

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, May 18, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

What I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk. (Acts 3:6)

Imagine that you're cleaning junk out of an old relative's house and you discover a dusty painting that turns out to be a valuable work of Renoir! You have pushed it aside plenty of times, not recognizing it, yet suddenly looking at it with new eyes, you realize how priceless it is.

In this passage in Acts, every day as they went to the Temple to pray, Peter and John would walk past this "Beautiful Gate" that scholars believed was adorned with hammered bronze and gold (Acts 3:2). It must have been delightful to look at. However, they would also walk past this lame beggar who sat at the foot of this gate. It seems that they had never really taken note of him before. He must have seemed so insignificant compared to his stunning surroundings.

But for whatever reason, the Holy Spirit decided to open Peter and John's eyes to the man on this particular day as they pass him by. They feel drawn to look at him and confidently invite him to be healed. Then the man responds to his miracle with such excitement that everyone around suddenly recognizes this beggar as well and sees how precious and beautiful he is. After all, God wouldn't bother to work a miracle unless the fellow had some value!

The beauty of the world is always before us, and we should always appreciate it. However, God also wants us to open our eyes to the veiled treasures hidden around us. He wants to teach us how to look beyond at the people we pass every day and see how precious they are to the Lord. And he does this not just so that we will admire them but so that we will treat them with the dignity they deserve. Imagine the healing, the restoration, and the peace that we can bring to this world as we see the beauty and glory present in each and every person around us!

"Lord, help me to see how precious people are in your eyes. Fill me with your love and compassion. Give me the courage to extend your love to them."

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Today's Announcements:

- Students who are working Fatima Spring fest - they are in desperate need at the cake booth all three days. A poster with contact information is hanging right outside the cafeteria. Please call to set up a work time as soon as possible.
- Nativity BVM is looking for volunteers for the Peace, Love, and Saints 5k run this Saturday. This is a race put on by Nativity BVM. Sign up with Ms. Dapremont if you are available and interested in volunteering.
- Boys and girls golf teams - please return your cleaned golf bags to Coach Hewes on or before Friday morning.

- Students may begin returning their textbooks to the Library as you are finished with them. Textbooks are not due until after the exam so if you need them to study for your exam keep them until after the exam. Important: Please check the textbooks in with Ms. Ladner at the computer before putting them on the tables.
- Track Members Who have not turned in their Uniforms need to do so by this Friday.