



# Mater Dei Academy Weekly

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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## Upcoming Events and Reminders

Re-enrollment forms are due back ASAP. Thank you!

Report cards are being sent home today. Sign and return them when we come back.

Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter. School resumes Monday, April 12.

## ***Mrs. Moss's Corner:***

Reminder: **April 15** is Crazy Hat Day, and in addition, hot dog lunch day! More information to come.

## **Changes to the May Calendar:**

**May 21** Regular full day of school

**May 25** Last Academic Day

**May 26** Cleaning Day – dismissal at noon

**May 27** Fun day – dismissal at noon

**May 28** Graduation Mass 10 AM @ MDA, possible luncheon in Faith Lutheran's Fellowship Hall

(Holy Family can not have us on the 28th)

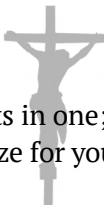
## Saint Benjamin



Benjamin was an elderly deacon in Persia during the reign of King Isdegerd. Bishop Abdas, in his zeal, burned the Persians' pagan Temple of Fire in 420. The king angrily ordered the bishop to rebuild it, or all the churches would be destroyed. Bishop Abdas refused. As the churches came down, a forty-year persecution started. Isdegerd died, but his son continued on with the arrest and torture of Christians. Among them was Benjamin. He was set free when an ambassador agreed he would not talk about religion in the king's court. Benjamin ignored their deal and continued to preach. He was subjected to severe torture and died during it in about 424.

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Thy martyr Benjamin, O Lord, by his struggle hath received from Thee the imperishable crown; because, acquiring Thy strength, he demolished usurpers and crushed the powerless might of the evil one. Therefore, through his intercession, O Christ, save our souls. May we never fear voicing our love for You even in adversity. Amen.



“To love God you need three hearts in one; a heart of fire for Him, a heart of flesh for your neighbor and a heart of bronze for yourself.”

-St. Joseph Labre

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