

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, March 29, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Jesus knew that his hour had come. (John 13:1)

It was time. Throughout John's Gospel, we read that Jesus' "hour had not yet come" (John 2:4). Jesus himself says it several times. In fact, it's his excuse to Mary at the wedding at Cana. But now, today, his hour has come, and he knows it.

This is a hint that we should pay special attention. Jesus is fully aware that his mission is about to be fulfilled. He knows that he is about to "pass from this world to the Father" (John 13:1). This insight into Jesus' thoughts provides a sense of urgency. It emphasizes that we are about to witness his final actions and words. So let's ask, "What does Jesus do with his hour? What does he say?"

Today's readings don't give us a lot of dialogue, but they do give us vivid and memorable pictures of Jesus' actions. He washed his disciples' feet, even the feet of Judas, the betrayer. He joined them in a Passover meal that hung heavy with anticipation and dread. He offered them his own Body and Blood in the first Eucharist.

It was love that drove these actions, just as love inspired Jesus' words. It was a love that wants to rescue the lost, a love that pours itself out so that we can be forgiven. It's a love that never questions, never wavers, and never fails.

What Jesus expressed to his disciples he wants to demonstrate to you. So try putting yourself in the scene. Imagine you are in the upper room as Jesus begins to wash the disciples' feet. He wants them to know that he loves them right then and there. He also wants them to remember this gesture in the days to come so that they can hold on to that love, even as Jesus hangs on the cross.

You will hear this Gospel passage at Mass this evening as the Easter Triduum begins. Pay close attention to it. Try to grasp the immensity of Jesus' love. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you new insights. Humbly receive the grace that God has for you tonight—the love that he has for everyone, to the end of time.

"Jesus, thank you for loving your friends until the end. Thank you for the love you have for me."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Senor Camps today!
- ★ Today we will have a Lenten presentation from our Campus Ministry Team. We will be on liturgy schedule
- ★ Juniors and Seniors, the last day to buy prom tickets is today! See Mrs. Tavel if you would like to purchase them. The cost is \$45 per ticket.

This is a reminder that prom is open to juniors and seniors. Juniors and seniors may invite sophomores to attend. Prom is not open to seventh, eighth, or ninth grade students.

Juniors and seniors, if you would like to request an outside guest for prom, the form is due to Mr. Buckley by Tuesday, April 10. You may download the outside guest form from the "Student Life" page of the website or pick up a copy from Mrs. Collier at the front desk. Outside guests must be enrolled in a local high school in tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade and in good standing at his or her current school.

- ★ In Fighting Irish Track, Olivia Williams placed first in the girls 400m dash, and Briana Bennett placed fourth in 200m dash in the junior high track meet on Tuesday.