



# Mater Dei Academy Weekly

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019



## Upcoming Events and Reminders:

Holy Mass will be *Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>* at 8 AM. All are invited! Please let us know by that morning if you will attend, to ensure enough hosts for Holy Communion.

The servers will be Madison Hewitt and Xavier Mascari, and the reader will be Munro Hewitt.

Please make sure your child(ren) comes to school with appropriate coats, hats, and gloves/mittens when needed. Also, if they are cold in the classrooms, our dress code permits a navy blue button down cardigan sweater for girls and a navy blue pull over cardigan sweater or sweater vest for boys. The sweaters may not have hoods. Girls may wear tights or leggings under their jumpers.

Taco Tuesday is *December 17<sup>th</sup>*, so remember your food items and taco slips!

Due to dress rehearsal for the Christmas Program on Thursday and Friday next week, students are not to wear school uniforms those days.

Dismissal is at noon on *Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup>*. The Christmas Program will be at 7 PM that night. Students should plan on arriving for the program at 6:30 p.m.

- There will be a 50/50 raffle and a silent auction.
- If you are donating to the silent auctions, please send your item to the school ASAP.
- Please RSVP, by Dec 16th, how many family members (immediate family, aunts, uncles, grandparents, etc.) will be attending so we know how many chairs to borrow from Faith Lutheran.

## Feast Day: Saint Lucy



Saint Lucy was a young virgin martyr in Syracuse, Sicily, during persecution. According to legends, Lucy consecrated herself to Christ and to serving the poor. She delivered wheat and bread to the poor and homebound, and possibly to Christians staying in the catacombs, often in the darkness of night. For light, she would carry a lamp, or wear a crown of candles to free her hands. Her Christian charity angered the pagan to whom she was betrothed. He turned her over to the authorities, who then attempted first to drag her away and humiliate her in public. They were unable to physically move her. Then, they tried to burn her, but failed. They ended her life in the year 304 with a dagger to her throat. St. Lucy's legend holds that during torture, her eyes were gauged out and God then provided her with new eyes. She is often depicted holding a small plate with two eyes on it. She is the patron saint of the blind and those with eye problems.

*Have a safe and blessed weekend.*

Saint Lucy, you did not hide your light under a basket, but let it shine for the whole world, for all the centuries to see. We may not suffer torture in our lives the way you did, but we are still called to let the light of our Christianity illumine our daily lives. Please help us to have the courage to bring our Christianity into our work, our recreation, our relationships, our conversation -- every part of our day. Amen

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