

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, February 2, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek. (Malachi 3:1)

You're resting at home one evening, enjoying the quiet after a long day at school or work. Suddenly, the doorbell rings. But you weren't expecting anyone. You open the door cautiously, only to find dear friends who had moved far away. Overjoyed, you embrace them and welcome them in.

Isn't this like Malachi's prophecy of the Lord coming suddenly in the Temple? Doesn't it also sound like the way Jesus fulfilled this prophecy when Mary and Joseph brought him to the Temple for his presentation? It's a good thing that a couple of prayerful elderly people were alert enough to welcome him!

God loves to break in on our everyday lives, and he wants us to be just as prepared as Simeon and Anna were. So let's follow their example. They were in the right place, at the right time, and they had the right disposition.

So what's the right place? Simeon and Anna spent most of their days in the Temple, where God had promised to be present. For us, we know that God comes to us in the Mass and as we pray and read the Scriptures. But we all have obligations and lives outside of our prayer times. So it's good news that he also comes to us in the temple of our hearts. It's here, in this interior temple, that we can look for him. We can get into the habit of stepping away from our everyday demands from time to time each day and see if he is there.

What's the right time? Now—any time! You never know when God has a message for you or wants to nudge you, whether away from a temptation or toward some act of service. Make sure you're ready when he speaks.

As for the right disposition, this is the most important. This involves staying alert and flexible, just as Simeon and Anna were. Don't be too tied to your routine. Be ready to change your plans if a weary friend needs extra time or an opportunity to share your faith pops up.

Remember, the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to you today. So be ready!

"Holy Spirit, help me to recognize you as you break into my life today."

Today's Announcements:

- Today, we will follow the liturgy bell schedule. We will celebrate mass this morning followed by our Junior Ring Ceremony. We are excited to have Fr. Greg on campus this morning.

- We will run a fan bus to the soccer state championship on Saturday in Clinton. If you are interested in riding, pick up a permission form from Coach Camps. Permission forms are due back by noon tomorrow. Mr. Buckley is covering the cost of the bus, so there will be no fee.
- Varsity track members may pick up your track uniform for next week's media day pictures. Pick up your uniforms from Coach Dellenger in room 108.
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