

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Monday, January 21, 2020

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*From that day on, the Spirit of the Lord rushed upon David.
(1 Samuel 16:13)*

Anointing was a common practice in ancient Israel. People often used perfumed oil to refresh themselves or to soothe and heal wounds. They also used it to anoint kings and priests. Pouring oil over a person was a way of setting him aside for God's service in a special way. Such people became God's "anointed ones," empowered by him to fulfill their duties.

In today's first reading, God makes it clear that David, the youngest of Jesse's sons, is to be Israel's next king. God does this by having Samuel anoint him. Through this anointing, God fills David with his Spirit. God's Spirit would now be with David through all the challenges he would face, including his forty-year reign as king.

When you were baptized, you were also anointed with oil. The sacred chrism, the oil consecrated by the bishop, "signifies the gift of the Holy Spirit to the newly baptized." In that anointing, you were "incorporated into Christ who is anointed priest, prophet, and king" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1241).

It's true; God's Spirit really did rush into you when you were baptized, just as it rushed upon David. That's because sacraments aren't just religious ceremonies—they bring about what they signify. Just as King David's anointing empowered him to fulfill his office, your baptism empowered and strengthened you. It equipped you as priest, to grow in holiness and to help others do the same; as prophet, to proclaim the truth of the gospel; and as king, to bring God's kingdom into the world.

This is a high calling, and it can seem beyond our strength or ability. Maybe David felt the same way when Samuel anointed him. Yet through every difficulty, he must have recalled that extraordinary day and the gift of the Spirit he had received. Your baptismal day was extraordinary as well. Even if you were too young to remember it, something amazing happened: like Jesus, you were "anointed . . . with the holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38).

May we always honor and treasure this great gift by calling on the Spirit for our every need!

"Lord, let me never forget the great gift of the Spirit, whom you gave me in Baptism."

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Joshua Nguyen!
- Today is day 1 of the advisement schedule.

- The advisement day for today is Day 1. Today begins the spring sports season for junior high. All seventh and eighth graders will receive new schedules in fourth period. Report to day 1 advisement.
- Any young lady 15-18 years of age may compete for Miss Gulf Coast Teen (formerly Miss Camellia Queen) sponsored by the Biloxi Lions Club. The date is Saturday, February 1. The judging consists of an interview that will be conducted that morning and an evening gown competition. Scholarships are available for the winner and runner-ups. Please see Ms. Gryder in room 211 for an application or more details
- Students attending March for Life and riding Bus #1 with St. Patrick need to have all luggage and carry-ons in the auditorium by 8 am tomorrow morning. Bus #1 will begin checking in at 5 pm in the cafeteria at St. Patrick. Students riding Bus #6 will depart from Sacred Heart in D'Iberville and begin checking in at 5 pm. Bus #6 students will bring your luggage to Sacred Heart and check it in with Coach Ted Williams before loading the bus. If you are not sure about which bus you are riding, please check your email or see Mrs. Cloud today!
- This weekend our FTC Robotics team attended the Pascagoula Regional Competition. We are truly proud of their accomplishments. The team was the #1 seed at the end of regulation rounds, first place entering final rounds, and we were the Captain of the Winning Alliance. Not only did the team take away 1st Place in the tournament, but they received the Overall Most Outstanding Team Award, the Top Award given...The Inspire Award. Our drivers Colin Cloud and Thomas Owen and Coach William Reid led the way with all team members contributing to the success of the team. Congratulations!
- Women's soccer had a pair of victories over the holiday break beat resurrection 4-1 and 2-0. Goals were scored by Jessica Harrison, Haylie Alvarez, and Karsyn Mallett. Also, come out and support the Men's and Women's soccer team tonight and the seniors as they host Senior Night against D'Iberville