



# ST. ANDREW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The official e-newsletter for St. Andrew Tigers!

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear St. Andrew Catholic School Community,

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes great care to teach us about the correct way to do sacrifices and to do good deeds. He warns us against doing good deeds or showing off in such a way that draws attention and praise. Can you imagine someone going to give money to a homeless person and actually having a guy blowing a trumpet walking ahead of him down the street so everyone knows what he is about to do? It seems ridiculous to us.

But, is it really? We all want the same attention for doing good, even if we don't use the same means.

Maybe we update our Facebook status or send a tweet to let people know the good that we do. Or, we make sure to tell our families and friends and teachers so they will give us some kind of reward or maybe they'll think more highly of us. Jesus warns us that these rewards are not what we want. If we are given a reward on earth, we give up an even better reward in heaven.

Too often, Lent becomes nothing more than a series of activities we feel we need to complete. We give up something, and it becomes a test of our willpower. We take on an activity, and it becomes one more thing to check off our to-do list. At the end of Lent, we often wonder what have we really accomplished.

To understand Jesus' teaching to us today we need to look at the broader, bigger context of sacrifice and prayer. Before we chose what we're going to give up or do something special, we should ask ourselves: What is the goal of our Lenten activity? The Prophet Joel reminds us that it is to return to the Lord. The purpose of Lent is very simple—the Church sets aside these 40 days to pray, fast, and do special good works to help us be closer to Christ.

If what we have chosen to do or give up does not lead us to Christ, then we should choose something else.

It can often be difficult to see this. If I were to give up ice cream or video games, for example, how does that lead me to Christ? All it does is make me want to eat more ice cream and play more video games, right? Not if we focus our hearts and minds to that of Christ. Sacrificing is meant to make us recognize our dependence on God. All of the times that I am tempted to eat ice cream or play video games during Lent are times that I realize how weak I am without God's help. When I give, even though I don't have very much to give, it speaks to me of my own poverty—my dependence on material things when instead my heart and mind could be filled with love for Christ. I begin to realize my own dependence on things rather than on God's graces. We know that we'll be fine these 40 days without eating ice cream or playing video games, when I'm able to turn toward God.

The everyday actions of Lent can be tedious. They can be hard. They can even be boring. But, if we put in the work each day—praying for Jesus' help and asking him for those graces to draw us ever closer to him—by Easter we will see a great change in ourselves. We will have a closer, stronger relationship with God and will be true witnesses for him to our families, our friends, our classmates, and each other.

## SAVE THE DATE

2/17/2020

No School  
Presidents' Day

2/18/2020

6th Grade Field Trip:  
Focus 11

8th Grade Field Trip:  
Ronald Reagan  
Discovery Center

2/19/2020

4th Grade Field Trip:  
San Gabriel Mission

2/20/2020

6th Grade and 8th Grade  
Field Trip:  
La Mirada Theatre - The  
Diary of Anne Frank

6:00 PM,

DC/NY Trip 2021 Parent  
Information Meeting

2/21/2020

No School  
Faculty In-Service Day:  
Religious Ed Congress

2/25/2020, 7:00 PM

First Reconciliation  
Parent meeting with  
Fr. Gonzalez

2/26/2020, 10:30 AM

Ash Wednesday:  
School Mass

2/27/2020

Panoramic Picture

2/29/2020, 10:00 AM

First Reconciliation

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# St. Andrew School Open House 2020

THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES WHO JOINED US THE MORNING OF JANUARY 26TH FOR OUR FAMILY MASS, OPEN HOUSE, AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK KICK OFF! FOR OUR NEW AND POTENTIAL FAMILIES, WE WELCOME YOU TO OUR TIGER COMMUNITY. A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL FOR A DELICIOUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST.





# CATHOLIC Schools WEEK RECAP!

## Clergy Appreciation Day!

**Clergy Appreciation Day:** “We Thank you, Father Gonzalez, Father Roberto and Deacon Fausto for your continued service to this church. Thank you for being our spiritual leaders and for helping strengthen our love for God. Thank you for being examples of God’s vision for each and every one of us. You all play a vital role in our spiritual growth and for that, we thank you!” - SAS Student Council



## Student Appreciation Day!

We acknowledge and appreciate the reason we enjoy coming to work daily. It never feels like a job when you’re teaching an extraordinary group of children who brighten up our community. We love and appreciate our SAS Students! We also want to extend our appreciation to our Student Council. These student leaders work tirelessly behind the scenes for many of the events held by the school especially Catholic Schools Week being no exception! We thank you for all that you do.



## Faculty Appreciation Day!

To those who shape our students' minds, we honor our faculty and staff for their commitment to Catholic education! St. Andrew Catholic School appreciates each of you!





**Parent Appreciation Day!**



**“A parent’s love is whole no matter how many times divided.” – Robert Brault**  
**We love our SAS Parents! Our Tiger parents are the absolute best and watching the children enjoy lunch with their parents today was heart warming. Parents, you are the Greatest.**

**A special thank you to the LaSalle Jazz Band for entertaining us during lunch with your beautiful music!**



**Grandparents and Special Friends Appreciation Day!**



**“A grandparent is a little bit parent, a little bit teacher, and a little bit best friend.”**

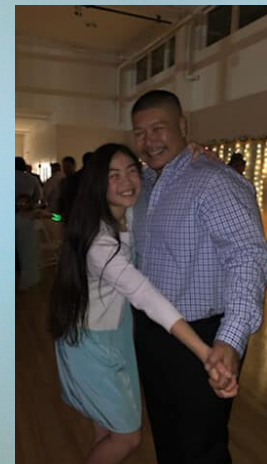
**We closed out Catholic School’s Week with a very special group of people, Grandparents and Special Friends. Our lives would be dull without these loving people and we thank God daily for having them a part of our lives.**

**Thank you to the Salesian High School Mariachi Band for ending our week with amazing music.**





# Father & Daughter Dinner Dance



"No one in this world can love a girl more than her father."

- Michael Ratnadeepak

Our fathers and daughters danced the night away at our annual Father & Daughter Dinner Dance. It was a wonderful evening filled with magical moments. This night would have not been possible without the help of our parent volunteers especially Veronica Betancourt and Patricia Lynch!

On behalf of our St. Andrew Catholic School community we thank you!



## Come learn more about our 2021 DC and NYC Trip!

We're going to Washington, D.C. and New York City next Spring!

This trip is sure to be the highlight of the school year and the students are going to have so much fun. Join us at our parent meeting, where you'll learn more about the trip and all that the students will see, do, and experience on this fun and exciting adventure!

**Trip Dates: April 5 – April 9, 2021**

**Meeting Details: February 20 at 6:00pm in the St. Patrick Room**

For questions about this trip, see Ms. Peralta, [eperalta@saspasadena.com](mailto:eperalta@saspasadena.com). I look forward to seeing you there!