

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Jesus was deeply troubled. (John 13:21)*

Luna Park, in Melbourne, Australia, boasts the world's oldest, continually operating roller-coaster. But another "roller-coaster" has been running a lot longer—the coaster of life. The rise and fall of circumstances can wear on us. We've all been on it: zooming to the crest of elation, plunging to the depths of despair, whipping around changes in the direction of our desires and will. Today's Gospel hints at one of St. Peter's more wild rides. At the peak he declared self-confidently to Jesus, "I will lay down my life for you," only to rush down the slope of denying Christ a few hours later and bottom out, weeping bitterly (John 13:37).

Imagine how Jesus might have responded this week if he had not kept his eyes fixed on his Father: exuberance on Palm Sunday, defensiveness at the Pharisees' challenges on Monday through Wednesday, rage at being betrayed and handed over to Pilate on Holy Thursday, and complete absolute despair on the cross on Good Friday. Surely he felt deeply all that happened to him. Surely his emotions were taxed, even raw. But despite being on this roller-coaster, he held fast to his mission. He stayed focused on his

conviction that his Father was faithful and that he was doing exactly what God had called him to do.

Holding firmly to his relationship with the Father kept Jesus in a position of trust and humility. As the end drew near, you can imagine Jesus filling his mind with thoughts from today's first reading: The Lord called me from birth. He gave me my name. My reward is with the Lord, even if I toiled in vain and spent my strength uselessly. God is my strength!

Perhaps he recalled too the words of the psalmist: In you I take refuge; let me never be put to shame. The Lord is my trust, my hope, and my deliverer. He has taught me to stand firm on him, to stand behind the fortress of his presence.

We can do likewise. This week, try to stay grounded as you ride the roller-coaster of life. Hold firmly to what you know of God. Remind yourself of what he has done in your life. Remember his cross and resurrection. Trust that he is riding that roller-coaster with you.

*"Father, help me to follow Jesus' example of steady confidence in you."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Lexie Lee and William Weatherly!
  
- ★ 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.

- ★ Prom tickets are now on sale! See Mrs. Tavel before or after school. Tickets are \$45 each. 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.
- ★ Today, we will be hosting a junior high track meet - four teams will be participating. Field events begin at 4:15; running events begin around 6:00.
- ★ Thank you for generously giving to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society with Pennies for Patients. Together we raised \$2606.15. In third place was Mrs. Buckley's class with \$337.06. In second was Ms. Norton's class with \$518. And in first place, winning a pasta party courtesy of Olive Garden, is Ms. William's class with \$784.46.
- ★ The players and coaches of the St. Patrick golf teams would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone for supporting us at the Newk's Family Night fundraiser yesterday.
- ★ Attention members of the boys golf team - practice today will be determined by the weather. Stop by Coach Hewes' room right after school.
- ★ Quiz Bowl won 2 of 3 rounds last night in Pass Christian with a tight loss against Long Beach where they were tied coming into the last question. Our team will play in the Final Four hosted here at St. Patrick on April 16.