

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, November 27, 2018

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*On the sea of glass were standing those who had won the victory. (Revelation 15:2)*

When we read this passage, we might think “winning the victory” means dying as a martyr. But could it be referring to some other type of victory? If we look at the life of St. Catherine Labouré (1806–1876), whose feast is today, the answer would seem to be yes. She is remembered as the saint who started the devotion to the Miraculous Medal in response to a vision of the Virgin Mary in 1830. But we should also honor Catherine for something much more ordinary.

After Catherine's visions, she told only her confessor—and she insisted on secrecy. For forty-six years, no one in her convent knew that she was the one Mary had visited. She continued her duties as a Daughter of Charity while her confessor implemented the Virgin Mary's instructions. It wasn't until just before her death that Catherine told anyone—and that was only her superior!

Humbly and silently watching while the Miraculous Medal devotion spread worldwide, not taking credit for it: that was a victory for Catherine. Although Catherine wasn't killed

for her faith, she still “put to death” her own desires for fame or credit. In doing so, she was a witness to God's power, and that's what martyrdom is all about. Remember, the Greek word martyr means just that: witness.

You might feel as if you're not doing anything as victorious as Catherine or any of the saints described in today's first reading. But if you're doing your best to obey the Lord, you are! As Pope Francis said recently, “Martyrdom of blood is not the only way to witness to Jesus Christ. . . . There is everyday martyrdom: the martyrdom of honesty, the martyrdom of patience; the martyrdom of fidelity, when it is easier to take another, more hidden path” (Address, June 18, 2016).

Every time you make a choice for someone else over yourself, you have won a victory. Every time you cooperate with God's grace instead of giving in to temptation, you have won a victory. You may not see it, but God is shaping your character. He is making you a witness to his power. And he is giving you the victory.

*“Lord, help me to be humble, simple, and willing to follow you no matter how ordinary life may seem.”*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Samuel Holman today!
- ★ St. Patrick will hold its annual ACT Workshop from November 30 through December 2. If you are interested in attending, please see Mrs. Tavel in room 100 to register.
- ★ Each year, St. Patrick sends Christmas cards to families in our community. We are in search of photography to feature on this year's card. If you are interested in submitting photos for consideration, please check your email from Mrs. Rosetti for more information. Photos are due by 3 p.m. today.

- ★ The Fighting Irish Boys Basketball team defeated Lamar Christian 48-23 to improve to 3 wins with 0 losses. Dylan Middleton, Briggs Menendez, Nick Krass, and Gully Yates all played well for the Irish.
- ★ The Lady Irish soccer team remain undefeated with a 1-0 win over Pass Christian. The goal came from Abby Badurak with the assist by Jessica Harrison. Ali Ware posted her 4th shutout in 5 games in goal.
- ★ The Varsity Boys Basketball team defeated Lamar Christian 62-46 last night to improve to 5 wins with 0 losses. The Irish had several players contribute to the win as Winfield Swetman had 10 points and 7 rebounds, Jay Parker, Holden Hewes, Michael Moeller, and Parker Frame played well for the Irish. The team will Host Pearl River Central Friday night and travel to Vancleave Saturday.
- ★ Coach Dellenger would like to thank those 40 FCA Members who participated in the thanksgiving food drive; the next project will be Christmas toys for kids!