

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, September 26, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

They were afraid to ask him. (Luke 9:45)

Jesus must have really scared the apostles when he told them that he would suffer, be rejected by the elders, and be killed. Even though they couldn't fully understand what he meant, they caught his ominous tone, and that frightened them. How could he, such a wise miracle worker, fall afoul of the leaders in Jerusalem? How could he provoke so strong a reaction that they would want to kill him? And more to the point: maybe the disciples made the connection that if Jesus' life was in danger, theirs might be as well.

No wonder they kept quiet! They didn't want to hear the answers to the questions arising in their hearts. The prospect was too scary.

Fear probably grips us more often than we would like to admit. Even Jesus experienced fear; remember his words to God in the Garden of Gethsemane. Fear is a perfectly normal response to any threat or danger that faces us. You could even say God has given us this gift to keep us safe. Think of how the "fight or flight" reaction has kept human beings out of danger for millennia.

But like any emotion, fear without faith can get out of hand. It can cut us off from the Lord, who is our source of confidence and peace. It can overshadow our ability to use our reason to help us know how best to respond. It can make us feel alone and powerless, when we really aren't.

There will be things in life that scare you. But you don't have to let fear control you or overwhelm you. If you can take just one step forward with trust, you'll find new strength. Your fears will diminish a little, and that will give you hope. The fear may not disappear altogether, but it won't rule you anymore.

The next time you find yourself caught up in fear, bring it to the Lord. Ask him to bring you his peace and to give you his perspective. Talk to your spouse or a trusted friend, someone who can help you work through your fear. Remember, it's okay to be afraid as long as you face your fears with faith in a loving, generous God.

"Lord, there is no fear on this earth that is bigger than your love. Jesus, I trust in you!"

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Joseph Agler and Lauren Dossett!
- Volunteer opportunities are available for St. Patrick students to help at the St. James Fall Festival on October 7-8.

St. James Cafe': Prefer those with fast-food/restaurant experience, but we will train. Work preparing po-boys and serving other food. Contact John Fitzhugh at 228-860-8270 (okay to text) or jcfitzhugh@bellsouth.net. Please contact ASAP to schedule times.

Sweet Booth: Help set up Saturday and Sunday mornings and man the booth during the day. Contact Rachelle

Cleveland at 228-731-0085 or rachel.cleveland@yahoo.com.

St. James is also in need to volunteers to assist with miscellaneous services. Contact Justin Skinner at 228-313-5828 or justinskinner@yahoo.com.

- This week is the last chance to sign up for the Interact Club Heart Walk and Cruisin' the Coast.
- Please join us in an evening of prayer for Hope Broadus. It will be held during XLT/Adoration at St. John the Evangelist Church in Gulfport from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. this evening. Hope and her family will be joining us for XLT, which is Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament w/live worship music. Confessions will be available during Adoration. Although we will be lifting Hope in prayer during the entire time of Adoration, towards the end of the hour special prayers will be offered for Hope and her family. Let us remember Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am with them."
- FCA is looking for sports reps. See Coach Dellenger for more details. One person is needed from the following sports: cheer, band, and dance team.
- "See You at the Pole" is a nationally celebrated day where schools meet around their flag pole to pray for personal, community, school, and world needs. The St. Patrick Bible Study will be hosting it for the second year tomorrow. We hope to see everyone there!