

ST. MARTHA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2025



Dear Parents,

Days roll by too fast. Counting the days 'til the end of the school year – 62, counting the weeks – 12, counting the months – 3. March is the green month, as spring season is upon us. Most of all a sober one as Lent Liturgical season begins this Wednesday, called ASH WEDNESDAY.

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent. Henri Nouwen once described winter and spring struggle with each other for dominance. I think this is an appropriate image because during this time of year the darkness and light within each of us can become locked in conflict. We are called not only to examine the integrity of our own motives but to work courageously for justice in the world around us.

Lent which means traditionally is a six-week period of abstinence and repentance in preparation for Easter. As the buds open on trees and the days lengthen, this is a spiritual season, which calls for greater openness to the word of God and a conversion in every area of our lives. It is a time to face the darkness within and expose it through our reconciliation with God.

Lent is a time to consider God's love and our sins, to repent and seek to do better. It is a time to reflect on our spiritual state and our response to God's immense love for each one of us. Lent is a time of returning to God. It is a time to confess how we keep looking for joy, peace and satisfaction in the many people and things surrounding us, without really finding what we desire. Only God can give us what we want. So we must reconcile with God, as Paul says and "let that reconciliation be the basis of our relationships with others." Lent is a time of refocusing, of re-entering the place of truth, of reclaiming our true identity. A time of personal and spiritual growth.

Lent is a solemn time, but it is not meant to be a miserable one. Sorrow for our sins and for the suffering of our Lord is, in God's mercy, a means of growth in a more joyful and richer life of faith. We may want to keep before us one of the most comforting and encouraging sayings of Jesus: ***"I came that they may have life, and have it more abundantly"*** (John 10:10).

As Catholic school it is our mission to bring our family to the Catholic faith. This month make us one step closer again to Jesus as we observe the Lenten practices of prayers, fasting and alms giving.

As we enter into the month of March, we ask God to grant us the grace to embrace each day with hope and gratitude. Help us to find peace in life's simple joys and live with purpose, always mindful of God's presence.

We are now in the JUBILEE YEAR, also known as the HOLY YEAR, the time which God's holiness transform us. God never ceases to offer us His mercy. During the jubilee year, the complete remission of sin will be granted to all the faithful truly repentant, confess their sins, receive Holy Communion.

Congratulate our students who got above bench mark / benchmark percentile scores in STAR TEST Window 2 MATH and READING. (see attachment)

REMINDERS:

ASH WEDNESDAY – March 5, Mass @ 9:00am
Noon Dismissal
No Daycare

First Friday Mass – March 7, @ 9:00am

_3rd Grade Field Trip – March 14, CA Science Center

K- 1st Grade Field Trip – March 18, Natural Science Museum

Penance Service (confession) March 19, @ 9:00am

PTO General Meeting – March 27, @ 6:00pm (HALL)

OPEN HOUSE – March 27, @ 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Third Quarter ends – March 28

Peace and Blessings,

Mrs. Amelita B. Martinez

Principal

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STAR MATH
ABOVE BENCHMARK / BENCHMARK

8TH Grade

1. Lauren Inocencio
2. Lilia Giselle Martinez
3. Adam Cabrera
4. Lucas Gonzales
5. Matthew Luna
6. Tobe Omoko
7. Mia Orozco
8. Madeline Sanchez
9. Sean Urbina
10. Rose Workman

7TH Grade

1. Max Macasias
2. Javier Verduzco
3. Darla Diaz
4. Chloe Dominguez
5. Cecilia Mendoza
6. Oscar Alarcon
7. David Mejia
8. Emily Delgado
9. Alexa Ovalle
10. Kevin Gonzales
11. Yaretzi Gonzales

6TH Grade

1. Jacob Cabrera
2. Jacob Claverie
3. Omoko Oge
4. Timothy Dominguez
5. Xavier Leyran
6. Noah Ganzon
7. Emeriah de Alba

5TH Grade

1. Daniel Pedraza
2. Andrew Ha
3. Laura Walker
4. Natalia Guerrero
5. Christopher Garcia
6. Joachim Pascual
7. Olivia Alonzo
8. Martin Vic Soriano

4TH Grade

1. Isaac Mejia
2. Sebastian Acedillo
3. Julian Singh
4. Summer Gonzales

5. Leonardo Franco

3rd Grade

1. Ashton Ha
2. Emma Wu
3. Jackson Sandstrom
4. Mary Louise Obrador
5. Milagros Giron
6. Amelia Grace Catap
7. Mikayla Brown
8. Luz Oseguerra
9. Luke Cabrera

2nd Grade

1. Camila Gilbuena
2. Kennedy Monroe
3. Charlie Jace Dizon
4. Josiah Aguayo
5. Nicolas Guerrero
6. Mary Almaguer
7. Ezekiel Gomez
8. Fatima Giron
9. Maximus Isiordia

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Benchmark / Above benchmark

READING

8 Grade

1. Mia Orozco
2. Destinee Sta Ana
3. Brandon Cardenas
4. Madeline Sanchez
5. Sebastian Inzunsa
6. Adam Cabrera
7. Rose Wokman
8. Ricardo Andrade
9. Matthew Luna
10. Jayden Jaranilla

7th Grade

1. Cecilia Mendoza
2. Oscar Alarcon
3. Alexa Ovalle
4. Emily Delgado
5. Gabriel Mcafee
6. Darla Diaz
7. Chloe Dominguez
8. Jaelene Laroya
9. Max Macasias
10. Kevin Gonzales
11. Kylee Pagdanganan

6th Grade

1. Jacob Claverie
2. Timothy Dominguez
3. Xavier Leyran
4. Jacob Cabrera
5. Oge Omoko
6. Ana Almaguer
7. Jarely Sanchez

5th Grade

1. Laura Walker
2. Andrew Ha
3. Daniel Pedraza
4. Janelle Ramos
5. Olivia Alonzo
6. Christopher Garcia
7. Joachim Pascual
8. Ava Torres
9. Phoebe Pimentel

4th Grade

1. Isaac Mejia
2. Julian Singh

3rd Grade

1. Amelia Grace Catap
2. Ashton Ha
3. Cate Heaven Bernardo
4. Louise Mary Obrador
5. Jackson Sandstrom
6. Milagros Giron
7. Miles Reina
8. Emma Wu
9. Luz Oseguerra
10. Mikayla Brown
11. Luke Cabrera

2nd Grade

1. Camila Hailey Gilbuena
2. Chloe Cuaresma
3. Charlie Jace Dizon
4. Kennedy Monroe
5. Edward Waight
6. Mary Almaguer
7. Nicholas Guerrero
8. Elena Corral
9. Fatima Giron
10. Ezekiel Gomez
11. Ahri Brady
12. Cristiano Menchaca
13. Josiah Aguayo
14. Maximus Isordiah
15. Selena Alonzo
16. Penelope Lucero

1st Grade

1. Brady Madison
2. Owen Morasky
3. Aurora Lee
4. Julian Gonzales

6. Gabriel Sta Ana

Kinder (Early Literacy)

1. Mireja Batac
2. Fatima Castro
3. Jose Almaguer
4. Saul Castro
5. Carlos Cruz
6. Alana Caye Manansala
7. Rhylee Illise Gallegos
8. Matthew Mejia
9. Yuretzy Castro
10. Melody Reina
11. Leah Gutierrez
12. Ivy Castro
13. Adelyn Topete
14. Velasquez Casey

5. Mia Alarcon
6. Gabriel Sta Ana