

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, December 2, 2016

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*A voice shall sound in your ears: "This is the way; walk in it." (Isaiah 30:21)*

Over the past ten years, GPS, or Global Positioning System, programs and devices have become very popular. GPS works by receiving data from dozens of satellites to pinpoint your exact location. Using this information, software companies like Google and Apple have developed applications that will guide you from where you are to just about any location in the world.

Judging from today's first reading, we might think of Jesus as our own personal GPS device. Through his Spirit, he wants to direct our steps so that we can live an upright life free from sin. Isn't it comforting to know that we have the Lord to guide us?

But we should be careful not to reduce Jesus to a moral compass. It's one thing to ask Jesus to direct your steps, but it's another thing to develop a relationship with him.

Isaiah made this point when he promised that God would be "gracious" to us and that he does not want to "hide himself" from us (Isaiah 30:19, 20).

Can I really hear God speak to me in such a personal way? Yes! Here is one simple way: God speaks to us through the Scriptures. So read your Bible every day. Pray about the daily Mass readings.

If something jumps out at you while you're reading, ask how it might apply to your life—to the way you think, to the way you speak, or to the way you relate to people. When your parent comes home or when a neighbor calls or when a priest gives a homily, and one of them says something that coincides with what you have read that day or the day before, consider the possibility that God is speaking to you. If you follow through and try to live out that word and if you keep doing this, you'll find yourself feeling closer and closer to God. You'll be developing a living, loving relationship with him.

So read the Bible every day. Let God's still small voice lead you to love him and his people more and more each day.

*"Jesus, open my ears to hear your voice."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- We wish our drama students all the best in their performances tonight and this weekend. Tickets for the fall drama production of *Just in the Nick of Time* are now on sale. Tickets may be purchased online or from any cast or crew member.
- Santa Grams are now on sale! Send a special message and Christmas stocking filled with goodies to your friends, family and teachers. The cost is \$3 for one or \$5 for two. See Mrs. Tavel, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Gollott, Ms. Cody, Mrs. Worrel, or any of the four junior class officers to purchase your Santa gram today!

- Everyone is invited to the St. Patrick Band Christmas Concert on Monday evening beginning at 6:00 p.m.