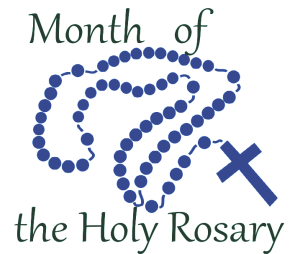




Mater Dei Academy Weekly

October 19th, 2018



Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Holy Mass will be *Tuesday, October 23rd* at 8 AM. All are invited to join us! Please let us know if you will attend to ensure enough hosts for Holy Communion. The servers for Tuesday's Mass will be Madison Hewitt and Xavier Mascari. The readers will be Benjamin Baquedano and Joseph Storck.

Don't forget, Taco Tuesday is coming up on *Tuesday, October 23rd*! Look for the slips in today's Friday Folders, and please return them by Monday.

Upcoming: The MDA annual Bonfire will be held on *Saturday, November 3rd*. A flyer with more information will go home in Friday Folders today.

RSVP to the school office by November 1st with the number of family and friends planning to attend. Thank you!

Saint of the Day: Saint Isaac Jogues and Companions



St. Isaac Jogues was born at Orleans, France in 1607, and entered the Society of Jesus at age seventeen. In 1636, he was ordained and assigned to be a missionary to the native peoples of New France (Canada).

After arriving at Quebec, he and his companions traveled to the missionary post at Lake Huron. Jogues spent six years with the Hurons and was successful with many conversions. During an expedition in 1642, he and his party were captured by the Mohawks, the sworn enemies of the Hurons. He was brutally tortured and lost two of his fingers. He was captive for 13 months, but at last was freed by the help of Dutch merchants, and was able to sail back to France. Upon his arrival, Jogues was widely celebrated and could have remained as a hero, but his only desire was to get back to Canada. He received canonical permission to celebrate the Mass in spite of his mutilated hands, and returned in 1644 to resume his work with the Mohawks.

At first Isaac Jogues was able to establish peaceful relations with the Mohawks. However, some blamed him for the famine and disease that struck their homes in 1646, believing him to be a sorcerer. In retaliation, they invited Jogues to visit them, and killed him with a tomahawk as he entered the cabin.

St. Isaac Jogues is one of the eight North American Martyrs; they were canonized in 1930.

Have a safe and blessed weekend.

O God, Who chose to manifest the blessed hope of Your eternal kingdom by the toil of Saint Isaac Jogues and companions and by the shedding of their blood, graciously grant that through their intercession the faith of Christians may be strengthened day by day. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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