



# Mater Dei Academy Weekly

May 3rd, 2019



## Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Holy Mass will be on *Tuesday, May 7th* 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.

We are currently making plans for next year's classes. Please return your re-enrollment packets soon. Thank you!

Dress Code Reminder: Boys may wear shorts starting May 1<sup>st</sup>, except for Mass days.

Thank you all for the beautiful flowers for May Crowning. The students carried flowers and sang in the procession. The Blessed Mother was crowned by Olivia.

Congratulations to Marina Almstedt and Zita Storck for being this year's winners of the New American Penmanship handwriting contest.

## Saint of the Day: Sts. Philip and James, Apostles



St. Philip was a native of Bethsaida in Galilee. Like the other Apostles, he left everything to follow Christ when called by Him, even though according to tradition, he was then married and had several daughters. In addition, it was Philip who brought the Apostle Nathanael to Jesus (John 1:43-46).

After Jesus' Ascension, St. Philip preached the Gospel in Phrygia, Asia Minor, which was then a province of the Roman Empire. He was martyred at Hierapolis in Greece under the Emperor Domitian.

St. James the Less was the brother of St. Jude and was from Cana of Galilee. He is called "the Less" to distinguish him from the other Apostle, St. James the Greater, who was the son of Zebedee and brother of St. John. This title is supposed to have arisen either because he was called later to the apostleship, or from his low stature or his youth. His mother Mary was a close relative of the Blessed Virgin, and thus he was called the brother of the Lord in accordance with Jewish custom. He was the first bishop of the very early Christian community of Jerusalem, and St. Paul calls him a "pillar" of the Church. James was also the author of the first Catholic Epistle (called Catholic, or universal, because it was addressed not to any one particular church, but to the faithful in general). In his epistle, he realizes full well the temptations and difficulties the Christians faced in the midst of paganism, and as a spiritual father he endeavors to guide them in the Faith. His discourse is edifying and practical for Christian living even today. He was martyred for the Faith by the Jews in the year 62.

*Have a safe and blessed weekend.*

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Lord God, You give us joy every year on the feast of Your Apostles Sts. Philip and James. Through their prayers let us share in the Passion and the Resurrection of Your only-begotten Son and help us merit the eternal vision of Your glory. Amen.

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