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March 4 & 5 No School



Weekly Bulletin

February 26, 2021

Faculty and Staff Vaccination Days

Reminder: Our Lady of Grace will be closed Thursday, March 4 and Friday, March 5.

Re-enrollment for the 2021-2022 School Year We have started new student assessments for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have not re-enrolled your child for next year, there is still time. Please go into Option C and get re-registered. If you have questions, please call the school office at 931-3070.



Hello OLG Parents,

Earlier this week, I sent a letter to all of you with some information about St. Ann's decision to not renew our lease starting in the 2022-2023 school year. I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents and parish members who have reached out to us in support of our amazing Catholic school.

This situation and your kindness puts me in mind of the verse from Philippians 2:4: ***Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*** This sense of community and support and care for one another is what makes this school so special to so many of us. I know we will all continue to work together to keep our school vibrant and strong. It's what OLG Eagles do!

As we navigate this potential change, you may read something or hear some rumors in the community about our school. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or need clarification. Things are not always as they seem, and I know I can count on you all to help us remain united in facts and this truth: **Our Lady of Grace is not closing. We will continue to provide an excellent education for our current and future families.**

Grace and Blessings,
Mrs. Kirk
Proud Principal of Our Lady of Grace Catholic School

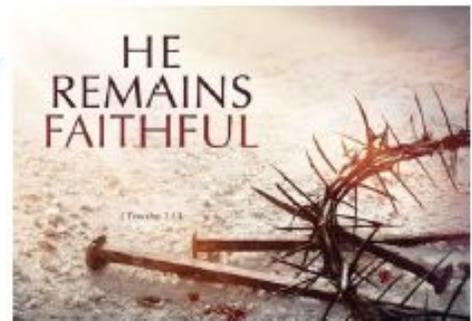
Religious Education

He Remains

Christmas 2019 seems like so long ago. At that festive holiday, little did I know that would be the last time I would physically spend time with my two twenty-something kids who live and work on the East Coast. Though we have spent many hours Facetiming with them and in conversations thanks to modern technology – it just isn't the same. To make matters worse, in those beginning stages of the coronavirus pandemic, there was no clear end in sight. It was scary, and many of us wondered how we would adjust. But we did. We began to take the notions of staying home, social distancing, and self-quarantining seriously. Each day brought more news. So, we spent time outside. We tried to stay 6 ft apart. We ordered groceries online. We began to lay low.

Now another Christmas has come and gone and another Lent has started. Personally, I haven't had to try to make my Lenten sacrifices this year somber or serious. Every day is a fast from something I deemed important to my life: a fast from physical friendship; a fast from community in the way I'm used to living it; a fast from outings, from the sheer independence of being able to step out of my house and go where I want to go when I want to. No movie theaters. No social events. No playgrounds. No libraries. No stores. No in-person Masses. This fasting has been humbling.

One way I have been coping is to make *prayer* the rhythm to my day. It has become the breath of my days. The heartbeat. I watch online Masses or YouTube reflections on the Scriptures. I pray the rosary when I can hop over to St. Ann's Church during my lunch break. I may make a novena. I pray for my kids and for others throughout the day. I offer my fasts—both the voluntary and involuntary—for our world. And at the beginning of this year's 2021 Lenten journey, I find myself thirsting for God himself. I yearn to join the Body of Christ once again in the sacraments and receive him at the Eucharistic table. I remember Saint Paul's call to pray without ceasing in a profound way.



And yet God has been so good. And peace prevails in my heart. I have so much to be thankful for: continued jobs and paychecks, our health, food on our plates, a roof over our heads, reading books, watching movies on TV, video calls with friends and family. In spite of everything, we are together. In spite of everything, God is here. In spite of everything, there is always hope. And with vaccines on the horizon, the light at the end of the tunnel seems within reach.

As the Prophet Joel says in scripture, let us continue to “rend our hearts” this Lent by turning to God and giving him everything we are feeling right now: exhaustion, confusion, anxiety, disillusionment, anger, despair, or fear. We can approach the one who became a vulnerable child for us long ago in Bethlehem and give him our own insecurities and vulnerabilities. One very good thing to remember is that God did not make an unbreakable world. Though he created perfectly, he instilled in humankind the ability to have free will—the ability to break our relationship with God by introducing sin into the human condition. Death, pain, suffering, temptation—all is the result of sin. What matters, however, in the midst of our suffering, is that God does not abandon us nor has he ever. Scripture recounts the story of God's unfailing love for humanity—a story of salvation that continues personally with each of us today. God does not promise fulfillment on earth, perfect joy, blessing, and comfort. He promises the cross, daily. But he also promises us that he will be with us always—even to the end of time—that he came to give life in abundance, that we can be transfigured, and – yes - that there is resurrection. He invites us to complete satisfaction and joy with him in Heaven for eternity.

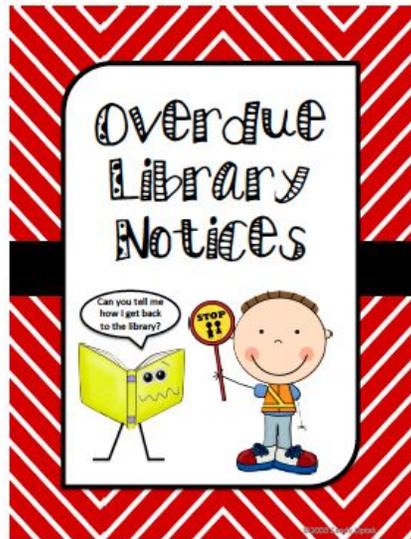
And in the meantime, as we continue on our own personal Lenten journey this year, Jesus remains waiting for us at the well. Inviting us on the shore. Looking for our return on the horizon. Feeding us at the table. He remains pouring out all for us on the Cross. *He remains.* As we continue to navigate this Lenten season, the coronavirus pandemic, and the approach of Easter, let us go to him with humble hearts and remember the words of Pope Francis: “Let us allow ourselves to be loved, so that we can give love in return. Let us allow ourselves to stand up and walk towards Easter. Then we will experience the joy of discovering how God raises us up from our ashes.”

Lenten Blessings, Mark Friedman, CRE



Reminder for Upper Lot Dismissal

Some parents are changing lanes to get out of the lot earlier. They may start in lane 4, but as lane 3 is being dismissed, they are moving there. This is causing a back up and is dangerous to our students and faculty who are helping with the process. Unless a faculty member instructs you to change lanes, please do not move from lane to lane. Thank you for helping us stay safe and for being courteous to your fellow parents!



If your child has a book that is more than 7 days overdue, they have received a notification with their report card. Please help them look for these books. Sometimes looking them up on Amazon to refresh their memory of what the cover looks like can help. If they tell you that they already turned in the book, I can assure you that if they did, I ripped up the notice before the end of the day.

Some of these notices include books from last school year that are still missing as well as books loaned to us from the public library. These all must be returned or accounted for as soon as possible. If you cannot find a book, you can either replace the book with the same one purchased from Amazon or Half Price Books or you can submit the amount listed next to the book title.

Thank you for your help in keeping books in the library for all students to enjoy!



We are currently accepting Ed Choice applications for the 2021-2022 school year. If you have paperwork to turn in or questions, please use the following email address: edchoice@olgcs.org. We are able to start submitting these to the state on March 1, so please get the paperwork turned in asap.