

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

Today's Prayer and Reflection:

Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord. (Isaiah 1:18)

God doesn't mince any words here. Speaking through the prophet Isaiah, he laments that his chosen people have committed sins that are "like scarlet" (Isaiah 1:18). That's a pretty strong image! But in addition to calling them out, God is also offering them the opportunity to repent and change. He sounds like a stern but loving father when he says, "Come now, let us set things right" (1:18).

The Hebrew word for "repentance," the word Isaiah would have used, is teshuva, or metanoia in Greek. It literally means to turn back or to turn around and go in a different direction. This word—along with Isaiah's prophecy today—shows us that repentance is not just about recognizing our guilt and confessing it. It also means "setting things right" by taking some kind of action.

In what areas of your life might the Lord be inviting you to turn around? It may help to use an examination of conscience, such as the one inside the front cover of this magazine. As you pray, the Holy Spirit may show you some small stuff—areas in your life you're tempted

to overlook or excuse. Or he may show you something bigger that affects other people and requires significant change.

Whatever the Lord brings to mind, take it to Confession. Be open and thorough in what you tell the priest. Receive God's forgiveness, and then try to "set things right," even if that means just taking the first step. It could be trying to repair a relationship by making a difficult phone call. It could be admitting to someone close to you an area of struggle so that he or she can support you as you try to change.

It's never too late to repent and to ask God to help you turn back to him. Isn't that why God sent his Son, Jesus? No matter what you have done, you can be made "white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18). And with the grace that comes with this sacrament, you will find the strength to turn things around.

Don't leave God's mercy on the table. Take courage and come clean so that he can make you clean. Then, with his help, you can make things right.

"Lord, how would you like me to set things right?"

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Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Zachary Lyons and Karsyn Mallett!
- Today is day 6 of the advisement schedule.
- Our annual Shamrockin' the Coast fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, March 28. Be sure to sell tickets! Tickets may be purchased at www.stpatrickhighschool.net/shamrockin.
- It is that time of year again! The junior class officers and the junior class sponsors have been preparing to have our elegant and distinguished formal junior/senior prom in early April! If you are going to be inviting a student that does not attend St. Patrick, you MUST collect a "Out of School Guest" form from Mrs. Collier or Mrs. Edwards in the front office area. Out of school guests MUST be in 10th-12th grades or can be a 2019 graduate from St. Patrick. These forms are due to Dr. Buckley NO LATER THAN March 27th! No exceptions! If you have any questions please see Mrs. Tavel in room 100.
- Sophomores and Juniors, report directly to your assigned classrooms. Also, make sure you have wooden pencils. ACT does not allow mechanical pencils.
- St. James is seeking volunteers for their Fun Glow Run on March 20. Students can earn service hours helping set up and breakdown, face painting and handing out drinks. Please see Mrs. Collier in the front office if you are interested.
- The spring blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, May 3. The Science Honor Society will resume its meetings on this coming Monday, March 9, after school in room 202. If you have questions, please see Mrs. Worrel. These meetings are for planning the blood drive.
- In Saturdays track meet both junior high and varsity St Patrick teams took numerous 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Girls junior high had 23 team points and 2nd place trophy. The Varsity ladies had 44 team points and also 2nd place trophy, both the junior high and varsity boys teams placed 3rd with 23 and 47 points, respectively.