

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, October 18, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The Kingdom of God is at hand. (Luke 10:9)

Did you know that St. Luke wrote more than 25 percent of the New Testament? In addition to the Gospel that bears his name, he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles.

In the Book of Acts, Luke offers a clear historical account of the birth and growth of the early Church. His Gospel, which follows a loosely constructed historical outline, focuses much more on telling us about Jesus' message. Let's look at a few of Luke's favorite themes.

First, the message of Jesus is one of joy (Luke 1:14, 44, 47, 58). Luke alone tells the stories of the five Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Luke is also the only one who speaks about the joy that erupts in heaven when the lost sheep, the lost coin, and the lost son are found (15:1-32).

Second, Jesus' message is one of mercy. Luke tells how Jesus comforted a repentant woman who anointed his feet with perfume and how he shared a meal with Zacchaeus, a notorious tax collector (7:36-50; 19:1-10).

Third, Jesus' message is about caring for the poor. Luke

tells us that Jesus was born into poverty. He warns us about the dangers of riches (Luke 6:24). And he warns us not to get ensnared by the desire for wealth (12:16-21). His parable about the rich man and the poor Lazarus gives us a chilling image of what can happen if we close ourselves to the needy (16:19-31).

Fourth, Jesus' message is about prayer. Luke depicts Jesus as praying at every important moment in his life: at his baptism (3:21), when he chose his apostles (6:12), at the Transfiguration (9:28-29), and in the Garden of Gethsemane (22:41).

Finally, Jesus' message is about being filled with the Holy Spirit. John the Baptist, Mary, Elizabeth, Zechariah, and Simeon were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Just before he ascended into heaven, Jesus promised that we too will be filled (Acts 1:5, 8).

Joy. Mercy. Caring for the poor. Prayer. The Holy Spirit. These are all ways that Luke has told us that God's kingdom is "at hand" (10:9). Let's take hold of that kingdom today!

"Lord, fill us with your joy as we live for you today."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Carmen DeStazio and Ramona DiNardo!
- ★ We will be on liturgy bell schedule today. We will celebrate mass at 9:40 this morning and will have our girls' track state championship ring ceremony following mass. We are excited to welcome Fr. Nutter to campus today.
- ★ Senior yearbook ads and money are due by Friday, October 26, to Mrs. Farragut or Mrs. Collier. Order forms were emailed, and if you need a paper copy, please get one from the front office.

- ★ Class favorite voting is available now and will end tomorrow!
- ★ There will be a Youth Leg meeting in room 116, Mr. Eleuterius' room, immediately after school today and every Thursday until the conference. All paperwork is due at this week's meeting. We will discuss final cost for the trip and more details about the conference.
- ★ The theme for tomorrow's pep rally will be "Aloha Irish." Students should dress in their best Hawaiian attire to show their school spirit. All outfits should meet the dress code policies outlined in the student handbook. If you have any questions, please see Coach Burger.
- ★ Ambassadors, we will have a meeting Monday, October 22, directly after school to discuss upcoming events. Please make every effort to attend.
- ★ Our Lady of Fatima is hosting its Fall Festival this Saturday, October 20, from 10 a.m. until 7 p.m. There are volunteer opportunities available throughout the day working several booths by collecting tickets and/or helping children with games. Please reply to your email from Mrs. Rosetti if you are interested in assisting.
- ★ Next Wednesday, October 24, there is a required meeting for all members of the SAVE club at 7:45 a.m. Please bring your \$5.00 dues. We will announce officers and discuss our plans for red ribbon week.
- ★ Biographies for Senior night should be turned into Coach Burger by end of day today.
- ★ SAAD Healthcare Services will be on campus today to offer flu shots for any students, faculty, or family members who would like to receive a flu vaccine; cost is \$25 and students must have the signed consent form.
- ★ Congratulations to our Reading Fair Winners

Fiction-Individual

1st--Olivia Myers

2nd--Ashleigh Sutton

3rd--Esmeralda Stadthagen

Non-fiction

1st--Jade Agler

Fiction--Group

1st--Presley Mullinax

Juliana Ladnier

2nd--Miller Sharp

London Lafferty

Mia Sharp

- ★ Cross country runners will need to meet directly after school for a 40 minute run today.

