

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

If the Lord wills it, we shall live to do this or that. (James 4:15)

Using an expression that goes back to the primitive Church, many Christians would end their conversations with "if God wills." "I will see you next week, if God wills." "I will do well on all of my exams today, if God wills." We see Paul using this expression when he wrote to the Christians at Corinth: "I will come to you soon, if the Lord is willing" (1 Corinthians 4:19). And in today's first reading, James makes it clear that our future is in God's control. We can make the best of plans, but only God can guarantee the future.

If this is the case, wouldn't it make sense simply to sit on our front porches and wait for the Second Coming? Well, not exactly; nothing would ever get done! God wants us to be out in the world, building his kingdom, but doing it in a way that keeps us free from anxiety or worry over the future. After all, if he provides so abundantly for the birds and the flowers, how much more can we, his own children,

rely on his care and guidance?

The same principle applies to our personal lives as well. God wants us to work hard at our jobs, be involved in our family and neighborhood, and take care of ourselves both physically and mentally. But he doesn't want the demands of any of these responsibilities to overshadow our joy and confidence in him and his provision.

Worrying about the future is neither helpful nor necessary. It drains our faith and saps us of our energy. God wants us to place our hope in him and in his plans for us. He wants us to be free to serve him. So don't let the cares of this world make you afraid. Don't let your worries convince you that you have to overcome every obstacle on your own. Instead, keep following the Lord, and leave the future to him. Try your best to let go of worry so that you can live in the light of his promises.

"Lord, free me from anxiety. I want to abandon myself to your plan. May I live every day with trust and gratitude for your care."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Raven Gonsoulin and Anna Saucier today!
- ★ We will administer final exams in third, fourth, and fifth periods today. Dismissal for Thursday is at 12:30.
- ★ Be sure to turn in textbooks to the library and cafeteria balances to the front office. All textbooks must be submitted and cafeteria balances cleared before you leave tomorrow.
- ★ The varsity cheerleaders will be hosting a bake sale in the concession stand during the break in between finals tomorrow. Items will range from 50 cents to 5 dollars. Please come out and support the cheerleaders on the last day of school.