

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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## DAILY ANNOUNCEMENTS Thursday, March 12, 2020

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### Today's Prayer and Reflection:

*When the poor man died, he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried, and from the netherworld, where he was in torment, he raised his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. Luke 16:22-23*

If you had to choose, what would you prefer? To be rich and dine sumptuously every day, clothed in purple garments, having everything you could ever want in this world? Or to be a poor beggar, covered with sores, living in a doorway, feeling the pains of hunger? It's an easy question to answer on the surface. The rich and comfortable life is more attractive at first thought. But the question should not be considered only on the surface, we must look deeper and consider the full contrast of these two people and the effects that their inner lives have on their eternal souls.

As for the poor man, when he died "he was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham." As for the rich man, the Scripture states that he "died and was buried" and went to the "netherworld, where he was in torment." Ouch! Now who would you prefer to be like?

Though it may be desirable to be rich in this life AND the next, that's not the point of Jesus' story. The point of His story is simple in that while on this Earth we must repent, turn from sin, listen to the words of Scripture, believe and keep our eyes on our true goal of the riches of Heaven.

As for whether you are rich or poor in this life, it really shouldn't matter. Though that's a hard conviction to arrive at, interiorly, it must be our goal. Heaven, and the riches that await, must be our focus. And we prepare for Heaven by hearing the Word of God and responding with the utmost generosity.

The rich man could have responded in this life by seeing the dignity and value of the poor man lying in his doorway, and reaching out in love and mercy. But he didn't. He was too focused on himself.

Reflect, today, upon the stark contrast between these two men, and especially the eternity that awaited each of them. If you see any of the sinful tendencies of this rich man in your own life, then repent of these sins and repent today. See the dignity and value in each person you encounter. And if you tend to be more focused upon your own self, consumed with selfish pleasure and excess, seek to embrace true poverty of spirit, striving to be attached only to God and the abundant blessings that come with a full embrace of all that He has revealed to us.

*Lord, please free me from my selfishness. Help me, instead, to remain focused upon the dignity of all people and to pour myself out in their service. May I discover in the poor, the broken and the humble, an image of You. And as I discover Your presence in their lives, may I love You, in them, seeking to be an instrument of Your mercy. Jesus, I trust in You.*

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### Today's Announcements:

- Happy birthday to Thomas Biggs!
- Today is day 1 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](http://www.stpatrickhighschool.net/shamrockin).
- The junior class officers and the junior class sponsors have been preparing to have our elegant and distinguished formal junior/senior prom on April 4!

Tickets will go on sale online from March 18-26. Tickets are \$50 per person which includes your dinner.

Prom t-shirts will go on sale soon. They are \$15 each.

Both tickets and t-shirts may be ordered through the spirit store on the school website.

If you would like to invite a student who does not attend St. Patrick, you must collect an "Out of School Guest" form from Mrs. Collier or Mrs. Edwards in the front office area or from the "Campus Life" page of the website. Out of school guests must be in tenth, eleventh, or twelfth grades, or they may be a 2019 graduate from St. Patrick. These forms are due to Dr. Buckley for approval no later than March 27. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Tavel in room 100.

- 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.