

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Friday, September 13, 2019

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

The grace of our Lord has been abundant. (1 Timothy 1:14)

How often do you stop and review the sins of your past, especially the sins you have already confessed and put behind you? This isn't a matter of rehashing the past or beating yourself up over sins from years ago. No, we're talking about looking back at how God has changed your life.

Look at the example of Paul in the first reading: "I was once a blasphemer . . . and an arrogant man," he tells his friend Timothy. "But I have been mercifully treated. . . . The grace of our Lord has been abundant" (1 Timothy 1:13, 14). Rather than being embarrassed over the man he once was, Paul chose to focus on the power of God's grace to transform his life.

God's grace has been abundant in your life as well—even if you sometimes have a hard time seeing it. Right now, take a moment to look back and identify one or two ways you have grown spiritually over the past few years. Maybe you feel closer to Jesus in your prayer. That's his grace. Maybe you can see ways he has helped you to overcome anger,

laziness, or pride. That's his grace. Or maybe you've found it easier to accept someone who once got on your nerves or who hurt you in the past. That too is God's grace. In fact, if you look closely enough, you'll see that God's grace has indeed been abundant. And powerful. And persistent. And unconditional.

Today's reading is an invitation to praise and thanksgiving. Like Paul, you have been "mercifully treated" to God's never-ending, overflowing grace (1 Timothy 1:13). So devote your prayer time today to thanking God for all the ways he has surrounded you and immersed you in his grace. Your spiritual growth may seem gradual, even painfully slow at times. But it is happening. As you spend time thanking him for his grace, your vision of his work in you will become even sharper and clearer. You'll see how far you've come, and what you see will move you to cooperate with his grace even more fully.

"Jesus, thank you for your abundant grace in my life. Lord, help me to open myself even more to your grace. Jesus, I want to become like you!"

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy Birthday to Chaz Byers and Adam Tran! Celebrating a birthday this weekend is Mrs. Emily Cloud!
- Today is day 3 of the advisement rotation.
- The theme for today is Rock the Jaguars as our varsity football team competes against Pope John Paul II from Slidell tomorrow evening. Tomorrow is a free dress day for all students, and our pep rally is a rock and roll theme. Students may dress in the theme, wear jeans with any St. Patrick shirt, or wear their school uniform.

Students may wear jeans, capri pants, shorts (knee-length), skirts (knee-length) with an appropriate shirt and any closed-toe and closed back shoes. No spaghetti straps or sweat pants. No torn clothing of any type.

- Homecoming dance tickets will go on sale beginning Monday morning. Tickets are \$25 each and may be purchased from the front office or the spirit store on the St. Patrick website. Students must be in 9th through 12th grades to attend and any high school guest from another school must have a completed and approved guest form. Those forms are due to the front office by September 20

- The SAVE club will have a meeting Monday, September 16, at 3:00 in room 118. If you would like to participate in the September event but cannot make this meeting please see Dr. Casey sometime before the end of the week.

- The junior high math club will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, September 18, at 7:40 in room 118.

- Anyone in grades 7 through 12 who would like to participate in Science Olympiad may come by room 215 and pick up an application.

- Auditions for Irish Idol will be held this Monday, September 16, at 3:05 in the auditorium. Any interested students should pick up an information form from Mrs. Williams in room 200 by Monday morning.

- Sophomores and juniors, if you are taking the PSAT workshop, the payment is due Monday.

- There will be a Youth Legislature meeting on Tuesday, September 17, in Mr. Eleuterius' room 116 at 3:05pm. Also, there will be a Mock Trial meeting on Wednesday, September 18, in Mr. Eleuterius' room 116 at 7:45am.

- If you are parked in the north parking lot of the football stadium - please remove your vehicle from this area immediately after school is dismissed.