Dear Parents,

During this month of February we are working on the virtue of **purity of heart**. This virtue help us to focus on God and the things of God. When we keep our eyes on God, we can love Jesus more than ever and one another.

Thank you! Sister Elizabeth Ann

St. Cecilia School VIRTUE OF THE MONTH February 2019

Virtue	Manifestation	Practice	Habit	
Purity of Heart	*Truthfulness	Say what you mean	Always speak the truth.	
	*Honesty	Speak and do the truth		
	*Perseverance	Pray at prayer	Do the right thing even when no one is watching.	
		Study at study time Work at duty time		
			Always do what Jesus would do.	
Scripture	Luke 10:38-42	Mary at Jesus Feet	Prayer Mantras	Thy Will be Done!
	Luke 19:1-10	Zachaeus		
	Luke 7:36-50	Woman who washed Jesus Feet		You alone have the words of
	Luke 9:18-21	Peter – To whom shall we go?		everlasting life!
	Deuteronomy 34:10-12	Death of Moses		
				Learn of Me for I am meek
				and humble of heart.

Overview: St. Alphonsus understood the practice of **Purity of Heart (Single-heartedness)** as another way of trying to do God's Will. This virtue focuses our choices on God and the things of God. It encourages us to recognize and avoid the occasions of sin and strengthens our holiness of life.

- Pray to Mary for a clean and free heart to love Jesus even more than you do now.
- Encourage examination of motives for the good deeds we do or fail to do.
- Discover how the people in the Gospels focused their eyes on God and their choices on the things of God.
- Encourage your children to do their personal best and to take pride in it.