

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Wednesday, November 14, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared . . . (Titus 3:4)

Often, a proofreader will read a text backwards. This forces the eyes to slow down and notice each word individually. If we modify it just a bit, this technique can help us read and ponder the Scriptures more carefully and prayerfully.

Take today's first reading, for example. There is so much here that explains God's eternal love and his plan for us that we might miss if we read it too quickly. So let's try reading it "backwards."

The last line of the text talks about our becoming "heirs in hope of eternal life" (Titus 3:7). This is the foundation of everything God has done for us! He created us to be with him forever and to inherit all of his spiritual riches. This intention of his has never changed. Even in our darkest sins, he still longs for us to be with him.

With this truth in our hearts, we find it easier to embrace the line just before it: "That we might be justified by his grace" (Titus 3:7). If you want to be with God forever, you need to embrace his salvation. You need his grace to set you free

from sin. You don't have to be afraid of your past, for there is no condemnation, only hope.

Continuing back, we read these words: ". . . through Jesus Christ our savior" (Titus 3:6). Everything points to Jesus. If we fix our eyes on him, we can't help but come to love him. Seeing his perfection and his glory, we will want to surrender our lives to him and receive his healing, his freedom, and his Spirit.

Speaking of the Spirit, the next line tells us that God has "richly poured" him out on us (Titus 3:6). Our generous Father is always offering us a share in his life. He wants nothing more than to fill us with his divine life, which only his Spirit can provide.

Now, as you read back through this passage in its original order, ask the Spirit to move these truths from your head to your heart. Remember, his word is not just letters on paper. It's living and active!

"Holy Spirit, I want to know Jesus more. Help me to receive the abundant life you have for me in your word. Open my heart and fill me."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to John Michael Moran today!
- ★ We wish our eighth grade students all the best on their spiritual retreat today. We will call for eighth graders to be dismissed as soon as we are ready to board the buses.
- ★ The St. Alphonsus Knights of Columbus need volunteers next Tuesday, November 20, to put the church missals in 450 binders. If you are interested in helping out, see Mrs. Collier at the front office.

- ★ FCA members are reminded to have their Thanksgiving basket items in by this Friday to Coach Dellenger in room 108.
- ★ The Interact Club meeting today will take place in the auditorium immediately after school.
- ★ National English Honor Society is now tutoring each Wednesday morning at 7:45 in Mrs. Sutherlin's room. If you need help, please join us!
- ★ The Fighting Irish defeated Sacred Heart 90-40 last night in the St. Patrick Invitational Tournament. The Irish had a complete team victory with everyone contributing. It was a dominant performance in every phase of the game. Jay Parker had 27 points, Windfield Swetman had 15 points and 7 rebounds, Drew Roth scored 12 points and Nick Krass added 11 points. The Irish will play Presbyterian Christian in the Championship game Thursday night at 8:30.