

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

So they took away the stone. (John 11:41)

Raising Lazarus from the dead was one of the most amazing miracles Jesus performed. But think about Martha. In this story, we see Jesus bringing this grieving sister from a theoretical faith to actual, living faith in him. In some respects, this is just as amazing as raising someone from the dead.

That's why Martha makes a great Lenten companion for us. Hers is the kind of transformation Jesus wants to bring about in all of us. So let's look at Martha's progression to deeper faith:

At first, Martha trusts that Jesus can answer her prayers: "Lord, if you had been here . . ." (John 11:21).

Jesus says Lazarus will rise, but Martha doesn't believe it can happen now. She pushes it into a distant future time: "I know he will rise in the resurrection on the last day" (John 11:24).

Jesus asks if she believes he is the resurrection and the life. Martha responds generally: "I have come to believe that you are the Christ" (John 11:27). She can't seem to make the jump from Messiah to resurrection.

When Jesus asks Martha to open the tomb, she hesitates: "Lord, by now there will be a stench" (John 11:39). So Jesus nudges her forward: "Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?" (11:40). You can see it here and now, not just in some distant future. Martha needs to apply her faith.

Will she allow her brother's body to be brought out? You can almost feel the struggle as she grapples with this decision. Jesus isn't afraid of the stench, but he waits for her to decide. Finally, Martha gives permission, and the tomb is opened. Jesus calls Lazarus forth, and Martha comes to believe.

Every Sunday this Lent, Jesus has been leading us to take another step forward in faith. As he did with Martha, he brings us along gradually. Even if we waver, he waits for us to say yes to the next step.

"Jesus, I remove the stone! Come, Lord, and bring me to life!"

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Today's Announcements:

- Tickets for the spring drama production of *Disco Inferno* are on sell from any cast member or from Mrs. Trahan.

- The Quiz Bowl team will have mandatory meeting tomorrow before or after school for disbursement of rules for the match on April 29.
- FCA members are reminded to turn in your Easter Baskets by April 12.
- Congratulations to our March Students of the Month: Erin Hanson, Logan Kotsakos, Anna Le Tran, Sawyer Stone, Meredith Collins, Teal Salloum, Sydney Biggs, Marie Seicshnaydre, Alfonso Staten, Britton Tatum, Olivia Allen, Dylan Gutierrez.
- The junior high track team needs to begin start turning in their uniforms to Coach Dell in room 108 or in the cafeteria during lunch.
- The varsity track team has their last regular season match this Thursday at Long Beach. The divisional meet is next Tuesday.
- Sophomores and juniors will attend the second ACT Boost Seminar on Friday. We have made some changes based on your feedback. Just a reminder that everyone will need pencil, paper and calculators on Friday.