

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, August 30, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

To you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus. (1 Corinthians 1:2)

How about exploring today's first reading in a somewhat different way? Let's pay special attention to a class of little words called "prepositions." For example: Of. In. Upon. It's easy to skip right over them, but these words can make a world of difference—especially in the Scriptures.

Prepositions express relationships. Sometimes they describe how things relate physically: Where is the hiker? On the mountain. Other times, they relate something to its source: she is from Argentina. Still others point to a destination: we're walking toward the canyon.

Paul used prepositions again and again—like an adventurer relying on a trusty tool—to describe how we relate to Christ. Look at just a few of the ways that Paul expresses our relationship with the Lord in today's reading alone. According to him, we are

- In Christ (1:2)
- Upon Christ (1:2)
- To Christ (1:6)
- With Christ (1:9)

Each of these little phrases tells us something new about our relationship with the Lord.

Consider "in Christ," for example. You could say that it means your life has been completely taken up into Christ's life. In Christ your old self died. In Christ you were raised up and made into a new creation. In Christ you are loved as a son or daughter of God.

That's not all. Because Christ lives in you, he is with you always. Wherever you go, you bring Christ with you. Like Mary, you bear him to the world.

And think of this: you will be in Christ forever—into eternity. There will never be a time when you are not in Christ.

What a difference one little word can make! So today spend some time reflecting on how this phrase, or one of the others, describes your relationship with Jesus. What seems special or pertinent to you right now? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you. You never know—those prepositions might have more to say to you than you think!

"Lord, thank you for this wonderful truth: I am found in you."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Gracie Hawkins!
- ★ Juniors, Herff Jones will be back to take ring orders on Tuesday, September 11 during lunch.
- ★ 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.

- ★ There will be a Mu Alpha Theta meeting after school tomorrow 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 tomorrow. 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.
- ★ 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.
- ★ Today 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.
- ★ Students who want to join the National English Honor Society should pick up an application from any English teacher. To be eligible, students must be in tenth grade and have a 3.0 average overall and in their core high school English classes. Applications will be due at the National English Honor Society meeting Tuesday, September 4, at 3pm in room 200. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Buckley.