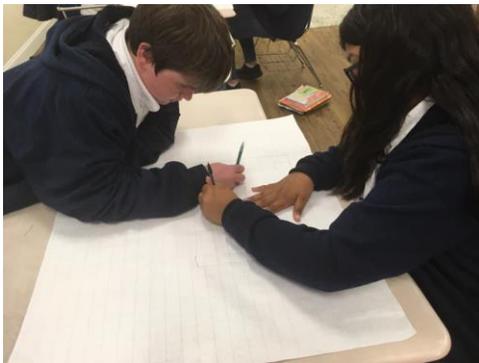




MATER DOLOROSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

11-10-21 Eagle Bulletin

Middle school students are using scale factors to model their classroom.



Wednesday, 11/10

6 PM Home and School Club Meeting

Thursday, 11/11

9:00 Veterans Day Program

Friday, 11/12

Fr. Reuben plans to be on campus to hear confessions for 3rd-6th graders. Thank you, Father Reuben!

Fried Turkey money and tickets is due to the school office.

Monday, 11/15

A Youth Program Manager from Crimestoppers plans to give the following presentations to students.

(6th -8th) Bullying, Social Media, Suicide Prevention, Cyber Safety, Not Taking from Others

(1st -3rd) Elementary Presentation, Not Taking from Others

(4th -5th) Kindness is Cool, Bullying, Social Media/Cyber Safety, Not Taking from Others

November 15th

Remember! The 15th of each month is a day the school community unites in prayer to ask God and Our Lady to bring us together in partnership with them to help our children and school grow. Fr. Reuben shared the following prayer that he would like us to pray daily, not only on the 15th. In addition to praying the following prayer, what is God calling you to do (additional prayers, fasting, penance, etc.) for our children and school?

The Unity Prayer

My adorable Jesus,

May our feet journey together.

May our hands gather in unity.

May our hearts beat in unison.

May our souls be in harmony.

May our thoughts be as one.

May our ears listen to the silence together.

May our glances profoundly penetrate each other.

May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father.

Tuesday, 11/16

Last day to bring food for food drive!

Bring \$2 or more to dress down. Money will be used to buy turkeys, ham, gift cards, etc.

Wednesday, 11/17

8:00 Mass

5th-8th graders will go to the Louisiana Renaissance Festival immediately after Mass!

Friday, 11/19

7th-8th Grade Retreat at St. Dominic... Fr. Reuben will lead the retreat with another priest and nun. (Mass, adoration, confessions, vocation awareness talk) Thank you, Father Reuben!

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Reflection

Jesus said in reply, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Then he said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.” [Luke 17:17–19](#)

This reply from our Lord came in response to the one leper who returned to Jesus to thank Him. Ten lepers had come to Jesus, stood at a distance, cried out, “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!” And with that, Jesus healed them all. But the heart of this healing is not as much the healing itself as it is the gratitude expressed by only one of the ten.

This Gospel relates to us that this one leper did five things to profoundly express his gratitude. He returned, glorified God, did so in a loud voice, fell at the feet of Jesus, and thanked him. What a wonderful witness for us all!

By analogy, children often take the loving care of their parents for granted. That’s why many good parents regularly remind their children to say “thank you.” In our relationship with God, we can also easily take God’s saving actions for granted. We can easily see all the grace we receive as something we deserve rather than as an infinitely merciful gift. When that happens, we become more like the other nine who failed to properly express their gratitude to Jesus.

First of all, it must be noted that expressing gratitude to God is not done because God needs these accolades. He does not depend upon our gratitude to affirm His self-worth. This is obvious. God is God, and He does not need our praise in any way. However, giving profound praise and glory to God is essential. It is essential because we need this virtue of gratitude so as to daily be reminded that all we receive from God is an unmerited gift. We cannot earn His love and grace. We do not deserve it. But He chooses to bestow it anyway out of mercy. And the only appropriate response to mercy is gratitude. Profound gratitude.

Gratitude is essential because it is the truth. We should always return to our Lord after He has graced us. We should glorify Him with much fervor, crying out to Him with passion. We should, literally and interiorly, fall on our face before Him, at His feet, and thank Him, over and over and over again. Doing so will always help us to remember the truth that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. An unmerited and undeserved gift of grace.

Reflect, today, upon the depth of gratitude in your own heart. Do you often act more like a spoiled and selfish child, or do you regularly perceive the graciousness of God? If you lack in any way this fullness of gratitude, then ponder this one leper. His gratitude, expressed with the fullness of passion, is the most important part of this story. In the end, he was graced far more than the other nine because his healing produced faith; and it was that faith that saved not only his body but his soul. Seek to save your soul by imitating the faith of this one holy and healed leper.

My gracious Lord, You bestow Your mercy upon me in superabundance. Without You, Jesus, I have nothing; but with You, I receive everything. May I always know and understand my need for Your grace. And as I am gifted with it, may I respond with the deepest gratitude, thus, saving my soul through faith. Jesus, I trust in You.

<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2021/11/09/thank-you-my-lord/>