



GOD'S WORD FOR TODAY:

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark: 7:24-30

24 And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house, and would not have any one know it; yet he could not be hid. 25 But immediately a woman, whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. 27 And he said to her, "Let the children first be fed, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." 28 But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." 29 And he said to her, "For this saying you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." 30 And she went home, and found the child lying in bed, and the demon gone.

The Gospel of the Lord

Meditation:

Do you ever feel "put-off" by the Lord? This passage describes the only occasion in which Jesus ministered outside of Jewish territory. (Tyre and Sidon were fifty miles north of Israel and still exist today in modern Lebanon.) A Gentile woman – an outsider who was not a member of the chosen people – puts Jesus on the spot by pleading with him to show mercy to her daughter who was tormented with an evil spirit. At first Jesus seemed to pay no attention to her, and this made his disciples feel embarrassed. Jesus very likely did this not to put the woman off, but rather to test her sincerity and to awaken faith in her.

What did Jesus mean by the expression "throwing bread to the dogs"? The Jews often spoke of the Gentiles with arrogance and insolence as "*unclean dogs*" since the Gentiles were excluded from God's covenant and favor with Israel. For the Greeks the "*dog*" was a symbol of dishonor and was used to describe a shameless and audacious woman. Matthew's gospel records the expression *do not give dogs what is holy* (Matthew 7:6). Jesus, no doubt, spoke with a smile rather than with an insult because this woman immediately responds with wit and faith – "*even the dogs eat the crumbs*". Jesus praises a Gentile woman for her persistent faith and for her affectionate love. She made the misery of her child her own and she was willing to suffer rebuff in order to obtain healing for her loved one. She also had indomitable persistence. Her faith grew in contact with the person of Jesus. She began with a request and she ended on her knees in worshipful prayer to the living God. No one who ever sought Jesus with faith – whether Jew or Gentile – was refused his help. Do you seek Jesus with expectant faith?

PRAYER:

Let us pray...

"Lord Jesus, your love and mercy knows no bounds. May we trust you always and never doubt your loving care and mercy. Increase our faith in your saving help and deliver us for all evil and harm."

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dates to Remember:

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| February 20 | - confirmation for G7 to G10 [tentative] |
| March 4 - 5 | - Visit of the Brother Superior General |
| March 10 - 12 | - Graduating Students' Exams |
| March 16 - 18 | - Non-Graduating Students' Exams |
| March 18 | - Moving Up Ceremony [Kinder] |
| March 19 | - Transition Ceremony [Grade 6] |
| March 20 | - Graduation Ceremony [Grade 10] |
| March 31 | - Start of SY 2010-2011 and Sumer 2010 Enrollment |
| April 12 - May 14 | - Summer Classes |

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRINCIPAL FOR ACADEMICS

SEMI-FINAL SPECIAL EXAM

SPECIAL EXAM will be given to students who are SICK w/ MEDICAL CERTIFICATION ONLY.

PROCEDURE:

- Get a SPECIAL EXAM FORM from the Registrar's Office and accomplish it (write the subjects you missed and the respective teachers)
- Have your subject teachers sign in their respective names
- Bring your special exam form when you pay in the Accounting Office (signature from the Accounting Office is needed). Payment is Twenty Pesos (P20.00) per subject.
- Staple the receipt of payment and Medical Certification to the special exam form and give it to Ms. Embuscado on or before February 17, 2010.
- Special Exam date: February 18-19, MORNING ONLY.
- Special Exam venue: **Ground Floor Library**
- Special Exam Schedule:

February 18

Science
Filipino
PEHM
Math

February 19

CL / Religion
Reading / Elective Math
English
Civics / Social Studies
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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE VICE PRINCIPAL FOR ADMINISTRATION

CHITS FOR THE FAMILY DAY

1. Advisers will be the one to accept individual payments for the chits (Php 30.00) and pay to the Accounting Office for the whole class. Receipt for the whole class must be given to Mrs. Salomon.
2. More chits available from Ms. Cristille's Office.

FROM THE CAMPUS MINISTRY OFFICE

Schedule of Cathedral Masses [ENGLISH Mass]

February 28, 2010 Cathedral English Mass

Schedule of Monthly Mass [Arts Center]

February 17

Schedule of Daily Masses [House of Prayer]

February 15 Br. Lucide Martin FSC & Br. John Courtney FSC
February 16 Br. William Garvey FSC & Br. Richard Duerr FSC
February 18 Br. Anton Heitman FSC & Br. Damian of Jesus FSC
February 19 Br. Edmund Hubbert FSC & Br. Francis Cody FSC
February 23 Br. Alphonse Bloemen FSC & Br. Celba John FSC
February 25 Br. Hugh Wester FSC & Br. Justin Lucian FSC

FAMILY DAY 2010

Schedule of Events

February 11 & 12, Thursday & Friday

7:00 - 7:30 am	Checking of Classroom Attendance
7:30 - 11:45 am	Games / Activities / Booths
11:45 am	Checking of Classroom Attendance
1:00 - 1:15 pm	Checking of Classroom Attendance
1:15 - 4:00 pm	Games / Activities / Booths
4:00 - 4:15 pm	Cleaning of Booths / Area
4:15 pm	Checking of Classroom Attendance

FROM THE ASSISTANT ADMIN OFFICE

1. For those who are interested to run for Student Government Office for SY 2010-2011, filling of candidacy is now open until February 10, 2010. Please see Ms. Cathy for inquiries.
2. Lasallian Youth Commission Formation Camp is now accepting applicants/participants. Please see announcement of details posted in Ms. Cathy's Office.

FROM THE REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

Advisers are reminded to start entering the grades in their FORM 137 (Permanent Records)

1. Form 137 must be returned to the office at the end of the day. It **MUST NOT** be brought home.
2. Please ask permission before getting the Form 137 from the files for easy tracking.
3. Sequence of subjects found in the Master Grade Sheets must be followed
4. All subjects entered in Form 137 must be **handwritten** except in Grade 10
5. Use BLACK BALLPEN. (Sign pen and blue ball pen are not allowed)