

REFLECTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS DECEMBER 8, 2022

SUBMITTED BY	ANNOUNCEMENT-SCHOOL RELATED
Library	Please note that the library will be closed Period 3B. Staff, please pick up your booked Chromebook carts during Period 3A.
Albano	The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on December 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m in the school chapel. Students or staff wishing to participate, please inform Ms. Albano of your intent so she can make this a seamless day. Following confession, staff and students are invited to attend mass in the Chapel at 2:30 p.m.
Albano	“Don’t Trust Anyone” Actors you have an afterschool practice on Friday. Meet in front of the cafeteria doors.
Albano	Thank you to those who donated non-perishable items for our annual food drive. It is not too late, keep bringing food in. Next pick up will be December 14.
Albano	If you have a form for Street Patrol or Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dream coat, please bring them to Ms. Albano’s office on Friday. It will make her job easier when she has to prepare the paper work for everything. Thank you.
Albano	Semi-formal participants and guests. Remember to have a good time, enjoy the company of friends, but always being respectful to those around you. Have a safe and blessed night.

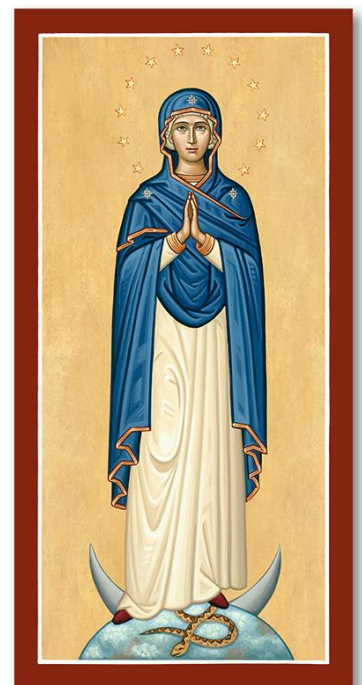
DAILY REFLECTION

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

A reading from the Gospel of St. Matthew

“The angel Gabriel said to Mary, ‘The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.’ Then Mary said, ‘Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.’ Then the angel departed from her.

As Pope Francis wrote, “Mary sustains our journey toward Christmas, for she teaches us how to live this Advent season in expectation of the Lord. For this time of Advent is a time of waiting for the Lord, who will visit us all on the feast, but also, each one, in our own hearts. The Lord is coming! Let us wait for him!”



The feast of the Immaculate Conception in my family is huge. We still treat it as many parts of the world as a day of obligation. What does that mean? On Sundays and other holy days, those who practice Catholicism must refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, performing the works of mercy, and the relaxation of mind and body. The only exception is when family needs or important social service can legitimately excuse from the obligation of Sunday rest. In Canada, those days are, every Sunday and Christmas and New Year's Day. Days to remind us that God is the centre of our lives and everything in our life flows from that relationship.

On this day, we remember how Mary is our model of faith. The model of what it means to rest in the Lord and to do the will of God. She is also a mother who prays for our well being and protection in this world, so we may know Lord as intimately as she carried Jesus in the womb without the stain of Original Sin on her soul.

Let us pray to be as humble as Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. May we trust and love God with a full and sound mind to say to the Lord, when he calls us, "here I am the servant of the Lord." Let us keep in our prayers those attending semi-formal tonight. Be safe and respectful to all you meet in dignity and joy. Let us continue to pray for those 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.