



# MATER DOLOROSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

9/13/21

## **Welcome Back, Eagles!**

We had a great first day back to school after Hurricane Ida!

## **LHSAA Medical History Evaluation and Sports Programs**

Students who signed up for the Volleyball and Flag Football teams received the attachment today. Please complete it and send it back to school as soon as possible.

Athletic directors are meeting on Monday, 9/20, to schedule games.

If you are interested in coaching volleyball, flag football, or both, please call the school office.

## **Hurricane Ida Make-up Days**

Extra instructional days were already included in the original 2021-22 calendar.

We will have school on the following four make-up days that were originally scheduled as holidays.

Friday, 10/1/21

Monday, 11/1/21

Wednesday, 4/13/22

Thursday, 4/14/22

## **1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Calendar Adjustments**

Friday, 9/24, 1st Quarter Progress Reports Distributed

Friday, 10/15, Last day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

Monday, 10/18, First day of the 2nd Quarter

Friday, 10/22, First Quarter Report Cards Distributed

Friday, 11/19, 2nd Quarter Progress Reports Distributed (Full Day of School)

Friday, 12/17, Last day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Full Day of School)

Friday, 1/7, 2nd Quarter Report Cards Distributed

## **6th -8th Grade Semester (1st-2nd Quarter) Exams**

Monday, December 13th, ELA

Tuesday, December 14th, Social Studies and Religion

Wednesday, December 15th, Science

Thursday, December 16th, Math

### **Additional Calendar Reminders**

Wed., 9/15

8:00 1st-8th grade Mass

Dad's Club Meeting 6:30 PM in the gym

Fri., 9/17

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.

Mon., 9/20

Home and School Club Meeting at 6PM in the Gym

Wed., 9/22

8:00 1st-8th grade Mass

Fri., 9/24

1st Quarter progress reports distributed

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.

Wed., 9/29

8:00 1st-8th grade Mass

Fri., 10/1

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## Reflection

**September 13, 2021**

### Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor—Memorial

“Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof. Therefore, I did not consider myself worthy to come to you; but say the word and let my servant be healed.” [Luke 7:6–7](#)

What’s interesting is that these humble words, spoken by a Roman centurion, were not actually spoken by the centurion to Jesus. This is because the centurion did not believe he was even worthy of going to Jesus himself. Therefore, he sent some of his friends to speak these words to Jesus on his behalf. In a real way, the friends of this centurion acted as intercessors before Jesus. Jesus’ response was to express amazement at the centurion’s faith. Jesus said to the crowd who was with Him, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.” And at that point, the servant was healed by Jesus from a distance.

Most of the time, if we have an important request to make of another, we do so in person. We go to the person and speak face-to-face. And though we certainly can go to our Lord in prayer, face-to-face, person to Person, there is something very humble about bringing our needs to our Lord through the intercession of another. Specifically, there is something very humble about asking for the intercession of the saints.

Seeking the intercession of the saints before our Lord is not done because we are afraid of our Lord or because He would be offended by us going directly to Him. It is ideally done as an act of the utmost humility. By entrusting our prayer to those who are in Heaven, gazing upon the face of God, we do entrust our prayer to God. But relying upon the intercession of the saints is also a way of acknowledging that we are not worthy, by our own merits, to stand before the Lord and bring Him our request. This humility can be difficult to understand at times, but it’s important to try.

What is it that you need to pray for in your life right now? As you call that to mind, pick a saint to act as your friend and intercessor before God. Turn to that saint in humility and say a prayer to that saint, admitting that you are not worthy of going to our Lord on your own. Then entrust your petition to that saint and ask him or her to present that prayer to our Lord on your behalf. Praying to our Lord, through the intercession of a saint, is a way of also saying that you know Jesus’ response to you is pure mercy on His part. And the good news is that Jesus deeply desires to shower His mercy when we humble ourselves before Him, especially by coming to Him through the mediation of the saints.

Reflect, today, upon the humility of this well-respected Roman centurion. Try to understand the power of his humble approach by which he sent his friends to Jesus on his behalf. As you do, pick a saint in Heaven and ask them to go to our Lord on your behalf and request that our Lord grant you the same humility and faith as this centurion. Doing so will lead our Lord to be amazed at your faith and humility also.

*Saints of God, please offer to Jesus my humble request that I grow more in humility and faith. My precious Lord, I do bring this and all my prayers to You. As I do, I acknowledge that I am not worthy of Your Divine Mercy. But through the mediation of the saints in Heaven, if it be Your will that You bestow Your mercy upon me, then I humbly make this request of You through them. Mother Mary, I especially entrust all my prayers to Your holy intercession. Jesus, I trust in You.*

<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/2021/09/12/the-humility-of-intercession/>