



PREP PARENT NEWS

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Happy New Year!

As we begin the New Year of 2022, it seems almost unbelievable that we are now entering what would be the third year of a Global Pandemic. I don't know about you, but perhaps there was a sense of hope last year at this time that as we turned the page on 2020, this would all be behind us within a few months. But that's not the case despite man's best efforts of masks, vaccines, and mandates!

While we cannot possibly know what the future holds, we know who holds the future! We are not even gifted enough to know what tomorrow will bring to us, but as Christians, we need to rest assured that God does! This New Year will unfold as God has planned it to happen. Not one thing will take place that does not first sift through the loving hands of an almighty God.

William and Gloria Gaither wrote a song many years ago, and the lyrics are as powerful today (maybe more so) as when they were written:
*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow.
Because He lives, all fear is gone.
Because I know, yes I know, He holds the future.
This life is worth the living, just because He lives!*

Remember to keep God first in this New Year, and you will be amazed at the things God will do in you, through you, and for you!

Do you know the Precepts of the Church?

1. You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor.

This comes straight from #3 of The Ten Commandments: Remember to keep holy the Sabbath.

2. You shall confess your sins at least once a year.

This sets us up for the third Precept in that we can only receive Holy Communion in a state of grace.

3. You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least once during the Easter Season.

4. You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church.

Why does the Church ask us to observe days (and times) of abstinence and fasting? Penance, spiritual focus, imitation of Christ, and self-mastery.

5. You shall help to provide for the needs of the Church.

In order for the Church to proclaim the gospel, administer sacraments, teach the faith, and perform the works of mercy; we have to volunteer our time, talent, and treasure.

Announcements: Let's congratulate Jean Marie Dasso, Lyric Norris-Holland, and Symphonee Norris-Holland for perfect attendance during the month of December. Special shout out to Donovan and Dylan Washington for perfect attendance for three consecutive months!

Until further notice religious education classes will be held in the church basement following Mass!