

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, September 18, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

I did not consider myself worthy to come to you. (Luke 7:7)

You've probably heard the stereotype about men being unwilling to ask for directions. But there's likely some truth in it for both genders. We all like to be in control. Some of us would rather go into a department store and search endlessly instead of asking for help. Before GPS systems, many folks would puzzle over a map rather than consult anyone. It takes a little humility to admit you need help—and to trust someone else who knows more than you do.

We see both facets of humility in the centurion who asked Jesus to heal his servant. He was an influential man, more accustomed to giving orders than taking them. Yet he didn't feel worthy even to be in Jesus' presence, and sent his friends to relay the message. He recognized that Jesus possessed a holiness and power far greater than his own. But still, he wasn't afraid to ask Jesus for help! Perhaps that's because he also sensed Jesus' goodness—just as he valued his own servant, so Jesus valued him. Surely Jesus would not ignore his request. And he didn't. Jesus saw his humility and faith

and healed his servant.

Sometimes humility involves admitting our need for help and believing that God can—and wants to—meet our need. That's not so simple to do. It's easier to pretend that we are doing fine and ignore our fiery temper than it is to repent and ask for God's grace in Confession. Or we may see our need—perhaps someone we love is sick—but we lack the faith to ask Jesus for healing. So maybe the first step in growing in humility is to say, "Jesus, I'm not worthy. But I believe you can help me and change me." After all, we wouldn't be reading about the centurion today if he hadn't taken a step of humble faith.

Perhaps you also have a great need that you want to bring to prayer. Imitate the humility of this centurion. You don't know God's will about this issue, and you are powerless to change it by yourself. But you also know that he loves you. And that's an excellent starting point! Bring your need to him and trust that he has the right answer.

"Lord, I trust in you."

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Andrea Huguenin today! Also, Carson Bishop celebrated his birthday yesterday, so we wish him a happy belated birthday as well!
- Today we will follow the pep rally bell schedule. We will have our Teacher vs. Student Basketball Game at 2:30 in the gym. This event is free for all students.
- Homecoming dance tickets are on sale in the front office and on the website for \$20 each. See Mrs. Collier.

- We will have our annual Irish Idol tomorrow morning at 9:40. Be sure to bring \$2 to cover the admission fee.
- Students, you may pay your cafeteria balances to Mrs. Collier at the front desk. All account balances should be kept below \$25. Students with account balances greater than \$25 will not be able to continue charging.
- Juniors, Mr. Maxwell from Herff Jones will be back on campus today during lunch to take ring orders.
- Interact Club: Cruisin' the Coast signups start Wednesday morning with Ms. Lawson in room 201.