

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, August 23, 2017

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Why do you stand here idle all day? (Matthew 20:6)*

“You’re hired!” These words are music to the ears of anyone who is unemployed. It means your talents and skills are valued. It’s a chance to be productive and, of course, financially rewarded!

God wants to hire you today as well: “You too go into my vineyard” (Matthew 20:7). No matter what “hour” of life you’re in, he is sending you into the world to spread the good news of Jesus’ love. And in the end, you will be rewarded a hundredfold.

But even with such a generous employer, how many of us actually want to be hired for this task? Some might ask, “Lord, isn’t there something else you need me to do?” No, the harvest is too great! The world is aching for Jesus. People are yearning for an answer to their cries of brokenness. They’re longing for a reason to hope.

Each one of us has a unique faith, unique relationships, and unique talents that make us an irreplaceable laborer in the economy of salvation. What’s more, God doesn’t just send us out to flounder while he watches from his corporate office in the sky. No, he works alongside us, sending his Spirit both to help us and to prepare people’s hearts for the witness we will bring. So ask the Spirit for guidance as you look for specific needs in your family, parish, or community.

As you enter this market of evangelization, know that one of your greatest resources is your own personal experience. It’s the times when you felt especially close to God or when you received an answer to a desperate prayer. It’s the times when you found yourself willing to forgive someone or reach out to someone very different from yourself. Don’t keep these things bottled up inside of you. Let them out! Tell people how God has changed your life, and let them know that he can do the same thing for them.

Yes, God wants to hire you. So try to take one step of faith today and see where it leads. Even if you don’t see immediate fruit, your witness will plant seeds of faith that will sprout later. A generous employer, God will reward all your efforts.

*“Lord, I’ll take the job. Holy Spirit, guide me to those who are waiting to hear today that you love and accept them.”*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Anna Grace Castanedo, Braleigh Moak, and Ainsley Kate Thriffiley.

- Students who are interested in attending Red Stick Rumble with the Robotics Team in Baton Rouge this weekend, permission slips are available in room 202 with Mrs. Worrel. They must be returned by Thursday... details about the trip and transportation are on the permission slip.
- Make sure that all food and drinks stay in the cafeteria (other than senior privilege). We want to keep our courtyards looking as good as they look now, so make sure there is no trash left on the ground around campus. If you see trash on the ground, please pick it up.
- For those students riding the afternoon bus to St. James, when arriving at St. James, make sure you go directly inside the cafeteria if your parent is not present waiting on you.
- The Youth Legislature meeting will be tomorrow, Thursday, August 24, after school in room 103
- National Honor Society Candidates- Please make sure you turn in your applications to Ms. Wilkinson before Friday.
- The Biloxi Shuckers are offering \$10 tickets for Thursday night's game. There will be a small college fair at the game that night.