

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, February 6, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

. . . that they might touch only the tassel on his cloak. (Mark 6:56)

It has often been said that the clothes we wear reveal something about who we are. Are we wealthy or not? Meticulous or casual? Flashy or modest? In one sense, this was true during Jesus' time as well, only in a more direct way. That's because all the Jews were expected to dress in a certain distinctive way.

Here's a little background: during the time of Moses, God instructed the people to tie tassels to the corners of their robes. "When you use these tassels," he said, "the sight of the cord will remind you of all the commandments of the Lord and you will do them" (Numbers 15:39). Over time, these tassels acted as both a reminder and as a marker that set the people apart from the Gentiles around them. They became a sign of their Jewish heritage and their commitment to the Lord. It's similar to the way many Christians today wear a cross around their necks.

So it wasn't just a superstitious act when the Jews in Gennesaret laid the sick in the marketplace in the hopes that "they might touch only the tassel" of Jesus' cloak (Mark 6:56). It was an act of faith. It was their way of saying, "Jesus, I believe that you have a special relationship with God. Please set me free!"

This insight can help you understand today's story a bit better. You can imagine the scene, as well as the obstacles these people must have faced. The marketplace was a noisy crowded place, and people didn't usually notice those among them who were suffering. So these sick had no one to help them. They had just one chance at healing—to reach out as Jesus passed by. So they took it. And they were healed. Not only that, but they were reassured of God's love, and they became more convinced that Jesus was the Messiah.

Even though you can't touch Jesus physically today, he wants to give you the same assurance. He wants you to experience the same healing, love, and power that these people experienced. Reach out to him in prayer. Proclaim your belief in him, and watch as he warms your heart.

"Jesus, you are the Messiah! Heal me, and let me experience your love for me."

Today's Announcements:

- Congratulations to the junior varsity and varsity boys basketball teams for their victory over West Marion Friday night. Please join us Tuesday night for senior night and our last regular season home game against Collins.
- Track members are reminded to get your uniform for this Wednesday for team pictures.
- FCA Chapter meeting this Thursday.

- We would like to congratulate the girls Varsity basketball team on their victory Friday night against West Marion. Won 46-20. Players of the game were Baylee Hodge, Morgan McCrea, Makenzie Stenum, and Anna Clare Colson. Congratulations girls!
- Attention all members of the boys and girls golf teams: if you haven't already, please see Coach Hewes at some point today.
- Pennies for Patients begins today! First period teachers will be receiving some fliers for their students as well as individual boxes. The class with the most money raised will receive a catered lunch from Olive Garden.
- Congratulations Coach Camps and the varsity boys soccer team on winning the state championship on Saturday.
- Congratulations to the sailing team for placing 1st and 2nd in the Super bowl Regatta. 1st place was skipper James Edwards and Crew Ali Ware. 2nd place was skipper Mallory Edwards and crew Robbie Clisby.
- Juniors- please see Ms. Dapremont sometime today to get your warranty for your class ring.
- There is a robotics meeting after school today. Room 202.
- No boys golf practice today. Practice has been cancelled.
- The sophomores are selling valentine grams thru Friday. The cost is \$3 for one and \$5 for two. See any sophomore for an order form.