



# Mater Dei Academy Weekly

September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Upcoming Events and Reminders

Holy Mass will be Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM, followed by Confession. All are invited to join us! Please let us know if you will attend to ensure enough hosts for Holy Communion.

If you have not turned in the yearly forms that were sent home Tuesday, please do so ASAP. Thank you.

Homework is a necessary part of school. Suggested guidelines are:  
Grades 1 and 2: 20 minutes each day  
Grades 3 and 4: 45 minutes each day  
Grades 5 and 6: 60 minutes each day  
Grades 7 and 8: 90 minutes each day  
Kindergarten will also bring some work home for the days they are not at school. Please keep an eye out for their folder.

We will once again be collecting for Heartbeats this year, bring in your spare change!

I sent home the paper today about the students' service project items and dates.

## Have a safe and blessed weekend.

### *Prayer for the new school year*

Father,  
We thank you for the opportunity to begin this new school year, and we ask that you bless the students, faculty, and student families that make our school a great place. We pray that you will guide us in your ways, so that we will seek your will in everything that we do, and love others as you love us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## St. Teresa of Calcutta



Mother Teresa began life named Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu. Born on August 26, 1910 in Skopje, she was the youngest child born to Nikola and Drane Bojaxhiu. Receiving her First Communion at the age of five, she was confirmed in November 1916. Her father died while she was only eight years old leaving her family in financial straits..

Gonxha's religious formation was assisted by the vibrant Jesuit parish of the Sacred Heart in which she was very involved as a youth. Subsequently moved to pursue missionary work, Gonxha left her home in September 1928 at the age of 18 to join the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary, known as the Sisters of Loreto, in Ireland. She received the name Sister Mary Teresa after St. Therese of Lisieux. In December of 1929, she departed for her first trip to India, arriving in Calcutta. After making her First Profession of Vows in May 1931, Sister Teresa was assigned to the Loreto Entally community in Calcutta and taught at St. Mary's School for girls. Sister Teresa made her Final Profession of Vows, On May 24, 1937, becoming, as she said, the "spouse of Jesus" for "all eternity." From that time on she was called Mother Teresa. On September 5, Mother Teresa's earthly life came to an end. She was given the honor of a state funeral by the Government of India and her body was buried in the Mother House of the Missionaries of Charity. Her tomb quickly became a place of pilgrimage and prayer for people of all faiths, rich and poor alike. St. Teresa of Calcutta was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016 in a ceremony that was witnessed by tens of thousands of people, including 1,500 homeless people across Italy.

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