

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, August 8, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*Moses struck the rock twice . . . and water gushed out.
(Numbers 20:11)*

Moses is a spiritual giant by anyone's standards. He spoke face-to-face with God and led the Israelites through the Sinai Desert right up to the border of the Promised Land. But even Moses disobeyed God in striking ways. In today's first reading, he scorns God's instruction only to command a rock to bring forth water and literally strikes the rock instead.

Admittedly, Moses and his brother, Aaron, were under a lot of pressure. They were grieving the death of their beloved sister, Miriam, and the people's supply of drinking water was running perilously low. Tens of thousands of Israelites were threatening mutiny. As the leaders responsible for the people and powerless to provide for them, Moses and Aaron must have felt desperate. But God promised that he would provide, and he would do it through the power of the words that he would give them.

It's a shame that Moses didn't trust God's word, isn't it? That word had the power to heal, to save, and to provide. All he had to do was speak, and it would be done. But Moses didn't, and he faced the consequences of his actions.

"Because you were not faithful to me in showing forth my sanctity," God told him, "you shall not lead this community into the land" (Numbers 20:12).

But that's not all that happened. Despite Moses' disobedience, God still provided a massive flow of water to save his parched people. He saved them anyway!

Isn't it encouraging to know that God isn't limited by our sins? He can rise above whatever we do and still reveal his goodness.

Today's reading tells us that we have the privilege of sharing in Jesus' work, but it's still Jesus who does the work. And he sometimes does it in spite of his servants. It's his word, not necessarily our work, that makes the difference. It doesn't depend only on us.

God's word is as living and effective today as it was in Moses' time. He speaks through the Scriptures and in the silence of our hearts. He speaks to our loved ones, and to us. And when he speaks, his word gives life.

"Come, Lord, and speak your words of life to me and to the people around me today."

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Today's Announcements:

- ★ Happy birthday to Jordan Gill and Gavriella Persing!

- ★ We are excited to welcome everyone back to school for the 2019-20 school year! We are thrilled to welcome our new students into the Fighting Irish family! We look forward to an excellent school year.

- ★ Teachers, if you are able to post attendance in PowerSchool, please do so each period - if not, please post on the outside of your classroom door.
- ★ Students, you will receive a copy of your schedule during first period this morning. Everyone should follow the schedule received in first period. If there is something wrong with your schedule, please complete the schedule change request form on the website. Changes will only be made if we made a mistake with your schedule.
- ★ All athletic periods will meet in the gym today.
- ★ Our library media center will be open until 5:00 p.m. each afternoon beginning today.
- ★ Ninth through twelfth grade students, make sure you have checked out your Chromebook from the library media center and have it fully charged tomorrow morning.
- ★ Students, you will have until August 16 to check out your textbooks from the library media center.
- ★ Students who drive to campus, please pick up a parking permit and registration form from Ms. Edwards by August 16. All vehicles parked on campus must have a decal displayed on the rear-view mirror. There is no charge for parking permits.