

ST. PATRICK

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday, December 01, 2017

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The Ancient One took his throne. His clothing was snow bright, and the hair on his head as white as wool. (Daniel 7:9)

Have you ever seen a picture of a spiral galaxy? It's a wonder to behold. Starlit arms that are thousands of light-years long curl outward into the inky blackness of space. Often, these images are composites of multiple exposures. Sometimes they're artistic renderings of scientific data. Nevertheless, they're still true in that they convey—as best as humanly possible—the beauty and magnitude of God's creation.

Now take a look at the image that Daniel reveals in today's first reading. Daniel dreamed of heaven, a place that's impossible to convey with an earthly language. Still, he gives us an image that's well worth picturing. Let's try to visualize Daniel's image of heaven as a composite of three "exposures," with each one showing us something special about God.

First, we see God sit down on his throne. This is the first impression of heaven: God reigns! Every creature in heaven recognizes that God is king over the whole universe. He

holds up the cosmos with just the power of his word (Hebrews 1:3).

Next, we discover that God is adorned with snow-bright clothing. This color is far brighter than any shade of white that's possible on earth. What does it mean? God is pure, with no spot of sin. His righteousness shines "like the dawn," illuminating every corner of heaven (Psalm 37:6).

Finally, we see that God's hair is "white as wool" (Daniel 7:9). God is wise and all-knowing. He is the "Ancient One" who existed before the universe began (7:9). He holds the past, present, and future in his hands. Nothing catches God by surprise!

Today, how about taking a few moments to let these images of heaven fire your imagination? In your mind's eye, see God enthroned in heaven, adorned like a king. Marvel at how glorious and powerful he is. And remember that, as great as he is, he is your Father who loves you. Let the Holy Spirit fill you with a sense of wonder and move you to say, along with Daniel, "Praise and exalt him above all forever" (Daniel 3:75)!

"Lord, give me a taste of heaven today."

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Today's Announcements:

- Gavin Lansou will be celebrating his birthday this weekend. Happy Birthday!
- Tickets are now available for our Fall Production, "Murder's in the Heir." This is a dinner theater, so you need to purchase tickets in advance. See any cast or crew member or Mrs. Trahan in room 204.

- Any students interested in attending this weekend's ACT workshop, please see Mrs. Tavel or Mrs. Trahan for more information. The workshop will cover topics for the math section and the English section for the ACT test.
- Seniors, who's who ballots have been sent to your school email. Please vote this week. See Mrs. Collier if you need your password reset. Also, midterm exemptions will be sent to your school email account on December 13, so be sure to get access to your email account if you don't have it already.
- We would like to congratulate our seventh grade girls basketball team on their victory last night against West Wortham. We won 22-7. Players of the game were Juliana Sabagh, Abby Badurak, and Caroline Dellenger. Congratulations girls!
- There will be an FCA Chapter meeting next Tuesday, December 5, at 7:45 a.m. in the auditorium. Also, FCA Members are reminded of the Christmas Project - toys are due by December 12.
- Congratulations to the Fighting Irish eighth grade boys basketball team for a decisive 57- 27 victory over West Wortham last night. All players turned in amazing performances, with Blake Gollott leading all scorers with 20 points. The seventh grade boys played strong as well, but lost by one point in a nail-biter finish. We're proud of you.

