

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Search the Scriptures. (John 5:39)

Have you ever picked up your Bible, read a passage from it, and then sat back and wondered what in the world God was trying to say to you? It's possible that you may have walked away and decided either that you were spiritually deaf or that the passage didn't have any consequence for your life. But somewhere inside your heart, you sensed that there was something in that passage for you, but you just couldn't put your finger on it.

We all know that God wants to reveal himself to us through Scripture. But just like everything else in the Christian life, Scripture won't just magically make sense to us. We need to cooperate with the Spirit, and that takes some time, some attention, and some perseverance. The following guidelines can help you hear the Lord as you read his word. Try them over the next few days, and see if they make a difference.

Select a Scripture passage that you want to read. Maybe you will choose to follow the daily Mass readings. Don't read right away, but begin with prayer. When you feel ready, read the Scripture passage you have chosen. Read it again slowly, dwelling on the words or phrases that struck you. Use your imagination to place yourself in the scene described in this passage. Imagine that Jesus is sitting across from you and telling you this story himself.

Be still. During this quiet period, some words or pictures may bubble up in your thoughts. This may be God speaking to you—especially if the images and thoughts lead you closer to Christ, fill you with hope, or stir your heart to love and forgive. Try to write out what you think God is saying to you, and close with a prayer of praise and thanksgiving.

God wants to reveal himself to us in Scripture. Only by quiet reflection will we learn to hear his voice.

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Today's Announcements:

- We will continue our ITBS testing today.
- Tickets for the spring drama production of *Disco Inferno* are on sell from any cast member or from Mrs. Trahan. Mrs. Trahan needs to see the junior members of the cast and crew. Also, turn in your shirt order forms.
- Congratulations to all of the St. Patrick students who attended JYA this past weekend. Cade Meyers and Diego Riojas both won awards as Overall Most Outstanding Representative of the House of Representatives.

- The Shrimp Queen application deadline has been extended to April 14. Applications may be picked up at Ms. Dapremont's desk.
- 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. Sophomores and juniors may wear jeans with any St. Patrick shirt on Friday.
- Varsity track members are reminded to have your uniforms at tomorrow's Long Beach meet.
- Junior high track members, please begin turning in your uniforms to Coach Dellenger.
- The eggs for the Saturday Easter Egg hunt will be filled in Ms. Moon's room after school today at 3:00 p.m.