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4B News

Mr. Nguyen's Classroom Newsletter



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Day by Day Through Lent: Fasting From Our Clutter

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT CLEARING UNFORGIVENESS FROM MY HEART

Jn 4:5-42; Jn 2:13-25; Lk 13:1-9 Jesus told the woman at the well that God's life is like "a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." If I am unwilling to forgive, this acts like a dam that blocks the flow of God's grace. This week, I will consider whether there is anyone whom I need to forgive. God wants me to forgive them and pray for their healing.

MONDAY: JESUS' HOMETOWN REJECTS HIM

2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Lk 4:24-30 Does it ever seem that those closest to me are the ones who respect me the least? Jesus experienced this in Nazareth. Forgiveness often has to start with those in my immediate family.

TUESDAY: HOW OFTEN SHOULD I FORGIVE?

Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35 The parable of the two servants helps me put forgiveness in perspective. My debt to God far exceeds what anyone owes me. I thank God today for all the times God has forgiven me.

WEDNESDAY: FOR MY CHILDREN

Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19 Passing on instruction about God's ways to my children, grandchildren, or any children God puts in my path, is essential. Am I teaching the children around me how to forgive and love?

THURSDAY: A KINGDOM DIVIDED CANNOT SURVIVE

Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23 We are the Kingdom of God, the Body of Christ. Jesus warns that a kingdom cannot survive if it is divided against itself. Refusal to forgive others in the Church promotes disunity and division. Is there anyone in my Christian family I need to forgive?

FRIDAY: LOVING THE LORD WITH ALL MY HEART

Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34 There is no room for

SAIN'TS FUN FACTS

by mario d. macari

IN 1915, A YOUNG JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA GAZED AT THE FOOTPRINTS MADE IN THE FRESH SNOW BY A PASSING BAREFOOT MONK. HE STARED AND KNEW GOD WANTED SOMETHING FROM HIM, BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHAT. SOME YEARS LATER IN 1928, THE ORDAINED FATHER ESCRIVA SOLVED THE MYSTERY! HE SAW HOLINESS PLAINLY BEFORE HIM EVERYWHERE AND FOUNDED THE ORGANIZATION *OPUS DEI*. IN 2002, BEFORE A CROWD OF 300,000 PEOPLE IN ROME AND COUNTLESS MORE BY TELEVISION, POPE JOHN PAUL II CANONIZED SAINT JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA, SAYING HE "WAS CHOSEN BY THE LORD TO PROCLAIM THE UNIVERSAL CALL TO HOLINESS AND TO INDICATE THAT EVERYDAY LIFE, ITS CUSTOMARY ACTIVITIES, ARE A PATH TOWARDS HOLINESS. IT COULD BE SAID THAT HE WAS THE SAINT OF THE ORDINARY!"



unforgiveness in my heart if I am loving God with all my heart. One sign that I am forgiving is when I can pray for those who hurt me. Today, I write down the names of anyone I need to forgive and ask God to bless them.

SATURDAY: COME, LET US RETURN TO GOD

Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14 Regardless of the problems I have with unforgiveness, God invites me to return to him and be healed. If I have discovered any deep problems in this area, I ask God today how to be healed. The Sacrament of Reconciliation? Professional counseling? I will not be afraid to seek help; God is faithful and wants to help me.

Triduum Rituals

Lent comes to an end before the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. That liturgy begins the Triduum, the great Three Days that celebrate the central mystery of our faith. Triduum rituals invite us all to baptismal renewal, par excellence. Here are some examples.

Washing of Feet: After the homily on Holy Thursday, we imitate our master in the washing of feet. This ritual reminds us that our baptismal commitment means we are to be servants of one another. In the time of St. Ambrose in Milan, those who were baptized also had their feet washed, because of Jesus' words to Peter: "Whoever has bathed has no need except to have his feet washed" (Jn 13:10). Many scholars have seen a baptismal reference in those words.

Veneration of the Cross: As part of our observance of Good Friday, we venerate the cross on which Christ died. The veneration challenges us to be willing to accept the cross, too, for it is the only way to resurrection. Through Baptism, we shared in Christ's death that we might come to new life. Every year we are called to deepen our identification with his cross and resurrection.

Waters of Baptism: The core of our celebration of the Easter Vigil is the Baptism of the elect. As we share in their joy on this holy night, we are all called to renew our own baptismal promises, to live in the joy of life in the Risen One. Lent comes to its fulfillment around the waters of the font.

Weekly Giggle

One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mother had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head.

She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mom?" Her mother replied, "Well, every time that you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy, one of my hairs turns white."

The little girl thought about this revelation for a while and then said, "Momma, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

Congratulations!

... to the following students who earned an A+ on the following tests.



<i>Lent</i>			
Kelsey	Hope	Trinity	Bill
<i>Math Ch. 6, Section A</i>			
Kelsey	Zachary	Andrew	Kayla
<i>Spelling 23</i>			
Michael	Kelsey	Katherine	Danny
Zachary	Tiffeny	Vicky	Andrew
Julia	Kayla	Trinity	
<i>Vocabulary - Patty Reed 2</i>			
Aubrey	Katherine	Jeremy	Kelsey
Alex	Emily	Julia	Lia
Kayla	Maile	Bill	
<i>Vocabulary - Patty Reed A-F</i>			
Kelsey	Jeremy	Hope	Marissa G
Charlie	Andrew	Emily	Julia
Tiffeny			

Upcoming Tests

Religion	Ch. 8	Mon. 3/15
Reading	Patty Reed's Doll	Wed. 3/10
Spelling+Vocab		Friday 3/5
Math	Ch. 6, Section B+C	Tue. 3/9
Language	Story Rough draft	Due Mon. 3/8
Science	Unit B, Ch. 2	Wed. 3/3
Social Studies		Tue. 3/2

Upcoming Events

- ! **Fri. 3/5:** Noon dismissal
- ! **Tue. 3/9 to Thu. 3/11:** Catholic Book fair
- ! **Mon. 3/15:** Spirit Attire Monday + Confession
- ! **Mon. 3/22:** Lunch orders for April due
- ! **Wed. 3/24:** Living Stations of the Cross
- ! **Thu. 3/25:** Annunciation mass 10AM
- ! **Fri. 3/26:** Noon dismissal
- ! **Mon. 3/29 to Fri. 4/9:** Easter break