookie would provide such an excellent message for us to ponder today!

Peace,  
Fr. Marc