

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Your word is truth. (John 17:17)*

Are today's readings hinting at a secret password to God's kingdom? First, Paul mentions a word that can "give you the inheritance," but he doesn't divulge what that word is (Acts 20:32). Then we find that this word resounds throughout the universe and bestows strength on God's people (Psalm 68:33-35). And in the Gospel, we hear that this word is able to save us from sin (John 17:12).

What is this word? Ultimately, it's the name of Jesus himself. In the first chapter of his Gospel, St. John identifies Jesus as the Word of God. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that his name "contains all: God and man and the whole economy of creation and salvation" (2666). Jesus Christ, Son of God, is the Word that gives us access to unlimited grace. You might say he is the password to the kingdom!

So far, this could sound like abstract theory. What does it mean for you, personally? Here are two ways to look at it:

Jesus reveals God's love for you. Whenever you encounter Jesus in the Scriptures, one thing stands out: he is full of

compassion. He is moved deeply with love for the hungry and the blind, for sinners and the oppressed, for the sick and the well, for everyone. He loved Judas as much as Peter. He loved the Romans as much as the Jews. He loved the Pharisees who persecuted him as a man as much as the shepherds who adored him as a baby. And he loves you.

Jesus reveals God's grace. In the Gospels, Jesus never leaves people where they are. He feeds the hungry. He shepherds the lost. He forgives the wayward. He restores the broken-hearted and sets captives free. He even offered his enemies the chance to find the same mercy and love that had changed the hearts of everyone else around him. And that grace is available to you.

Through Jesus, God's love and grace are available. What do you need it for? Maybe you need the Lord's peace to squelch anxiety. Or to help you become more kind and understanding toward your children. Whatever it is, the Word of God is not going to leave you alone to struggle by yourself. In Jesus, you have all the grace and love you'll ever need.

*"Jesus, eternal Word of God, I praise you for bringing me into God's kingdom!"*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to James Dent today!
- ★ NJHS service hours sheets are due to Mrs. Mays by the end of day Monday, May 21. NJHS members who are interested in running for office for NJHS need to see Mrs. Mays by the end of day Monday May 21.
- ★ Tryouts for the volleyball team will take place on May 24. All girls interested in trying out for the volleyball team should come by the office and pick up a tryout form.