

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, September 28, 2018

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*A time to love, and a time to hate. (Ecclesiastes 3:8)*

Of all the items that could be in this litany of appointed times, why would hate be included? The Bible is clear that hatred is a sin. "Whoever hates his brother is in darkness. . . . Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer" (1 John 2:11; 3:15). So how can there be a time to hate?

Actually, the writer of Ecclesiastes is reflecting on human experience as it is, not necessarily as God wants it to be. We all know what it feels like to hate someone; we may have even have hated ourselves at one point. It's a part of our fallen human nature. Hatred can stem from a hurt or injustice done to us or a loved one. It can flow from anger or envy, from self-righteousness or shame. It might even be rooted in fear, whether fear of someone who threatens us or of someone who is different from us.

So yes, unfortunately, there is a time to hate. But God asks us to take this "appointed time" to reflect on our hate and find a way, with his grace, to turn it to love (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

If you sense that you have negative feelings toward someone, stop and ask the Spirit to help you understand why. Your reactions may unveil your own sense of weakness or brokenness. Then you can ask God to help you root out this underlying cause and take another step toward love.

For instance, you may hate someone because of something hurtful they have said or done to you. Jesus wants to help you try to forgive. Perhaps you hate someone because they are embroiled in a pattern of sin that is overflowing to other people. Let Jesus remind you that we are all sinners. Sometimes, when a person is doing truly evil things, it is especially hard to love them. Maybe all you can do is pray. Even this is a step out of the darkness.

Hatred doesn't do anybody any good; it moves us to treat someone else poorly even as it keeps us locked in bitterness and resentment. So when you sense hatred rising in your heart, stop and ask the Spirit to help you identify its source. Then ask for grace to move out of the darkness of hate and into the light of God's love.

*"Jesus, where there is hatred, let me show love."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Jonathan Galle, Skylar Irwin, and Juliana Ladnier today! Also, Windfield Swetman and Mrs. Sutherlin will celebrate their birthdays this weekend! Happy Birthday!
- ★ Students, make sure to pay attention to tardies, and make sure you are getting to school and class on time. Too many students have already reached their limit for this semester. We want everyone to be here all day, every day. We expect this to be resolved.
- ★ Senior quotes are due today to Mrs. Farragut.

- ★ The St. James Fall Festival is coming up on October 6 and 7. They are in need of volunteers to work one or both days. This is a great opportunity to earn service hours. Tomorrow is the last day to sign up for booth assignments. See Ms. Saucier in the office or reply to the email you received regarding this event.
- ★ The deadline for officer nominations and dues for Students for Life is today. Dues must be paid today to vote, run for office or to sign up for March for Life. Please see Ms. Cloud if you have questions.
- ★ Youth legislature will have their first meeting of the year on Wednesday, October 3, directly after school in Mrs. Mays' room 103. If you are in grades 9-12 and are interested in participating, plan to attending this meeting.
- ★ Seniors, Herff Jones will be back to take Graduation Orders on Wednesday, October 3, during lunch. Please bring your deposit of \$60 at that time.
- ★ If you wish to join Key Club, National Honor Society, and Interact in the Walk for the Poor tomorrow, please meet on the Ocean Springs side of the bridge and bring a couple of dollars to donate to St. Vincent de Paul, who will be on the Biloxi side. Sign in with Mrs. Sutherlin at 7 am tomorrow at the bridge. There is an 80% chance of rain tomorrow morning. If you wake up and it is raining, assume that the walk is cancelled.
- ★ Let's wish the band good luck tomorrow as they compete in the Gulf Coast Marching Festival.
- ★ This is just a reminder that there is no drama practice today. Watch your email for next week's schedule.