

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, March 26, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Here is my servant whom I uphold. (Isaiah 42:1) ;

There is a lot of drama in the events of Holy Week, and most of us have seen enough movies to put vivid images into our imaginations. We see crowds cheering and waving palm branches. There are soldiers carrying torches and brandishing swords. There is a midnight trial. There is a man whose body is bruised and bleeding from repeated blows. A power struggle plays out between secular and religious authorities. Women gather around a cross, wailing and lamenting.

Entering into this week can be an emotional time for us. There's nothing wrong with responding with your whole being as you relive these events. After all, they are the turning point of human history! But in the midst of all the drama, Isaiah can help us focus on the Person who matters most: Jesus, the servant whom God the Father upholds.

What is this servant like? He is described as "not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street" (Isaiah 42:2). So if you want to understand what Jesus is up

to, your best approach would be to quiet your heart and listen attentively.

Who knows? God may choose the quieter scenes to speak to you this year—not in earthquake or hurricane, but in a still, small voice (1 Kings 19:11-13). He may touch your heart with unexpected insights. Perhaps the scene of Mary gratefully pouring perfume on the feet of Jesus will be a stronger image than Lazarus being raised from the dead. Maybe Jesus' humble refusal to defend himself will overshadow the violence of his scourging. Or the Virgin Mary's silent trust and love beneath the cross will be more powerful than the thunderclap and earthquake.

So try sitting quietly with the Lord every day this week. Keep your Bible open on your lap as you ponder the Mass readings. If your mind wanders or you become distracted, gently turn your attention back and try again. Jesus has a message for you this week. Let his words open your heart to hear what he wants to say . . . to you.

"Thank you, Jesus, for your love for me. Help me hear what you want to say to me this week."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ The Boys and Girls Golf Teams will be hosting a fundraiser at Newk's at the Promenade this evening. The teams will receive 10% of all sales from 5- 8:00. The money will help our teams as we hopefully advance to the State Championships to represent our school. So, please, go enjoy a great dinner and help support a great cause.
- ★ 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.

- ★ There will be a robotics meeting today after school in room 202. Students interested in joining for 2018-2019 are invited to this meeting along with current members.
- ★ Seniors, if you live in the D'Iberville/St. Martin area, there is a Chamber of Commerce Scholarship available. See Ms. Wilkinson for an application. Also, seniors, the MSU rep will be in the auditorium on Thursday morning at 7:45. She has doughnuts for all.
- ★ NHS members, if you have not contributed to the Spring Cleaning Project, please bring canned food tomorrow.
- ★ Varsity and junior high track practice today.
- ★ FCA Easter baskets are due this week.
- ★ Prom tickets are now on sale! See Mrs. Tavel before or after school. Tickets are \$45 each.