

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, November 26, 2018

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Do not be terrified. (Luke 21:9)

Time and time again, predictions of the world's end have captured public attention, just as they do now. Even Jesus had to deal with this kind of speculation. When will the world end? How will we know it's happening?

Far from offering hints and clues to the answer, Jesus gave people a simple word of advice: "Do not be terrified" (Luke 21:9). It wasn't just questions about the Second Coming that drew this response. At the Last Supper, he told his disciples, "Do not let your hearts be troubled" (John 14:1). And in the middle of his ministry, he told everyone, "Your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom" (Luke 12:32).

In all situations, in the face of every worry, Jesus offers the same words: "Don't worry; my Father is with you. I will never leave you or abandon you." Today, as the Church year draws to a close, Jesus tells us not to be scared. You may see troubling things, you may hear frightening news, but don't let it overwhelm you.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could enter into the new

liturgical year holding fast to this simple phrase: I will not be afraid?

Scripture promises that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:13). Everyone who turns to him finds help in times of need. We are loved by the Faithful One, who is both our Shepherd and our Guardian. We are looked after by One who tells us, "I am your shield" (Genesis 15:1). "Do not be afraid," he tells us, "for I am with you and will help you. I am your strength in every situation. Declare, confidently and boldly, I will not be afraid!"

Children trust that Dad and Mom have it covered, whatever "it" is. So does Jesus. One day, the world is going to end. When the time comes, he will make sure you will know all you need to know. In the meantime, try not to worry. Let the peace of Christ settle in your heart so that your peace can help the people around you. Let your own peace tell them, "Do not be terrified."

"Father, I give you all my fears. Hold my hand in yours, and I will not be terrified."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy Birthday to Gracie Davenport and Annie Torp!
- ★ 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.
- ★ NHS members, there is a meeting tomorrow morning at 7:45 in the auditorium.

- ★ 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. tomorrow.
- ★ Tennis tryouts will take place tomorrow from 4:00 to 5:30 at Bayou Bluff. Everybody trying out must have their own tennis racket. A makeup tryout will be offered at a later date.
- ★ Drama Guild members are reminded that there is cantata practice today and Thursday from 3:00 until 4:00.
- ★ Reminder: with the colder weather, make sure you are still staying within St. Patrick guidelines for outerwear. Only official St. Patrick jackets, sweaters, or coats are allowed unless otherwise announced.