

St. Mary of the Angels PSR Newsletter

November 21, 2021

Thanks to those who helped with the Liturgy this morning. We had to do some last minute shuffling, but everything worked out great. Instead of keeping track of service hours for Confirmation, the students are expected to help with certain things through the year. Actively participating in the Liturgy at our PSR Masses is one of these. December 19th after Mass the Confirmation class will be helping decorate the church for Christmas.

The PSR Christmas Party will be Friday December 17th at 6pm in the Hall. We will have pizza, a Christmas Movie, and I am making arrangements for a special guest... maybe two. If your family is coming, I need you to RSVP by December 10th to get an estimate for pizza. Thanks!

There will be no class December 19th, 26th, and January 2nd for Christmas break.

December 26th is the next time I will be on the Mustard Seed Radio program on KWIX Moberly.

CONFIRMATION Those Confirmation students need to be researching Saints. They will need to pick their favorite and that Saint's name will be their Confirmation name.**

In today's Gospel from John (Jn 18:33b-37) Pilate said to Jesus, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Matthew, Mark, and Luke are known as the Synoptic Gospels for they are written in a similar way and have many similarities. John's Gospel is a contrast to the Synoptic Gospels for it is written in a different perspective. John was the only Apostle that was not successfully martyred, though they tried to boil him in oil. John was also the only Apostle who did not abandon Jesus at his Crucifixion and death. John died a natural death at an older age and his Gospel was written later. John didn't focus so much on the suffering of Jesus, but the fact Jesus was always in control of the situation as we hear in his conversation with Pilate today. The fact that Jesus was always in control of the situation is very important, since it reminds us, he didn't have to suffer and die, but chose to out of his great Love and Mercy for us. He chose this for it was the way to save us from our sins.

Today is the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe and this is the last day of the Liturgical year. A solemnity is a feast day of the highest rank celebrating a mystery of faith. It is important for us to be reminded that Jesus Christ is Lord before starting a new Liturgical year this coming Sunday. If we as human beings finally surrender ourselves to Jesus and make him Lord of our Life, things start to change. Things that we once worried about don't seem to matter anymore. We no longer need to feed our ego to make ourselves feel better... we are content knowing we are right where God needs us. We also no longer worry about what other people say or think about us, for it doesn't really matter in the grand scheme of things anyway. We can focus on the path God is calling us to. We are no longer paralyzed with fear but walk in Faith with God.

It is safe to say we each have at least one toxic trait and that is human, but we should never stop working to correct it. There are some who feed their toxic traits and become toxic themselves. They have low self esteem and think the only way to feel better about themselves is to put others down. They try to make other people feel worthless, so they feel better. This is one of the devil's greatest tricks to steal souls. Once we figure out our worth comes from God alone and we allow him due Lordship of our lives, the devil and these toxic people have no power over us. We reach a certain state of Grace and

our eyes become open to what truly matters. We belong to the truth and Jesus tells us, "Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

St. John, pray for us!