



Mater Dei Academy Weekly

March 1st, 2019

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Holy Mass will be on *Tuesday, March 5th* 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.

Shrove Tuesday is on *Tuesday, March 5th*. The 5-8 grade students may bring in food to share with each other during lunchtime.

Wednesday, March 6th, is Ash Wednesday. The Penitential and Blessed Season of Lent begins.

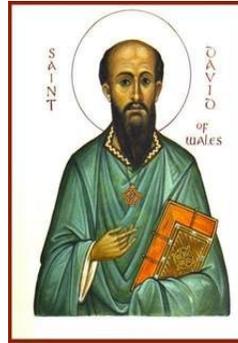
On Fridays during Lent, in place of the morning Rosary, we will be doing the Stations of the Cross. These will begin promptly at 8 AM. The seventh and eighth graders will be leading these prayers.

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.

Mater Dei Academy is hosting an Open House on March 7th from 6-8 PM, and by appointment on March 8th from 9 AM - 2 PM. Please spread the word to any families looking for a wonderful school.

Feast Day: St. David of Wales



David is the patron saint of Wales and perhaps the most famous of British saints. He was born in southwest Wales and educated at a monastery. After becoming a priest, he and his followers traveled Wales and England as missionaries. He founded many monasteries, including his principal abbey, where the Cathedral of St. David is now. Many stories and legends sprang up about David and his Welsh monks. They lived austere lives, limiting their food to bread, vegetables, and water, and cultivating the land in silence without the help of animals. The monks had to keep themselves fed, as well as the pilgrims and travelers who needed lodgings. They also had to feed and clothe the poor and needy in their neighborhood. In about the year 550, David attended a synod, where his eloquence impressed his fellow monks to such a degree that he was elected primate of the region. The episcopal see was moved to Mynyw; he ruled his diocese until he had reached a very old age. After his death, his influence spread far and wide. He is a very important figure to the Welsh, who spend St. David's Day in celebrations.

Have a safe and blessed weekend.

O God, Who graciously bestowed on Your Bishop, Saint David of Wales, the virtue of wisdom and the gift of eloquence, and made him an example of prayer and pastoral zeal; grant that, through his intercession, Your Church may ever prosper and render You joyful praise. 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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