

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

For freedom Christ set us free. (Galatians 5:1)

Imagine if every time you got in your car, you consulted a big, heavy book that explained the many rules of the road. That would make driving pretty difficult, wouldn't it? As it is, you already know the traffic laws. You probably even know the unwritten rules of driving etiquette. In fact, if you've been driving for any length of time, most of these laws have become instinctive.

The Galatian Christians were dealing with a similar issue. Paul warned that they were taking their observance of the Law of Moses to an unhealthy extreme. They had lost sight of the fact that through his cross and resurrection, Jesus had fulfilled the just requirements of the Law. What was necessary instead was "faith working through love," the evidence of a life transformed by the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:6).

Although we live in different times, we can still fall into a similar trap. We may not be concerned about Jewish ritual

law, but there are plenty of other ways we can think that God's grace isn't enough to set us free. Maybe we think that we need to work extra hard to get his attention and approval. Maybe we treat Mass superstitiously, thinking that showing up every Sunday will guarantee us a place in heaven. Or perhaps we judge other people as worthy or unworthy based on our own criteria instead of seeing them through the eyes of divine mercy and love.

All of these attitudes run contrary to the heart of the gospel message: Jesus has given his life for our sins, and he has given us his Spirit to empower us to live a new life. Wherever that Spirit is, there is freedom! Freedom from condemnation and fear. Freedom to live in love and to walk in peace. We don't have to be absolutely perfect. Rather, we can accept our redemption as a gift freely given—and we can freely give our lives back to the Father in return.

"Lord, I praise you for your love! As I look at you on the cross, I rejoice in the grace you have poured out. Thank you, Jesus, for setting me free!"

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ 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.
- ★ National Honor Society, your meeting has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 24, at 7:45.
- ★ Juniors and Seniors, please remember the University of Mississippi is conducting a special program Wednesday, October 17, at 3:00 in the library.
- ★ Class favorite voting is available now. Please vote as soon as possible!

- ★ There will be a Youth Leg meeting in room 116, Mr. Eleuterius' room, immediately after school on Thursday 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 this Friday'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.
- ★ NEHS meeting is today after school in Mrs. Buckley's room, 200. New members can pay their \$10 initiation fee then. We'll nominate officers and discuss service opportunities.
- ★ Cross country runners will need to meet directly after school for a 35 minute run today.

