

REFLECTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - NOVEMBER 24, 2022

SUBMITTED BY	ANNOUNCEMENT-SCHOOL RELATED
Albano	<p>Reminder!!! "Don't Trust Anyone" Actors, you have a practice tomorrow after school. Members of Drama Club, your next meeting is next week.</p> <p>Good morning Ascension, the Malibu Blue Club will have its first session on November the 28th. This will be next Monday. During this meeting, you can sign up, fill out your registration form if you haven't already. Don't be afraid to tag a friend to come and join. Don't miss out on snacks and refreshments. Have a great day, Ascension!</p>
Support Services	This week is bullying awareness/prevention week! Help us create a safe and inclusive space at Ascension by signing a pledge to end bullying! Please sign one of our HEART pledges which can be found in the library at the front desk!
Leadership	Semi formal is coming at Verdi Hall on December 8 2022 from 5-10:00 p.m. Purchase tickets online and pick up your tickets during lunch.
Leadership	Clothing swap. Donate clothes in good condition to receive ticket so you can shop during the clothing swap.

DAILY REFLECTION

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

A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke

"Jesus spoke to His disciples, 'Then they will see, 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'"



When you are going through extreme pain, loneliness, and suffering, I cannot believe that something better is around the corner. In those moments when you feel alone and abandoned or ignored, as many who have been bullied, do experience, words of hope usually fall flat. Why? It is hard to see past the suffering and those feelings of pain. And to you, especially if you are still there, I hope these words of hope from today's scriptures give you the courage to face the days, weeks, and sometimes years ahead of you to feel safe and loved.

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Sometimes we forget we cannot reach our desired resolution for peace nor find the solution to our latest problems without the grace of God. We believe that if we get everything done on our checklist for good health, the result will be positive. Life teaches, this is not the case. Instead, I would suggest always to include prayer in your life for the grace of God.

May those who have been bullied by others find comfort today. I pray you let the grace of God protect and guide you out of the darkness of despair into the light of hope that the even your bully may have a conversion of heart to seek the mercy of God with the assurance that those who seek God's forgiveness and from those they have harmed restore the eyes of the person to see themselves as loved and a protector of every human life. 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.