

ST. PATRICK

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

When Jesus left the synagogue, he entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions pursued him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."

He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do."

And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons. (Mark 1: 29-39)

Today's Gospel from Mark gives us a glimpse of a typical day in Jesus' life early in his ministry. The passage begins right after Jesus has cast a demon out in the synagogue. He takes his newly commissioned disciples and he goes to the house of Simon's mother-in-law. Upon arrival, however, he

discovers that Simon's mother-in-law is ill and he cures her. Word quickly travels through Capernaum about Jesus' healing power and soon the whole town was at the doorstep asking to be cured.

I imagine the frustration Jesus may have felt at the crowd's appearance as his evening plans were put on hold so that he could heal the sick and cast out demons from the possessed. A quiet evening at home had become a mob scene with the whole town waiting to be touched and healed.

This passage helps us relate to Jesus as a human being, but it also reminds us of our divine mission. Just like us, after a long day, Jesus wants to sit and relax with friends; however, like us, he has a mission to act, to preach, to spread God's good news.

Mark's description of Jesus' typical ministerial day helps us remember that within the rhythms and surprises of daily life, we are called to preach the Gospel throughout the land with resilience. We are called to be Christ's witnesses to the world, and we can trust that God will give us strength for this mission.

"For this purpose have I come."

Lord, in healing Simon's mother-in-law you restored his family. We need you to restore health to us, and to our family and friends. Please guide us to do all we can to bring healing and comfort to our minds and bodies and to those we love. Remove our anxiety and give us that peace and hope that surpasses human understanding. Amen.

Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Mr. Hewes today!
- ★ There will be a meeting this Thursday at 6:00 pm for March for Life participants attending with St. Patrick and your parents. We will meet in the auditorium. This meeting is important and will provide final details about the trip. Please make plans to attend with your parent.
- ★ The second annual Diocese of Biloxi Walk for Life is scheduled for this Sunday, January 14, at the Cathedral. The event will begin with a rosary rally at 1:00 followed by mass at 1:30 celebrated by Bishop Kihneman. The Walk for Life will take place after mass from the Cathedral to the Biloxi Lighthouse.
- ★ A clean slate, fresh start, clear conscience, dawn of a new day, renewal, rebirth, starting point, hope for the future, these are all phrases that tie in with this month's theme for *Aisling*, New Beginnings. The magazine is currently seeking your submissions for the upcoming issue. Please send in your photographs, artwork and writing for potential publication to Mr. Hewes.
- ★ Coach Dellenger will have both junior high and varsity track signs ups during lunch.
- ★ Junior high baseball tryouts will be held this Friday after school from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Students should have a pair of cleats, tennis shoes, and glove. If you would like more information, see Coach Burger.
- ★ Drama auditions will be cancelled for this week. Participants will be notified as soon as they are rescheduled.
- ★ Students who plan to play football next year who are not currently in a weight lifting class must start attending after school weight training. Monday through Thursday from 3:00 pm until 4:00 pm. See Coach Bloomfield for more information.
- ★ Any student that is planning on playing tennis that did not make the first tryout will need to go by Mr. Villarrubia in room 217 after school on Thursday.
- ★ Spanish Honor Society, French Honor Society, and Mock Trial will take club photos after mass tomorrow.
- ★ NHS inductees and officers, you must have your blazer and tie for the ceremony this afternoon. Inductees, remember you will line up in alphabetical order.
- ★ All fast pitch players need to come by Coach Mullen's room sometime today!