



¿Que Pasa? Newsletter



Weekly Calendar

Saturday, 1/14

**Boys Basketball
Tournament**

Sunday, 1/15

Monday, 1/16

**Palenque Chicken*

Tuesday, 1/17

**Cavatini*

Wednesday, 1/18

**Class Pictures
Report Cards
Distributed**

**Chicken Sandwich*

Thursday, 1/19

Jean Day

**Tamales*

Friday, 1/20

Holy Mass

**Pizza*

THIRD QUARTER

Yesterday, Thursday 1/12 was the official start of the 3rd Quarter and the Second Semester. Please be aware that the semester grades must average out to a passing grade at the end of the school year in order to receive credit.

REPORT CARDS

2nd Quarter Report Cards will be distributed on Wednesday, January 18. Report Cards will be sent home with students in an envelope that should be signed and returned the next day to the homeroom teacher. Report cards will also be emailed on Wednesday.

HONOR ROLL ASSEMBLY

2nd Quarter Honor Roll Assembly will be held at morning assembly on Tuesday, January 31. Morning assembly begins at 7:45am.

RE-ENROLLMENT

Re-registration for the 2017-2018 school year will open to OLS families on Monday, January 16. We provide OLS families with priority registration before we open it to the general public. Registration will then be open to OLS Parish families on Feb. 1, and then the public on Feb. 6. Please complete your re-enrollment packet as soon as possible and reserve your child's placement for the next school year. Re-enrollment packets will be available in the Front office or online.

SCHOOL NOTES/ MESSAGES

Parents, please read all notes and mes-

sages sent home on paper or through email thoroughly and carefully. We do our best to provide you with complete information in a sufficient amount of time. We strive to keep the channels of communication with parents open and frequent.

COUGAR MILLIONAIRE READERS

1. Emeterio Salinas (1,114,898)
2. Alyssa Gonzalez (1,000,602)

MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELING

The Middle School Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Rina Gonzalez, will start Protecting God's Children with the 6th, 7th, and 8th graders next week.

FISHING TOURNAMENT

Save the Date! The OLS Fishing Tournament is May 5-7 2017 at South Padre Island. More information to come soon.

Counselor's Corner

A New Habit

Everyone has habits- some are good and some are not so good. Starting today,

I want you to learn a new habit. Try saying, "I trust in You, Jesus."

Psalm 63:2

Parable / Virtue of the Month

Each month at Our Lady of Sorrows we explore a particular parable of Jesus and a virtue (generally taken from the fruits of the Spirit [Galatians 5:22-23, 2 Corinthians 6:6, Ephesians 5:9, & 2 Peter 1:5-7] or the cardinal & theological virtues). The parable and virtue are incorporated into our morning prayer, religion bulletin boards and religion classes. This focus on one parable and one virtue complements our Words of Wisdom program and serves as a supplement to our religion curriculum. This month we focus on the parable of the Persistent Widow and the Unjust Judge (Luke 18:1-8) and the virtue of Faithfulness.

Parable of the Month

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Last summer, Pope Francis talked about this parable. He said Jesus uses this parable to show that if a widow with no influence could sway an uncaring judge merely through her patient and persistent pleas, then imagine how powerful that same force of prayer is when directed toward a loving, merciful and caring God! Jesus is showing how important and necessary it is to pray tirelessly, all the time - not just every now and then, "when we feel like it."

"We all experience moments of exhaustion and discouragement, above all when our prayers don't seem to do anything," our Pope said. But contrary to the stubborn judge, he said, God speedily secures "the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night," according to the Gospel of St. Luke (18:1-8). But that doesn't mean God will respond when "and in the ways that we want. Prayer is not a magic wand," the pope said.

Rather, Jesus shows how prayer is about strengthening one's relationship with the Father -- transforming one's own wishes and conforming them to God's will, Pope Francis said. Prayer "helps us keep our faith in God and to trust him even when we do not understand his will." And it is in prayer that people experience the compassion of God who comes to his children "filled with merciful love."

Virtue of the Month

Faithfulness

The virtue tied to this parable is faithfulness. Just as the persistent widow listened to the voice of God and lived a life of faithful trust, we are called to trust in God's providential care. Even when it seems like justice is not forthcoming, God challenges us to continue to pray and trust, changing our own hearts, minds, souls and spirits to be able to see the subtle working of the Holy Spirit in the background of our lives. We are also called to be faithful to the teachings handed on to us through the living witness and tradition of the church, as well the written revelation of our Scriptures. Our conscience, formed by Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition, then begins to help us trust more fully in the revelations God has given us through the Church.

Let us pray that, just like that widow in Jesus' story, we can focus on growing closer to God through daily prayer, even when we don't feel like it.

Blessings & Peace,
Hugo De La Rosa III
Campus Ministry