

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tuesday, May 23, 2017**

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Sin and righteousness and condemnation . . . (John 16:8)*

If you were to read this line out of context, it might sound like the start to a fire-and-brimstone sermon. But it's not. It's a description of three key roles of the Holy Spirit.

In this passage, the disciples are coming to the realization that Jesus won't be with them forever. But Jesus assures them that he will send the Holy Spirit, the "Advocate," to take his place. What was this Advocate going to do for them? Jesus lists three things, all of which apply to us as well.

First, the Holy Spirit comes to show us our sin—but not to accuse us or overwhelm us with guilt. On the contrary, even as he shows us our imperfections, he sets our hearts at rest by telling us how merciful God is.

That leads us to his second role: to show us the righteousness of Christ. Since Jesus is not walking with us in the flesh, the Holy Spirit speaks to our hearts about who Jesus is. He reveals Christ in the Scriptures, in Communion, and in our prayer. He shows us Jesus' justice, his mercy, his compassion, and his power.

Finally, the Spirit comes to bring condemnation. But this condemnation is not directed at us. Rather, he shows us that Satan is condemned and that all his plots and schemes are doomed.

The Holy Spirit is at work in you all the time, even when you can't sense him. He is the One urging you to go to Confession when your conscience is weighing heavy on you. He is the One encouraging you to spend time with the Scriptures or be more attentive at Mass. He is the One who inspires you to live differently, one day at a time. He is always urging you to get to know Jesus better.

Invite the Holy Spirit to move more freely in your heart today. Ask him to show you areas that he wants to help you change. Let him give you a deeper understanding of the holiness and love of Jesus. Just as Jesus assured his disciples that the Holy Spirit would be with them, he assures you that the Holy Spirit is—and will always be—working in you.

*"Holy Spirit, I invite you into every area of my life. Speak to me today."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Good luck on your third, fourth, and fifth period exams today.

- Those ninth through eleventh grade FCA members who lettered, Coach Dellenger has a list of names on his classroom door.
- All art students should pick up portfolios from class before the end of the day.
- There is a signup sheet for next year's eighth grade boys basketball in the cafeteria hallway. All seventh grade boys interested in trying out for next year's team should sign up. We may try to hold some open gym practices over the summer.
- If you have not returned your golf bag to Mr. Hewes be sure to do so by tomorrow.