



MATER DOLOROSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

2/4/22 Eagle Bulletin

Catholic Schools Week

We had a great week! Thank you again, Fr. Reuben, for being a strong spiritual leader to help us accomplish our school's mission and vision!

OUR MISSION

The mission of Mater Dolorosa Catholic School is to teach morals and values of the Catholic faith, instill strong leadership qualities, and promote academic growth and excellence.

OUR VISION

At Mater Dolorosa Catholic School, we transform the world through witness formed through a robust academic foundation and daily character intertwined with the teachings of the Church that exhibit a deep faith and desire to serve.



Progress Reports...

were distributed today. Please contact your child's teacher(s) if you have questions.

The Saint Joseph's Altar...

will take place in Mater Dolorosa Catholic School's Gym on Sunday, March 20, 2022. Please consider donating the items for the altar on or before February 25th. Further information is attached and a paper copy was given to your child today.

Congratulations...

to **Tara Divittorio** for being honored as the 2022 Distinguished Graduate!

Cell Phones

For the safety of all in the school community, please do not use cell phones in morning and afternoon carlines.

Registration...

for 2022-23 School Year started Monday, 1/31/22. Documents are attached. You may also access this information by going to our school's webpage and clicking the "Apply Now" tab on the right hand side of the page or by clicking "Admissions" and then "Registration". You may print, complete, and bring in or scan the attached registration documents, or you may call Mrs. Heather in the school office to request paper copies.

2022 Day of Giving

Thank you for your support of our 2022 Day of Giving! People generously donated over \$900 for our school! Please spread the word that anyone may support MDCS at any time by going to our school's website and clicking "Support MDCS". On behalf of our students and school, we appreciate your support.

Mon., 2/7

The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People requires that all children enrolled in Catholic Schools and Parish Schools of Religion receive Safe Environment training. The Diocese of Baton Rouge will provide such training for grades K-12 utilizing the program, Circle of Grace.

The Circle of Grace lesson for your child's grade level is scheduled for the week of February 14-18, 2022.

Parents have the right to opt their children out of receiving safe environment training. If you desire to opt your child out of Circle of Grace training, it is required that you sign and submit the attached form to Shana Bender, Safe Environment Coordinator, at the following email address shana@materdolorosa.net or FAX to 985-878-6260 by February 7, 2022.

DO NOT SUBMIT THE ATTACHED FORM IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO RECEIVE CIRCLE OF GRACE TRAINING.

Circle of Grace lesson plans for your child's grade level may be reviewed at Child & Youth Protection: Roman Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge: Baton Rouge, LA (diobr.org). Scroll down and click on the link titled Circle of Grace Log In. The password is CareSafeChurch. The attached form was distributed to students on Tuesday, 1/25/22.

Tuesday, 2/8

Picture retakes, group pictures, Kinder and 8th grade graduation pictures

Wednesday, 2/9

- 8:00 Mass
- 6:30 Dad's Club Meeting

Friday, 2/11

Spirit Day! Students may wear blue jeans or uniform bottoms with their MDCS spirit shirts. School shoes must be worn. No rips, tears, or holes are allowed in the blue jeans.

Saturday, 2/12

Steak Dinner! (See attachment)

Mon., 2/14

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Wednesday, 2/16

8:00 Mass

Friday, 2/18

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Wednesday, 2/23

- 8:00 Mass
- 4H Meeting after school until 4:15. If students are not picked up by 4:15, then they will be sent to aftercare and charged.

Friday, 2/25

Spirit Day! Students may wear blue jeans or uniform bottoms with their MDCS spirit shirts. School shoes must be worn. No rips, tears, or holes are allowed in the blue jeans.

*** Tentative: 1:30 PK and K Mardi Gras parade!

Reflection

The Effects of a Guilty Conscience

February 4, 2022

But when Herod learned of it, he said, “It is John whom I beheaded. He has been raised up.” [Mark 6:16](#)

Jesus' fame had become widespread among the people and many were talking about Him. Some thought He was John the Baptist raised from the dead, others thought He was Elijah the prophet, others simply thought He was a new prophet. They were all trying to figure out who this incredible man was who spoke with such wisdom and authority.

It's interesting to note that Herod, who had beheaded John the Baptist, immediately concluded that Jesus must be John raised from the dead. He speaks this conviction not so much as only a hunch, but as if he knew it to be a fact. This is his definitive conclusion about Jesus. Why does Herod arrive at this mistaken conviction?

Of course we do not know for certain why Herod arrived at this conviction, but we can speculate and arrive at a likely conclusion. It appears that Herod felt very guilty about beheading John the Baptist and this guilt led him to this conclusion.

Oftentimes, when someone sins, as Herod did, and feels deep guilt without repenting of that sin, there arises various unhealthy effects such as a certain paranoid thinking process. Herod is most likely paranoid, and he most likely is so as a result of his sin and his refusal to repent of his sin.

We can see this same tendency within all of us. The refusal to repent of our sins often causes many other problems in our lives. Unrepented sin can cause paranoid thinking, anger, self-justification and many other emotional and psychological issues. Sin, though spiritual in nature, has an effect upon our whole person which is what we have a glimpse of in the person of Herod. This is a good lesson for all of us.

Reflect, today, upon any similar tendencies you have in your life. Do you find yourself getting paranoid about what others say or do? Do you enter into a self-justification of your actions? Do you get angry and project that anger on others who do not deserve it? Reflect upon any of these tendencies you see and then look deeper at the source of them. If you see that the root cause of

these unhealthy tendencies is some unrepented sin in your own life, then repent of it honestly and completely so that our Lord can free you of the effects of sin.

Most gentle Lord, I do repent of all sin. I pray that I may see my sin honestly and sincerely. And as I see my sin, help me to confess it to You so that I may be free not only of the burden of my sin, but also of the effects of that burden. Jesus, I trust in You.

<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2022/02/03/the-effects-of-a-guilty-conscience-2/>