



Mater Dei Academy Weekly

January 18th, 2019

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

If you have not yet heard, Mrs. Colleen Moss is now officially our new principal! If you need to reach her, her phone number is (740) 403-1828 and her email address is cmoss@materdeiacademy.org.

In addition, if you need to contact Mr. Ankrom (currently teaching 6-8 grade), you can email him at jankrom@ymail.com.

Remember there will be **NO SCHOOL** on *Monday, January 21st*, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Holy Mass will be on *Tuesday, January 22nd* 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 Mass will be Madison Hewitt and Xavier Mascari. The readers will be Munro Hewitt and Joseph Storck.

For school closings, please tune in to 10TV or 10tv.com. Mater Dei will be listed specifically. You will also receive an email no later than 6:00 AM if we close for the day.

Please make sure your child(ren) comes to school with appropriate coats, hats, and gloves/mittens when needed.

Saint of the Day: St. Prisca of Rome



Also known as St. Priscilla, Prisca was a child martyr of the early Church. She was born to Christian parents of a noble family in Rome during the reign of Emperor Claudius II, in the first century. While Claudius did not persecute those who believed in Christ with the same fervor as other Roman emperors,

Christians still did not practice their faith openly. In fact, Prisca's parents went to great lengths to conceal their faith, and thus they were not suspected of being Christians.

However, at age thirteen, Prisca was accused of Christianity, and was eventually arrested and brought before the Emperor. Despite her youth, Prisca courageously proclaimed and upheld her Catholic Faith, even though she knew that doing so was ultimately the pronouncement of her own death sentence.

She suffered imprisonment and terrible tortures to make her denounce Christ. When all efforts to change her mind failed, she was taken to the coliseum to be devoured by lions. Rather than attack her, however, the lions are said to have licked her feet! Finally, Prisca was taken outside the city walls and beheaded. Legend tells us that when she was martyred, a great eagle appeared above her and protected her body for several days until the Christians were able to retrieve it.

The young martyr was buried in the Catacomb of St. Priscilla - named after the wife of a Roman senator, also a martyr, who shares the same feast day of January 18. As an interesting fact, there is speculation that this St. Priscilla was a family relation of the child-martyr St. Prisca.

Have a safe and blessed weekend.

Grant, we pray You, almighty God, that as we celebrate the heavenly birthday of blessed Prisca, your virgin and martyr, so we may rejoice in her annual festival and profit by the example of her great faith. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who being God, lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

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