

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Sing out. . . . For the Lord comforts his people. (Isaiah 49:13)

Have you ever noticed how much sadness and self-pity there is in blues music? The singer has unjustly lost his lover, his dreams have led to disappointment, his life is a shambles, or he has nothing to look forward to. The music is in a minor key, and the rhythms are mournful, all to reinforce the mood.

Well, the Israelites had reason to sing the blues. Their enemies had destroyed their city and their Temple. Those who weren't killed were taken into exile far from home. When their captors asked them to sing one of their traditional songs, they protested, "How could we sing a song of the Lord in a foreign land?" (Psalm 137:4).

In the midst of this depressing situation, God's prophet begins to proclaim a message of hope: God is on the move! He is going to liberate the prisoners and make a way for the exiles to return to their land.

The prophet reminds the people who God is. He is the One who "leads them and guides them beside springs of water" (Isaiah 49:10). Even though they feel as if God has abandoned and forgotten them, he tells them this cannot be.

So the people have a choice. They can continue to sing the blues, remembering their shame and how hard their lot is. Or they can place their trust in the God who loves them.

We all face demanding times in life because we live in a sinful world. But God is with us, just as he was with the exiled Israelites. He will never forget us. He is ready to comfort us no matter how dark things look.

King David trusted in the Lord even though there was a bounty on his head. Jeremiah trusted in the Lord even though the people turned on him and put him in a cistern. Paul trusted in the Lord even after he was beaten and imprisoned. Jesus trusted in his Father even as he hung on the cross. Of course God will not abandon us in our times of trial and darkness!

"Holy Spirit, teach me to sing your song of joy. Even in my darkest times, revive me with your presence."

Today's Announcements:

- The next registration deadline is this Friday - be sure to turn in registration packets and course selection sheets as soon as possible. We will begin working on schedules very soon.
- The sign up sheets for the Children's Shelter Easter Egg Hunt is in Mrs. Lawson's and Ms. Moon's room. Please come by and sign up as space is limited. Also, Interact Club members, please begin dropping off plastic eggs and

candy for the egg hunt. We will stuff the eggs Wednesday, April 5, for the Children's Shelter event on Saturday, April 8.

- Outside guest forms for prom are due to Mr. Buckley by the end of the day today. Late forms will not be accepted.
- The Junior High Track Team has a their last scheduled track meet this Thursday at Pass Christian.
- FCA members are reminded to turn in a pre-made kids Easter basket by April 12 (room 108).
- We would like to wish Mr. Camps a very Happy Birthday today!