



Senior Mass at Loretto Academy

WEEK of 07 OCTOBER 2018

This Sunday's readings focus on right relationships. The reading from *Genesis* reminds us that humans were not intended to be alone but to have a complementary partner. Mark's gospel involved Jesus emphasizing this original plan of God while noting that humans fall short. Part of Jesus' criticism of divorce may have been the inequity involved; men unilaterally decided on a divorce and women were thrown out with nothing. God's plan involves mutual respect and growing together.

The recent hearings on the Kavanaugh confirmation for the Supreme Court have generated much conversation on the way men treat women. Politics aside, there does exist a culture in which some young men take advantage of young women; especially while one or both are under the influence. As awkward as it may be, this is an important opportunity to begin an ongoing conversation with your students/sons about what goes on at parties and the choices which they make. We must help them to develop empathy for women and for the pressures put on them. Only through honest struggle will mutual respect be possible.

PRAYERS REQUESTED for:

- A reconciliation and unity in our nation;
- Our young men to treat women with respect;
- Our students and staff during the PSAT exam;
- In thanksgiving for our friends, alumni, and families;
- Aaron Cobos, his family, and those who are working with his rehabilitation;
- Blessings on the efforts to help victims of the recent hurricanes and typhoons;
- The Holy Spirit may inspire our students and alumni to consider a life as a Brother, priest or deacon;
- Those in need of healing; especially our injured students: Nate Aguilar, Zach Deitch, and Edwin Osorno; Blake Cordes '17 (a graduate of our Lasallian school in Covington, LA, who was in a serious accident at LSU); Raul Natividad '98 (recovering from a motorcycle accident); Mary Vallejo (mother of Yvonne Davis); those fighting cancer (Homero Silva, Brother Robb Wallace, alumnus John Armendariz, Mima Sofia Higuera, Rosa Maria Sosa, alumnus Javier Olmos); those dealing with addiction; and for those struggling with depression;
- For those in mourning; especially the Rivera, Medrano, Fernandez, and Montanez families.

KUDOS and THANKS:

Thank you to **Ms. Torres** for organizing a **FAFSA Night** for our senior families to come get one-on-one assistance with correctly filling out the federal forms. We're grateful to **Mr. Espinoza** for helping to host the many families who attended.

Kudos to the Pre-Med Club for **annual Blood Drive** last Tuesday. We'll announce the official final results when we get them. Thank you to **Mrs. Flores, Mr. Sanchez, and Dr. Robleto** for keeping it running smoothly.

Congratulations to the **senior class** and **Brother Rafael** for organizing a wonderful Mass last Wednesday. Thank you to the **Mass Choir, Ms. Montoya and musicians** – the group has grown to record numbers and the sound was inspirational! Thank you to our celebrant **Father Ron Gonzales, SJ**.

We give a hearty shout out to **Sister Buffy, Mr. Silva** and the **Loretto Academy staff** for being such gracious hosts for the annual Senior Mass and Challenge. Our seniors appreciated the delicious breakfast and opportunity to visit with seniors from other schools.



Juniors at the Hike for Life

Kudos to the many CHS students who represented us at the **Annual Hike for Life** up Mt. Cristo Rey. **Bishop Mark Joseph Seitz** expressed his appreciation at seeing so many Catholic school students in attendance supporting this important cause. Thank you to **Brother Rafael** and **Brother Nick** for their presence.

Thank you to **Brother Javier** for giving presentations and helping with the **altar server day of recollection** at the seminary on Saturday.

Congratulations to our students for their participation in and support of the **Battle of the Sexes**, a volleyball game between CHS students and the Loretto Academy varsity volleyball team. We received an email from a Loretto and CHS parent, **Mrs. Urbina**: *“My daughter is a junior at Loretto and is part of the varsity volleyball team. Today we had the battle of the sexes volleyball game and it was the best. I want to congratulate those gentlemen that represented Cathedral, they did such an amazing job showing respect, being good sports but the most important thing was to have fun. Your boys were good sports and even though they lost, at the end they work together with Loretto girls and had so much fun. It was such a great event and we hope its not the last one.”*

We also received a note of encouragement and thanks from **Alejandro Guevara '18** who is currently attending UT Austin. *“I am writing to you because I have been reflecting for the last couple of days. I have come to realize the great impact Cathedral has had on me not only academically, but as a person. The values instilled in us to become great men is something I have learned to value. Just walking around campus or seeing the little things people forget to do shocks me. People believe because they're in college they have authority and show no sense of manners. Luis Reynoso and I were talking about this just a few days ago and have come to the realization that we notice these little things because we have been influenced and taught by great people. It is the little things such as saying Yes Sir or no Sir or simply holding the door for someone that separates a person from the rest. I believe I have no one else to thank but my parents for teaching me and the Cathedral community for reinforcing these values for four years. Thank you for your dedication in helping us become who we are, and are to become in the future.”*

We give thanks to God for the lives of those who celebrate their **birthdays** this week:

- Sunday, 07 October: Jorge Ramos-Putz, Steven Nzimulinda
- Monday, 08 October: Daniel Bentley
- Tuesday, 09 October: Ricardo Rojas, Jacob Nathan
- Wednesday, 10 October: Mariano Velez
- Friday, 12 October: Todd Mick

NEWS YOU NEED:

Monday, October 8th, is a diocese-wide faculty in-service. There will be no classes for students.

- We're grateful to **Mr. Espinoza** for managing this for CHS.

Your son has received **entrance forms** for the **2018 Irish Run**. We're asking for your support and cooperation in encouraging him to **sign up two people for the race**. This is a major student-driven fundraiser which helps groups with travel to state competition.

- He should return the form and the payment to his third period. Volunteers will be picking them up.

Students are invited to enjoy the **Breakfast Club!** Starting at 7:15 AM every day, students are invited to come play chess, checkers, backgammon or Jenga. There will also be a newspaper and magazines available. Come get some extra studying in while you grab breakfast!

Tuesday, October 9th, is the Feast of the **Spanish Martyrs of Turon**. In 1934, Turón was the center of anti-Catholic hostility. The Brothers' school was an irritant to radicals because of the religious influence it exerted. The Brothers defied the ban on teaching religion and openly escorted students to Mass. The authorities broke into the Brothers' house and arrested the Brothers and their chaplain. After a weekend in prison, they were marched to the cemetery and shot. Victims of the hatred and violence against the Church, they witnessed by their death to the faith they so courageously professed and so effectively communicated to their students. The Lasallian martyrs were canonized by Saint Pope John Paul II: **Saint Brothers Cirilo Bertrán, Marciano José, Julián Alfredo, Victoriano Pío, Benito de Jesus, Benjamin Julián, Augusto Andrés, Aniceto Adolfo and Saint Father Inocencio.**



Wednesday, October 10th, is PSAT Testing. Please ensure that your son gets a good night's rest the night before and a breakfast the morning of testing.

- We will have **Noon Dismissal** for students.
- We will serve lunch before dismissal.

Friday, October 12th, is the **end of the first quarter**.

Cathedral HS will host the **Diocesan Principals Meeting** on **Friday** in the Vandenburg Library. We welcome the administrators from the Catholic parochial and high schools.

The **Irish Football** team faces off against the **Chaparral High School Lobos** at 800 County Line Road, Chaparral, NM, on **Friday**. Kickoff is 7:00 PM.

Looking ahead:

Thursday, **October 18th**, will be **Parent-Teacher Conferences** from **3:00 to 6:00 PM** in the Houghton MPB. Students will be dismissed at 2:00 PM to allow us an opportunity to set up for conferences.

Friday, **October 19th**, will be the **Honor Roll Breakfast**. Students who earned the **Gold or Blue Honor Roll** and their parents are invited to breakfast from **7:15 to 8:00 AM** in the Houghton MPB.



Sunday, October 21st, is the **Annual Irish Run (5K run and 1 mile fun walk)**. **Packet pick-up** will be in the school library on Friday, October 19th and the day of the race beginning at 7:00 AM. The starting point of the race will be at the north end of the campus (River Street) with the starting gun going off at 8:00 AM.

- T-shirts are only guaranteed for the first 300 registered.
- You are invited to run in costume as the theme is **Dead Man's Run**.

ALUMNI and DEVELOPMENT:

The next meeting of the **CHS Alumni Association** will be on **Saturday, 13 October**, at 9:00 AM in the Vandenburg Library. Breakfast burritos and coffee will be served at 8:30 AM for those interested. The donation will be \$6.00.

Congratulations to the winners of the **2018 Alumni/Lightbourn Raffle**. The winners of a \$500 Walmart gift card were: Norma Acosta, Nena Sambrano, and Carlos Alderete. The winners of a \$1000 Walmart gift card were: Liz Lopez, Mundo Rodriguez, and Romelia. The winner of a set of custom made boots is Clint Lewis. We're grateful to the Lightbourn Family Foundation and Jose Luis Sanchez Boots for donating the prizes.

Congratulations to alumnus **Daniel Rayas** for being named **Mr. UTEP**, the 2019 Homecoming King! Daniel is a third generation CHS graduate and is currently a senior finance major at UT El Paso. He is the son of Quito and Kitty Rayas. Check it out at <https://www.theprospectordaily.com/2018/09/29/utep-crowns-king-and-queen-at-annual-homecoming-pageant/>.



The next **Irish 5K Run** will be on Sunday, **21 October** 2018. The proceeds from the race will go to help offset the tremendous travel costs which CHS expends in all state competition. Since it's close to Halloween, the race will be called *The Dead Man Run*. (Costumes are encouraged!) Our student leaders will continue visiting potential race sponsors. If you are interested in being a sponsor or donate anything in-kind, please contact Brother Nick at ngonzalez80@cathedral-elpaso.org.

MEN OF IRON/MEN OF GOLD



Senior Classes from Father Yermo HS, Loretto Academy, and Cathedral HS Join Bishop Seitz