

REFLECTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS - DECEMBER 6, 2022

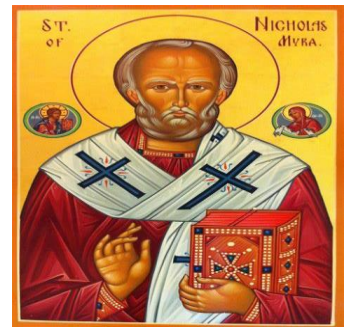
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Stefanutti	<p>Attention Grade 12 students, if you would like to vote for this year's prom theme, please complete the google form posted to the Grade 12 Graduating Class Google Classroom. Voting closes at 2:30 pm today.</p> <p>Attention Prom Committee members! There is no Prom Committee meeting today. We will meet tomorrow, during lunch, to discuss the results of the vote.</p>
Library	There will be a Model UN meeting today at 2:30 in the library.
Gervais	On behalf of the Malibu Blue Club, there will be a Stomp N Shake cheer tryouts Tuesday December the 6 after school. The cheer is open to members outside of the club and the tryouts will be held in the dance room from 2:30pm to 3:30pm. Thanks, can't wait to see you guys there.
Albano	"Don't Trust Anyone" Actors! Mandatory rehearsal on Wednesday after school. Please meet at the cafeteria doors.
Albano	<p>First pick up of non-perishable items will be on December 8 for our annual food drive to help those in need of a helping hand.</p> <p>Ms. Albano also needs help today during lunch. Come by her office to offer you time.</p> <p>Don't forget, if Ms. Albano have you a permission form, please return them by Friday.</p>

DAILY REFLECTION

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

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew

"Jesus asked the disciples, 'what do you think?' If a shepherd has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountain and go in search of the one that went astray."



There is a tradition in some of our homes, to hang stockings. Why? Is it something you learned from watching television or movies and images about Christmas? Is it the stories you have heard that if you hang them, then Santa Claus will come and fill your stockings with gifts? The oldest story we have on record comes from the origin story of the real St. Nicholas. A saint whose feast day is today. But unlike the St. Nick, you have in your head, this St. Nicholas does not wear a red suit or is bearded and so forth. In his lifetime, he lived a life of faith in God in how he prayed, led, and gave away his inheritance to those in need, even when it led him to be hated by the authorities and executed for his faithfulness to God.

There are many stories of miracles and traditions attributed to St. Nicholas. But instead of getting into those, let us think of why centuries upon centuries his story remains. It is how he lived the faith. Yes, in prayer and leadership, but in seeing the lost sheep in a manner that reflects Christ. See, when he helped or prayed for those in need, he asks God to have mercy on those who have lost their way in faith. From his life, we can learn what it means to remain faithful to God is more than lip service, but

as he once wrote, “the giver of every good and perfect gift has called upon us to mimic his giving, by grace through faith, and this is not of ourselves.”

On this day, let us pray for the intercession of St. Nicholas to help to those in need today. May he ask God to bless our own efforts to collect non-perishable items for those in need of a helping hand. May we all pray for those who, on this National day against Women Violence and in memory of those women who died on the Poly technique massacre, on December 6 to remind us to see each other as God sees us full of His dignity and grace to take care of each other. 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.