

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, March 31, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

To you I have entrusted my cause! (Jeremiah 11:20)

Who do you look up to? Maybe a parent or a pastor; perhaps a teacher, neighbor, or coach. We all have people we want to learn from, whose good qualities we seek to emulate.

In Jeremiah 11, we find a good role model in the prophet Jeremiah. God revealed to him that some people were seeking to take his life. While Jeremiah might have been afraid, he cried out to God with courage and faith, "To you I have entrusted my cause!" (Jeremiah 11:20).

Now think about Jeremiah's words in relation to Jesus—an even better role model! Like Jeremiah, Jesus was repeatedly being persecuted. And like Jeremiah, he entrusted his "cause" to his Father. On the night before he died, he prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup away from me; still, not my will but yours be done" (Luke 22:42).

But here's where Jeremiah and Jesus differ. Both men were crushed, but one wanted vengeance, and the other offered forgiveness. As good and holy a man as Jeremiah was, he wasn't perfect. Jeremiah even said, "Let me witness the vengeance you take on them" (Jeremiah 11:20). But Jesus responded to his enemies with mercy, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). He went to the cross willingly, while Jeremiah became a sort of reluctant martyr.

Which role model will you follow? It's easy to want to "get even" like Jeremiah did rather than trying to forgive. And there are times when it can be very hard to forgive. But nothing is impossible for God. He wants to remove our vengeful heart and give us a merciful heart. All he asks is that we try to give up our desire for revenge. That decision will open the door to his grace.

So today, try to give your hurts to Jesus as well as your desire to get even. Then ask him for grace to forgive the people who have hurt, betrayed, or disappointed you. If you feel unable to forgive, tell the Lord; he won't condemn you. He wants nothing more than to help make you more merciful.

"Jesus, help me to imitate you. Help me to forgive."

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Today's Announcements:

- The next registration deadline is today - be sure to turn in registration packets and course selection sheets. We will begin working on schedules very soon.

- Tickets for the spring drama production of *Disco Inferno* are on sell from any cast member or from Mrs. Trahan.
- NJHS members to meet in room 205 Tuesday morning at 7:45.
- The FCA chapter is having their last yearly project - FCA members should turn in a pre-made Easter basket for kids in the hospital to room 108 by April 12.
- The junior high track meet has been rescheduled for this Monday. Coach Dellenger is reminding those to bring your track uniform Monday.