

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Tuesday, March 26, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

If my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him? (Matthew 18:21)

So many important elements in life depend on a person's point of view, don't they? When Peter approached Jesus with a question about forgiving a particularly difficult brother, his focus was on the proper limits to forgiveness. Peter sets up the scene to make himself the injured party—how forgiving should I be? Certainly, mercy has its limits.

But Jesus turns the tables on him and tries to place him in the role of the forgiven party instead. He asks Peter to imagine what it would be like to have a huge debt removed from his account. How would he respond? With generosity toward his debtors? Or with the same cold calculus that should have landed him in jail? Will he let mercy transform him, or will he end up in prison despite his master's forgiveness?

We are all recipients of God's overflowing, transforming mercy. It's a generosity that bursts forth from the Father's heart. Like a river overflowing its banks, it cannot be

contained. It flows everywhere and washes everyone clean who remains in its path and lets it wash over them.

The next time you are the injured party and you are thinking about what you consider the demands of justice to be, take a moment to widen your point of view. Remember that another person is involved—another recipient of God's love and mercy. Remember the way that God looks at you, and try to look at the other person with the same love, compassion, and forgiveness. Ask yourself, How can I possibly withhold forgiveness when God never held back from me?

If we can keep God's look of love in the forefront of our minds, mercy will burst forth from us. It may start as a trickle, and it won't always be easy. But that doesn't have to stop us from trying. God knows how hard this can be, and he is infinitely patient. After all, if he was so merciful as to give up his only Son for us, why would he not treat us the same way now?

"Father in heaven, give me my daily bread today, and forgive me as I strive to forgive the people indebted to me."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Juniors and sophomores, we will have our ACT workshop all day today in preparation for next week's ACT exam. Thank you to Mrs. Worrel, Mrs. Trahan, and Mrs. Tavel for conducting today's workshops.
- ★ Juniors and seniors, if you would like to request an outside guest for prom, the completed form is due to Dr. Buckley by Friday, March 29. You may download the outside guest form from the "Campus Life" page of the website or pick up a copy from Mrs. Collier at the front desk. Outside guests must be enrolled in a local high school in tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grade and in good standing at his or her current school.

- ★ Juniors, if you are interested in applying for the 2019-20 St. Patrick Campus Ministry Team, please sign up with Mrs. Collier this week. The Campus Ministry Team application will be completed through Canvas, so once you sign up with Mrs. Collier, the application will be added to your Canvas account. If you have any questions about Campus Ministry, please see Ms. Previto, Sr. Williams, or Mr. Creel.
- ★ Students, we will begin having scheduling meetings this week starting with the Class of 2020 tomorrow morning. All students will need to have their PowerSchool username and password before the scheduling meeting. If you do not know your username or password, see Mrs. Collier.
- ★ Interact Club members please begin bringing in plastic eggs and candy for the upcoming Easter Egg hunt at the Children's Shelter. Give them to Mrs. Lawson or Ms. Moon.
- ★ The Diocese of Biloxi Office of Vocations, Sister Consolata, and Sister Mary David (from the Franciscan Order) invite you to join them Sunday, April 7, at 1:00 p.m. for prayer, fellowship, and fun at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in Biloxi. This is a free event for women 16 and older; you may register at the door.
- ★ St. Patrick will be the host team in today's junior high track and field invitational meet; field events begin around 4:30. Good luck, Irish!
- ★ Congratulations go out to Sydney Thornton. One of her pieces has been evaluated by a panel of judges and accepted into the University of Southern Mississippi art show. The show will be held this weekend at the Gulf Park campus.
- ★ Congratulations to the Fighting Irish junior high baseball team for their victories over Bay St. Louis last night. Austin Lee pitched three shutout innings to get the win, while Carson Kilpatrick and John Hay each added a double for the Fighting Irish offense.