

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, August 28, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Cleanse first the inside of the cup. (Matthew 23:26)

Ice cream sundaes, quickly consumed, can leave a lovely fluted dish splattered with leftover cherry pits, chocolate sprinkles, and nuts. The dish looks pretty on the outside, but the inside is a sticky mess. That's like the image Jesus used to get these Pharisees' attention. We know some Pharisees, like Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, believed in Jesus and became his disciples. But these Pharisees despised him.

Jesus' rebuke might sound harsh; it might even make you squirm inside. After all, most of us know his words could just as easily apply to us. But Jesus isn't trying to shame the Pharisees (or us) into change. He is trying to draw our gaze to the truth: only Jesus can cleanse the "inside of the cup," our hearts (Matthew 23:26).

No matter how forcefully Jesus' words strike you, be assured of this: God is not mad at you. He loves you intensely, and he is trying to open your eyes to the leftover mess in your heart. His rebuke is meant as an invitation to turn back to him.

St. Augustine, whose memorial we celebrate today, once told God, "You made me see that there was something to see." Augustine saw Jesus and his holiness, and that shed light on his own need for God and his potential to be like Jesus. "You called and shouted," he acknowledged, "and broke through my deafness."

Jesus was shouting to break through the Pharisees' deafness. God, who is good and gentle, is also powerful and wise. Don't be frightened by the power of his voice. He isn't screaming at you, "Hey you, your cup is filthy!" He's inviting you closer so that you can hear him calling out, "Here I am! Let me help you."

Jesus wants to help you. He wants you to be holy just as he is holy. He wants to hold your hand and guide you as you deal with whatever separates you from him. Perhaps he will lead you to look at what is gumming up your sundae dish. Perhaps it will lead to the confessional for a thorough scrubbing. Once everything is cleared away, the Spirit will deepen your faith in Jesus—and give you a deeper experience of his love.

"Jesus, cleanse me from the inside out."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Brooklyn Mitchell and Ricardo Quintana!
- ★ Juniors, Herff Jones will be back to class ring orders tomorrow during lunch. Please bring your deposit then, if you need extra brochures or packets you can pick them up in the front office.
- ★ High school students who plan to attend the Homecoming Dance and would like to request permission to bring an outside date must submit the form by Friday, September 7. Outside guests must be in ninth through twelfth grade and in good standing at their current school. Forms may be picked up at the front desk from Mrs. Collier or

downloaded from the "Student Life" page of the school website. Approval will not be granted for forms not submitted by Friday.

- ★ Seventh grade Student Council representative applications are available in the office. They are due to Mrs. Buckley in room 200 at the campaign rules meeting today at 3pm. Seventh graders will elect six representatives for Student Council. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Buckley.
- ★ NHS members, the first meeting will be tomorrow at 7:45 in the auditorium. Please be on time.
- ★ There will be a Mu Alpha Theta meeting after school on Friday, August 31, in Ms. Tavel's classroom. We will discuss tutoring and club dues. The meeting will be brief. We look forward to seeing all members there.
- ★ Applications are now available at the front desk for anyone interested in becoming a St. Patrick Ambassador. Ambassadors will be professional representatives of St. Patrick and duties will include: speaking to families and parishes about school happenings, attending Diocesan events, providing campus tours, and more. You do not have to be a member of Student Council to apply. Applications are due Friday, September 14. Please see Mrs. Rosetti for more information.
- ★ Auditions for the fall drama production will be Wednesday and Friday this week. There is a sign up sheet at Mrs. Trahan's classroom, room 204. Auditions will end at 4:00 each day. If you want an ensemble part you do not have to audition. Only lead roles need to audition.
- ★ Those students who are interested in running for an FCA Officer can pick up an application from Coach Dellenger during this week only
- ★ Students, we ask that you do not ask another student for a date to homecoming on the campus of St. Patrick. While we appreciate the excitement at this time of year, some of the requests are disruptive and sometimes embarrassing in a public forum. We ask that you contact your prospective date off campus outside school hours.
- ★ There will be a runoff election for Vice President of Interact Club in Ms Lawson's room on Wednesday. Interact members grades 9-12 may vote any time Wednesday during the day or after school in Ms Lawson's Room.
- ★ Cross Country members should meet directly after school today at the track concession stand for a 35 minute easy run. Tomorrow, members will meet directly after school for a 25 minute run. Please see Mrs. Rosetti if you have any conflicts.
- ★ Any student who lives in Long Beach and is interested in the Long Beach Mayor's Youth Council, see the front desk for applications. The deadline is Friday, September 7.
- ★ This Thursday at 3:05 in room 118 is an interest meeting for Students Against Violence Everywhere, a club dedicated to the promotion of positivity throughout the school and making smart decisions in student lives. Please come by Thursday and if you have any questions before then you can ask Dr. Casey or Mary Catherine Kalil.