

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

If you knew the gift of God . . . (John 4:10)

It is a constant challenge to see spiritual reality in the midst of our everyday lives. One of the gifts of Lent is the opportunity to sharpen our spiritual focus so that we can pay closer attention to our environment and find God in all things around us.

This passage shows Jesus helping people see spiritual truths that they might otherwise miss. The Samaritan woman came to the well looking for a jar of water, and that's where Jesus began the conversation. But within a few minutes, they had discussed living water, worship, and the promised Messiah. Then the disciples returned with lunch, and Jesus used the food as a way to explain both his mission and the work of evangelization that lay before them.

Jesus wasn't just being "super spiritual." A man like us in all things but sin, he probably was thirsty and hungry. He knew how refreshing a cup of cool water can feel on a hot day. He knew how energizing a good meal is after a long day's work. So he used these realities to teach us about the Spirit's power to refresh our lives and the grace of the Eucharist to strengthen us for our journey.

This is how God works. He uses every part of our ordinary, everyday lives to teach us about the extraordinary, heavenly life that he is offering us. So as you seek a clearer spiritual focus during this season, remember that you don't have to leave the physical world behind. God will speak to you through it! He didn't enter this world to take us out of it. He came to redeem it and fill it with his divine power and grace. He took on our flesh in order to redeem our bodies and teach us to find his presence everywhere we look.

Let Jesus talk to you today. Listen for his voice as you take a drink of water, fold the laundry, drive home from school, or cook a meal. He wants to tell you something good!

"Here I am, Lord, ready to hear your voice."

Today's Announcements:

- We are on the liturgy bell schedule today, and we will have an adoration service at 9:40 this morning.
- Prom Tickets - See Mrs. Tavel after school to purchase or if you have any questions. Outside guest forms are due to Mr. Buckley's office by Wednesday, March 29.
- National Junior Honor Society members, please turn in all of your Easter basket items to Mrs. Gollott by Friday.

- St. Patrick will be hosting the track and field meet tonight. Field events begin at 7:45. Junior high track team members are asked to help.
- Student Council is collecting old t-shirts for our service project for our upcoming conference. If students or staff members have old shirts you no longer want, please donate them to Mrs. Buckley's room. We greatly appreciate it!
- Good luck to the boys golf team as they play against Biloxi, Gulfport, and D'Iberville at the Great Southern Club today. Coach Hewes wants to remind you to leave immediately after school and go straight to the course. We need to start as soon as possible.