

## REFLECTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - NOVEMBER 21, 2022

SUBMITTED BY	ANNOUNCEMENT-SCHOOL RELATED
Gervasi	A reminder to Student Council we have a meeting TODAY after school in room 314!
Gervasi	Volleyball Girls – a reminder we have practice Tuesday and Thursday this week!
Girardo	Attention Ascension! Any students who borrowed a chrome book on Friday must return these devices ASAP!!! We need them for Thursday for the OSSLT this week.
Albano	“Don’t Trust Anyone Actors” You have a practice on Thursday after school. Please meet in the cafeteria.

### DAILY REFLECTION

**In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen**

**A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke**

***“Then the other criminal hung beside Jesus rebuked the other and said, ‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’ Jesus replied, ‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’***



If you think about your daily routines and habits, from scrolling through images and liking this in a virtual world, or even communicating through text or email, these practices have contributed to an attitude of indifference. Consider, do you think we have lost a sense of respect and in protecting the dignity of ourselves and others? Do you think we live in a world which teaches us that I am better than everyone else, so I can solve all my problem without help and even do as I please? Do you believe that the likes on your feed or even praise for your achievements, prove the world revolves around me and nobody else? If so, then is it any wonder why we have more people anxious about their life and, even scarier, a world where we have more self-absorbed who take delight in the suffering of others for entertainment. Some of the grade 9 and 10s of this school made this vividly clear when they took out their cameras to record a fight, but not for proof of wrongdoing, but for later viewing for their entertainment, as if some else’s dignity being robbed was deemed worthy for their pleasure later in the day. Check your phones today and think why do I record moments when others are being used and abused by other. It is not to help, but to entertain you, as if the person you are watching is less than you, only created for your own pleasure.

But, in the Gospel today we hear a person acknowledge they are not the center of the world. They realize a life lived for themselves in greed and pride, only leads to being a slave to anxiousness and self-doubt, and despair. So much so, they seek God in humility with the hope of God’s mercy. What does the criminal do, acknowledge their crime, and pray for forgiveness? What does Christ do in return? Sees in their heart, the truth of who they are in God’s eyes, is a broken human being, in need of mercy. This is our call if we are to be part of God’s kingdom.

May we respect the dignity of others in everything we do knowing that when we choose to degrade or rob anyone of their dignity, we can seek forgiveness from God and be ready to make right where we have gone astray. Let us keep in our prayers all who are fighting for what is right and just in our community, and in every corner of the world, especially in Iran and Ukraine. Let us never forget the words of Jesus at the Ascension, remember I am with you always. Amen. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.