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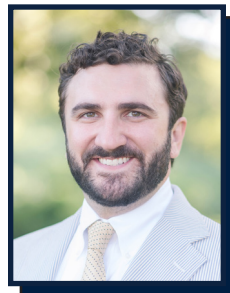
THE GUARDIAN

THE MONTHLY NEWS PUBLICATION AT JOHN PAUL THE GREAT ACADEMY

FROM THE DESK OF

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In the sea of sacrifices during Lent each year, the Church gives us a sort of island in the Solemnity of Saint Joseph. Since he is one of our most important secondary patrons, Saint Joseph and his feast day warrant a real celebration here on campus: we will honor him with an All-School Mass, Eucharistic procession, and spaghetti lunch for the entire campus. This year, we also invite the grandparents of our students to join that celebration.



At the end of 2020, Pope Francis gave us an Apostolic Letter on the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. I find myself returning to this letter, titled *Patris Corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), each year at this time of year to reflect on the gift of Saint Joseph in my own life. Among the personal reflections on a saint he calls an "extraordinary figure, so close to our own human experience," Pope Francis exhorts: "Each of us can discover in Joseph—the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence—an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble. Saint Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation."

This year, I have been drawn in a particular way to recall the witness of my maternal grandfather, one of the many "Saint Josephs" in the history of my own salvation. I can't help but think of him when I see an image of Saint Joseph the Worker with his carpentry tools, since my earliest memories of actual woodworking involve my grandfather shaping a pinewood derby car that was not only fast, but also beautiful for me as a Cub Scout. What could have been a simple task to get through to earn a badge instead was a moment of real connection for me because of his quiet service. For better or worse, I have inherited his attention to detail (ask any of the prefects who have built dance decorations with me). I'm grateful that while he was alive, I was able to express my gratitude for his intercession, support, and guidance. I pray that our feast day celebration this year may be a time of real connection for the grandparents who are able to join us.

In the weeks leading up to his feast day, let us pray along with Pope Francis the prayer that ends his Apostolic Letter: "We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion."

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

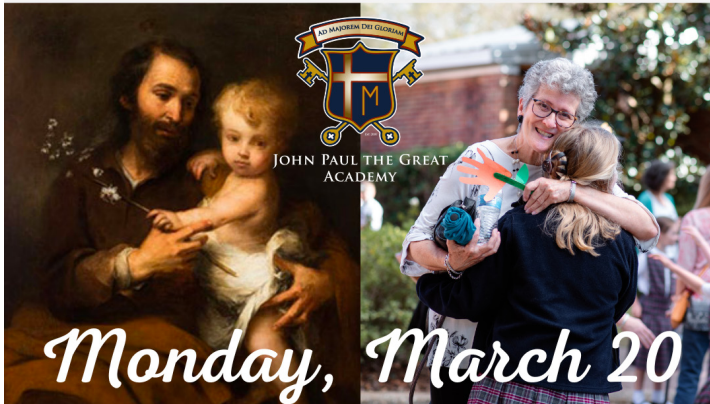
CALENDAR

Mar 7-8	Classic Learning Test in 7th & 8th Grade
Mar 9	Headmaster's Challenge T-shirts
Mar 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none">House T-ShirtsEnd of 3rd Academic Quarter
Mar 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NOON DISMISSALParent/Teacher Conferences
Mar 15	Quarterly Parent Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Mar 16	<i>Totus Tuus</i> Thursday
Mar 18	April Lunch Orders Due
Mar 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none">All School Mass, 10:00 a.m.St. Joseph Feast DayGrandparents Day
Mar 29-April 1	Spring Play: The Taming of the Shrew
April 29	16th Annual Veritas Lecture & Gala Dinner



GUARDIAN NEWS

Grandparents Day & St. Joseph's Feast Day



Monday, March 20
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. *Please RSVP*

All JPG Grandparents are invited to this celebration on Monday, March 20 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m. - Arrival

9:30 a.m. - Rosary

10:00 a.m. - Holy Mass

11:15 a.m. - Eucharistic Procession

Refreshments and time to visit with students will immediately follow the Eucharistic Procession. Grandparents of all grades may attend!

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES & NOON DISMISSAL

JPG will dismiss at 12:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, March 14**, to allow for Parent/Teacher conferences in the afternoon. Parents can sign up for a 15 minute time slot with Upper or Lower School teachers. See the weekly reminder emails for the link to sign up. Parent/Teacher Conferences are optional.

JPG PARENT DISCOUNT

JPG Parents can enjoy a 20% discount on your ticket to this year's gala. Just enter promo code **JPGPARENT23** when purchasing your ticket.



THE 16TH ANNUAL
Veritas LECTURE & *Gala* DINNER
PRESENTED BY JOHN PAUL THE GREAT ACADEMY

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

DR. KEVIN ROBERTS

- Founding Headmaster of John Paul the Great Academy, Lafayette, La
- President of The Heritage Foundation, Washington D.C.



DoubleTree by Hilton
7:00 p.m.

Cocktail Attire

Tickets & Sponsorships
available at

JPGACADEMY.ORG/GALA

CLASSIC LEARNING TEST

The 7th and 8th graders will take the Classic Learning Test (CLT8) March 7-8. This test contains three sections: Verbal Reasoning, Grammar & Writing, and Quantitative Reasoning. It offers assessments that evaluate English, grammar, and mathematical skills, providing a comprehensive measure of achievement and aptitude. Learn more about the CLT at www.cltexam.com.



CLT



Recommit to prayer this Lent with a visit to the Sacred Heart of Jesus Adoration Chapel.



SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Perpetual Adoration Chapel
at John Paul the Great Academy

SUN

9:00 AM
1:00 PM
2:00 PM

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

WED 3:00 PM

SAT

10:00 AM

SIGN UP ONLINE:
JPGACADEMY.ORG/ADORATION



COMMITTED ADORERS NEEDED!

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time that you will spend on earth."
~ St. Mother Teresa

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Students will meditate on the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. Parents are welcome to attend.

Lower School - Chapel, 2:30 p.m.

5th & 6th Grade - *Stabat Mater* Prayer Garden behind 6th Grade Classrooms, 2:30 p.m. **Upper School** - Sacred Heart Statue Oak Alley, 2:25 p.m.



PASSION PLAY

The Passion Play is presented each year on Holy Thursday by the 5th and 6th grade. Save the Date for the afternoon of **Thursday, April 6**, to witness this year's retelling of the Passion of Christ. Come to pray with us. Time TBA.



The first JPG Passion Play in 2016 featuring the classes of 2022 and 2023. Can you spot some of this year's senior class?

Arts Night

Thursday, April 20

A night of student performances, expressions of the human heart, communicated through music, poetry, and drama. All are invited to attend!

Blessed Frassati Gym
6:30 p.m.





The Fontenot family (above),
Mrs. Odinet & Patrick (right)



FONTENOT NAMED NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST

A Certificate of Merit was awarded to Patrick Fontenot, senior, who has advanced to Finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship Program of 2023. Of the 15,000 Finalists like Patrick, 7,250 Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen and announced in the late spring of 2023. JPG is very proud of Patrick's achievements! Congratulations!

COURIR DE MARDI GRAS AT JPG



ATTENTION!

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

FOR

EXCHANGE STUDENTS

ARRIVING IN AUGUST

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