



MATER DOLOROSA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Eagle Bulletin 3-28-22

Thank you!

We raised \$373 for the Ukrainians this past Friday. Let's continue to pray for peace in our community, nation, and world.

Beacon Test Scores show overall growth in both ELA and math! I appreciate the hard work teachers are putting into curriculum, instruction, and assessment. It is showing!

Terra Nova Summative Paper and Pencil Tests

3rd- 8th graders will tentatively take these tests in the mornings during the week of April 25th when we come back from the Easter Holidays. Please make sure students are well rested, fed, and on time!

(Before Easter) Stations of the Cross and Mass (All are invited at 8:00 in Church)

March 30th

April 6th

April 13th

(After Easter) Mass (All are invited at 8:00 in Church)

April 27th (8th Period)

May 4th (1st Period)

May 11th (2nd Period)

May 18th (8th Period)

May 25th (1st Period)

The Rosary will begin at 7:45 on the basketball court each Friday morning. PK-8th graders and their parents and guardians are invited.

April 1st (2nd Period)

April 8th (8th Period)

April 15th (1st Period)

April 29th (2nd Period)

May 6th (8th Period)

May 13th (1st Rosary)

May 20th (2nd Rosary)

May 27th (8th Rosary)

Monday, April 11th

Barberitto Photographers will be on campus to take Spring Pictures and Graduation Retakes.

Wednesday, April 13th

Progress Reports distributed

A representative from Catholic Relief Services will be here on **Thursday, April 14th at 7:45** for a presentation. Encourage your children to bring money for Rice Bowls!

Thursday, April 14th

11:30-1:30 Kona Ice Fundraiser!

Friday, April 15th

Holiday in observance of Good Friday

Pray and fast for peace and unity in our school community and beyond.

Monday, April 18th-Friday, April 22nd

Easter Holidays!

Friday, May 20th

8th Graders' Last Day of School

Wednesday, May 25th

8th Grade Graduation Mass begins at 5:00 followed by a ceremony in the gym.

Friday, May 27th

Last Day of School for 1st-8th Grade Students with 11:05 Dismissal

Reflection: An Interesting Miracle (3/28/22)

Jesus said to him, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe.” The royal official said to him, “Sir, come down before my child dies.” Jesus said to him, “You may go; your son will live.” John 4:48–50

Indeed the child does live and the royal official is overjoyed when he returns home to find that his child was healed. This healing took place at the same time that Jesus said he would be healed.

One interesting thing to note about this passage is the contrast of Jesus’ words. At first, it almost sounds as if Jesus is angry when He says, “Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe.” But then He immediately heals the boy telling the man, “Your son will live.” Why this apparent contrast in Jesus’ words and action?

We should note that Jesus’ initial words are not so much a criticism; rather, they are simply words of truth. He is aware of the fact that many people lack faith, or are at least weak in faith. He is also aware of the fact that “signs and wonders” are beneficial for people at times so as to help them come to believe. Though this need to see “signs and wonders” is far from ideal, Jesus works with it. He uses this desire for a miracle as a way of offering faith.

What’s important to understand is that the ultimate goal of Jesus was not the physical healing, even though this was an act of great love; rather, His ultimate goal was to increase the faith of this father by offering him the gift of his son’s healing. This is important to understand because everything we experience in life from our Lord will have as its goal a deepening of our faith. Sometimes that takes on the form of “signs and wonders” while at other times it may be His sustaining presence in the midst of a trial without any visible sign or wonder. The goal we must strive for is *faith* by allowing whatever our Lord does in our lives to become the source of our faith’s increase.

Reflect, today, upon your own level of faith and trust. And work to discern the actions of God in your life so that those actions produce greater faith. Cling to Him, believe He loves you, know that He holds the answer you need and seek Him in all things. He will never let you down.

My loving Lord, please increase my faith. Help me to see You acting in my life and to discover Your perfect love in all things. As I see You at work in my life, help me to know, with greater certainty, Your perfect love. Jesus, I trust in You.