

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. (Luke 10:2)

What do you think it means to labor for the Lord's harvest? Is Jesus talking only about the "harvest" at the end of time? Probably not. Since today is the feast of St. Luke, let's look at his Gospel for some insight.

Some people have suggested that Luke was a doctor; others say he was a painter. Either way, he was surely a traveling missionary with St. Paul (Acts 16:11-15). As he went from town to town preaching the gospel, Luke saw many people experience the kingdom of God in the here and now. These new converts were clearly part of the "harvest" Jesus had spoken about (Luke 10:2). And so, when he sat down to write his own "orderly sequence" about Jesus, Luke placed a special emphasis on people's experience of the kingdom (1:3).

For example, Luke tells of Jesus raising a little girl from the dead (Luke 8:40-56). He tells the story of ten lepers being miraculously delivered from their disease (17:11-19). And there's the story of a widow from the town of Nain, who receives her son back from the dead (7:11-16).

Luke also provides many more examples of people experiencing the kingdom of God through their own salvation. There is Zacchaeus, who comes down from a tree and promises to make amends for his acts of extortion (19:1-10). There is the woman known as a sinner who anoints Jesus' feet and is told that her faith has saved her (7:36-50). And there is the timeless parable of the prodigal son (15:11-32). So many people who have joined the harvest!

The kingdom of God is for us too—here and now! How have you experienced it? Maybe God has set you free from fear or helped heal a wounded relationship. Maybe you have felt his closeness while at Mass or during a parish Bible study. Maybe you touched his mercy in Confession. How blessed we are to experience the kingdom in these ways—and so many more!

So do you want to help Jesus bring in the harvest? It's not as hard as it may seem. Just follow St. Luke's example and share your story with the people around you.

"Come, Jesus, Lord of the harvest. I am ready; send me!"

Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Bennett Bratton and Carmen DeStazio today.
- This year, the City of Biloxi will be hosting The Gulf Coast Veterans Day Parade as a Regional Site for the observance of Veterans Day 2017. It is really an honor to have that designation since there are only around 50 nationally designated each year. It is deemed the largest parade in the state. This is a great opportunity to get out and support our veterans. Sponsor and entry forms for clubs and organizations will be in the front office at Mrs. Collier's desk.

- There will be an Interact Club meeting today immediately after school in the auditorium.
- We are excited to announce that St. Patrick now has a Photography Club. We will be holding our 1st meeting next Thursday, October 26, after school with Mr. Hewes room 105. The meeting will last about 30 minutes. ALL St. Patrick students are encouraged to participate- ALL grade levels and ALL levels of experience. So whether you're already passionate about photography, or just think it might be something you're curious about and want to learn more, please come to the meeting. You can also speak with Elizabeth Van Horn or Mr. Hewes for more information.
- As we continue celebrating life this month, Students for Life encourages students to Respect the Poor by bringing in canned goods and other non-perishable foods for St. Vincent de Paul and new blankets for the homeless shelter. Donations can be dropped off at the table in the foyer.
- NJHS will be participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk this Saturday in Biloxi at the Town Green. We will be taking up donations during 1st period this Friday morning for the cause. Everyone please join us for this walk for a great cause Saturday morning at 8:15 at the entrance of the Biloxi Town Green.
- The cast list will be posted by Mrs. Trahan's classroom door once Mr. Buckley approves it. All cast members will meet with Mrs. Trahan on Thursday in room 204 at 3:05. Check your email with additional information.
- There will be a Mock Trial meeting in Mr. Eleuterius' room (room 116) after school beginning at 3:05pm. The meeting should last about one hour.