

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, August 12, 2019

### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*But that we may not offend them . . . (Matthew 17:27)*

Peter is in a tight spot. Even as he answered yes to Jesus' question about paying the Temple tax, he must have wondered what Jesus might end up doing. Would he really pay it?

Though paying the tax is a good thing, Jesus puts it in a new light. As children of the Father whose Temple it is, both Peter and Jesus are free from the tax. Yet Jesus pays it anyway! He doesn't want to present an unnecessary obstacle to his fellow Jews.

Jesus has not changed one bit since then. He is still patiently trying to win us over. He doesn't expect us to get everything right, just as he didn't expect the Jews to understand their relationship to the Temple. He knows that understanding often follows trust, so he needed to first win their trust before he could address this issue.

We are all like Peter and the other Jews of Jesus' time. Perhaps there are some aspects of Jesus' message that you still don't understand or agree with. Jesus doesn't hold that against you. He accepts you where you are and wants to help you take the next step in faith.

For instance, you may wonder about how Jesus could be present in the bread and wine at Mass or how Mary could have been assumed into heaven. It's okay to ask questions as long as you're staying open and trying to learn. Just don't let your questions keep you from following Jesus. Trust that he will continue to open your mind and your heart. He is patient. He will help you to understand—and maybe in ways you don't expect!

Of course, Jesus didn't pay the Temple tax just to show Peter how much he loved him. He was also setting an example: go and do likewise. Be patient with the people around you.

Do you have a friend or family member who is struggling with their faith? Are you close to someone who is not living out a particular teaching of the Church? Don't give up on them, and by all means don't condemn them! Be as kind and generous with them as you can. The last thing you need is to become a stumbling block on their journey to Jesus.

*"Lord Jesus, I trust you, even when I don't understand you."*

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### Today's Announcements:

- ★ Teachers, please post attendance in PowerSchool at the start of each period - if you are unable to post attendance in PowerSchool, please call Mrs. Collier.
- ★ All athletic periods will meet in the gym.
- ★ Our library media center will be open until 5:00 p.m. each afternoon.

- ★ 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.
- ★ The first meeting for robotics will be today after school in room 202. This meeting will be at least 20 minutes and will include sign-ups for all students interested and students who are already members. Please attend this meeting if you are interested in being part of robotics - robotics is open to all students. There are many areas of robotics to become involved in, so come to this meeting to find out more.
- ★ If you are interested in helping out the football team as a videographer, manager, or statistician see Coach Bailey or Coach Hommell. Any help is greatly appreciated.
- ★ There will be a Student Council meeting tomorrow morning beginning at 7:30 a.m. in Mrs. Williams' room (200). All current Student Council members should attend.
- ★ The first Drama Guild meeting will be Wednesday from 3 until 3:30 p.m. The Drama Guild is open to students in grades 7-12. Membership stays open all year to give you an opportunity to work with either the fall production or the spring production. Applications are available in advance from Mrs. Trahan.