

# Redemptorist St. Gerard School Newsletter

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### An Invitation to Prayer.....

Dear Lord, I know you receive what is in my heart. Let me be inspired by your words and by the actions of your son, Jesus. Guide me to make sacrifices this Lent in the spirit of self-denial and with greater attention to you and to those around me. Help me to believe that you will grant me this because of the sacrifice Jesus made for me.

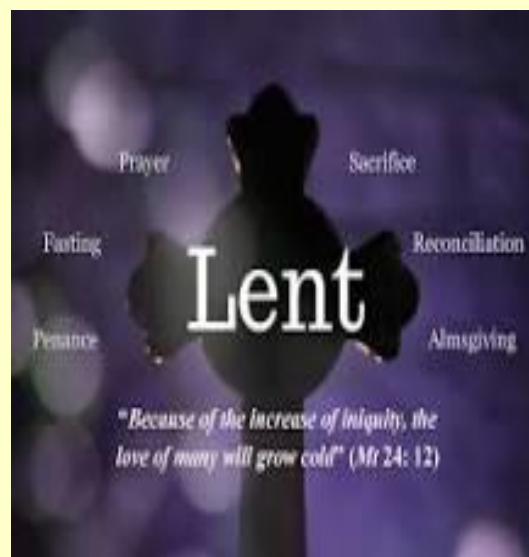
In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.....Amen!

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ ACT Aspire-3/24-3/29
- ◆ Stations of the Cross-3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26
- ◆ ACRE Testing 3/22 and 3/23 5-8 Grades
- ◆ Report Cards-3/10
- ◆ Leap Activities-Week of 3/22 - 3/26
- ◆ Leap Begins-3/20 - 4/30

### Purpose of Lent:

The purpose of Lent is the preparation of the believer for Easter through prayer, doing penance, mortifying the flesh, repentance of sins, almsgiving, and self-denial. Lent begins on February 17<sup>th</sup> and ends on April 3, 2021. A total of 40 days.



## Test-Taking Strategies

**R** Read the question carefully, then reread the passage or the problem.

**E** Examine every answer choice before you choose your answer.

**L** Label your answer (Math)  
Look for proof in the passage and underline it (ELA)

**A** Always check your work!

**X** X-out answers that you know are wrong

## Test Taking Strategies

Do you sweat, chew your pencil, and feel butterflies in your stomach as your teacher hands out a test? A lot of people (adults included) get freaked out when it's time to take a test.

It's natural to feel some stress about taking tests. In fact, sometimes a little adrenaline (a hormone made by your body during times of excitement or stress) is a good thing to jump-start you.

Here are some tips for taking tests:

## ACT Aspire

**ACT Aspire** is a powerful tool to help students and their parents monitor progress toward a successful **ACT test** from third grade through tenth grade. The **Aspire test** assess students' readiness in five areas covered by the **ACT test**: English, math, reading, science and writing. Summative testing will be administered March 24 - 29, 2021.

*“Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world.”*

*Roald Dahl*

## Acre Testing

Since the late 1970's NCEA has offered assessment instruments designed to strengthen catechetical/religious education programs. The ACRE (Assessment of Children/Youth Religious Education) helps schools, parishes and diocesan leaders evaluate the faith knowledge and attitudes of students in Catholic schools. As an integrated assessment tool, ACRE provides faith knowledge questions (cognitive domain) and questions related to religious beliefs, attitudes, practices, and perceptions (affective domain). Students in grades 5 and 8 will be administered this test March 22 - 23, 2021. Please make sure students are on time for the test.

## Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross, also known as the Way of Sorrows or the Via Crucis, refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers.



## Report Cards

The purpose of a report card is to inform a child's parents of his or her academic progress during the school year. Many parents consider it the MOST important document that they receive from the school.

Report cards will be sent home March 10, 2021.



## Leap Activities

Here are some websites for LEAP practice:

Parent Guide to LEAP Practice tests—this has all of the information and links on where to go for students to practice.

PARCC Practice Test link—this test is the same as the LEAP with more problems

<https://parcc-assessment.org/released-items/>

<https://www.cpsb.org/domain/2504>

<https://www.acadia.k12.la.us/District/Department/350-Instructional-Support/26889-Leap-2025-Grades-3-89.html>