



## Principal's Thoughts

Today we enter into the month of May. For many of you, myself included, that realization is a bit overwhelming because it has come so quickly and so much is happening during this last month of school! Allow me to offer you another perspective that will perhaps make the month of May a more calming experience for you! The Catholic Church offers a devotion for each month of the year, the devotion to Mary in the month of May dates back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century.

We begin this month with the seventh grade students leading us in the Crowning of Mary Prayer Service. We will also recite the Rosary on a daily basis during morning prayer. Mary is such a powerful role model for us; she is the epitome of faith and service to God. So much is written about her and her role in God's plan for salvation. Mary is the second most referenced person in the Bible! She is truly God's unquestioning servant but such a woman of quiet strength. It is no wonder the Church asks us to focus on her life and reflect on how we could be more like her.

Perhaps this month you might recite a decade of the Rosary each day reflecting on the goodness of Mary and her willingness to say yes to God. I found this prayer you might also like to recite.

### **Mary Our Model in Prayer**

*All praise and glory are Yours, almighty Father: You have given us Your Son Jesus to save us from sin. We praise You for choosing Mary to be His mother, for teaching her to believe Your message, for helping her to accept Your holy will. Strengthen us by Your Spirit to be like Mary: to ponder Your word in our hearts, to obey Your will, to love Your Son, to sing Your praises every day. Father, we praise You through Jesus Christ Your Son in the love of Your Spirit, for ever and ever.*

Amen.



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- **New Mass Just for You!**

- Beginning May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first Friday of the month Mass has been moved from 8:15 to 7AM to accommodate any families that would like to attend before school begins.
- We are grateful to Fr. Luke and the parishioners for this opportunity!
- A flyer has been included in your envelope today.

- **Student Council Changes**

- The protocol for student council elections has been updated for the 2024-2025 school year. An interview process will now take the place of the speeches and elections that have occurred in previous years.
- Incoming 7th and 8th grade students will be eligible to hold officer and commissioner positions and all middle school students are eligible to join the commissions.
- Class representatives from grades 4-8 will be elected in August.
- If your student is interested in joining us next year please contact a student council moderator: Mr. Sheridan, Ms. Van Heel or Mrs. Audas, by May 7th.



### TIME SENSITIVE

- **Teacher Appreciation**

- Don't forget to return the envelop, sent to you last week from PACE, to the box on the table in front of the faculty room door or office.

- **Uniform Exchange**

- Please consider donating your child's gently used uniform items to the Uniform Exchange Program. Clothing can be bagged and place on the tables next to the office or faculty room doors.
- The uniform will not be changing next year only the vendor we use.
- Thank you in advance for participating.

- **It's Time to Register!**

- Reserve your child's spot for vacation bible camp at St. Bonaventure the week of June 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Register online at: <https://www.stbonaventure.net/vacation-bible-camp>

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- Thank you to Jessica Lucia and Katrina Wilcockson for a magical Father Daughter Dance! The girls were so excited to have their fathers with them! Thank you to the Jose Barragan Family for donating the food and the many volunteers for helping make this evening such a success. Memories were clearly made last Saturday night!
- Our Arbor Day tree planting was beautiful! Thank you to Mary Frevele & Michelle Gill (alumni parents) for planning this event. Thank you to Burt for planting the tree. The school choir was amazing under the direction of Mr. Hamerson.
- Thank you for supporting the 2nd grade students by providing money to your child to buy goodies yesterday. The proceeds will be donated to Save the Bay, whose mission is to protect and restore the San Francisco Bay for people and wildlife.



- **Dine Out Coming May 1<sup>st</sup>**
  - Please join us at Artesanal Grill TODAY between the hours of 11AM-7PM.
  - A big thank you to the Barragan Family (Graciela and Jorge's parents) for donating 20% of the purchases back to St. Agnes!
  - A flyer with the details has been posted on the website and must be presented at the time of purchase.

*Weekly Schoolwide Learning Expectation: 1.1 A faith centered person living the Gospel message who is able to demonstrate understanding of the catholic faith and practices.*


### **St. Agnes School Mission Statement**

***St. Agnes School, in partnership with the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Oakland educate children in the Catholic faith and nurture their minds, bodies, and souls, inspiring them to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest academic and creative potential, and actively serve and enrich the community***

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	<b>IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS</b>
5/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scrip Sold 9am-11am</li></ul>
5/3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7AM Family Mass</li><li>• Principal for the Day-Maddie Daco</li><li>• Scrip Sold 9am-11am</li></ul>
5/4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First Eucharist Mass: 10am &amp; 12pm</li></ul>
5/5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Jn 15:9-17)</li></ul>
5/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• STAR Testing Begins</li></ul>
5/7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday</li></ul>
5/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Parent Appreciation Reception 5:30pm-Cauch Hall Patio</li><li>• Mandatory Parent Meeting-7pm Church</li></ul>
5/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scrip Sold 9am-11am</li></ul>
5/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scrip Sold 9am-11am</li><li>• 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Graduation Dance</li></ul>