



Mater Dei Academy Weekly

March 15th, 2019

“It fills me with joy to realize that I can lay down my life daily for God, that I can sacrifice it willingly for Him. I may not be a martyr for the faith, but I can be a martyr of charity.”

– St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Our fundraiser for St. Jude’s Hospital has ended. If you have not turned in the donations that your child has collected for all their hard work, please do so by next Friday. Thank you all for helping St. Jude’s Hospital.

Tuesday, March 19 is St. Joseph’s Day. To make this a success, we need everyone’s help with flowers and food items for the altar. All the students will be sharing the food at lunch. For this special occasion, girls may wear red hair bows and/or red socks/tights and boys may wear a red tie. Your student is bringing home additional information today.

Holy Mass will be on *Tuesday, March 19th* 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.

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.

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.

Feast Day: St. Louise de Marillac



St. Louise de Marillac was born in Paris in 1591. Her mother died soon after giving birth, and Louise lost her father when she was only fifteen. At sixteen years old, Louise desired to enter religious life. Her spiritual director dissuaded her, however, and in 1613 she married Antoine Le Gras. One son was born of this marriage. While Louise devoted herself to his education,

she also never wearied of doing works of charity. Le Gras died in 1625 after a long illness. Around this time, Louise met St. Vincent de Paul, who became her spiritual director. His influence led her to associate herself with his work among the poor of Paris, especially with the Confraternities of Charity, which Vincent had founded for the relief of the sick poor. It was this labor which began her life's work, the founding of the Daughters of Charity. Louise took her vows in 1634 and attracted many candidates. She wrote a rule for the community under the guidance of St. Vincent, and in 1642, he allowed four of the members to take vows. The order was formally approved by Rome in 1655. St. Louise died in 1660, a few months before the death of St. Vincent, with whose labors she had been so closely united.

Have a safe and blessed weekend.

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming Man and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son.

Amen.

Lenten Action

Set aside some quiet time for reading Scripture.

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