

Week of November 10: What Is Purgatory? Is It in the Bible?

Purgatory is one of the most misunderstood Catholic teachings. It's not a "second chance" after death or a mini-hell. It's a **place of purification** for those who died in God's grace but still need to be cleansed of sin's effects before entering Heaven.

Revelation 21:27 says, "Nothing unclean will enter [Heaven]." Most of us die in friendship with God but still imperfect. Purgatory is a sign of **God's mercy**, allowing souls to be healed and made fully ready for Heaven.

While the word "Purgatory" isn't in the Bible, the concept is. In 2 Maccabees 12:46, prayer for the dead is called "a holy and pious thought." In 1 Corinthians 3:15, Paul describes a person being saved "as through fire," after their works are tested. Catholics have always prayed for the dead because we believe love doesn't end at death.

Have a Great Week!

God Bless,

Mr. Chris Meyer, School Principal

General Information

1. Congratulations to Walker Beasley (8th place) and Levi Beasley (10th place) for their top 10 finishes in the 1K race at the state cross country meet! Congratulations also to Wyatt Beasley, Mason Taylor, Jewlie Beach, and Austin Williams and Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Beasley for a great season.
2. Run Club has begun! The run club is being led by Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Beasley. The club practices on Wednesdays, from 3:00-4:00. For more information, please contact either Mrs. Williams or Mrs. Blanchard.
3. A reminder that we do not have school on **Tuesday, November 11**, in commemoration of Veterans Day.
4. Thank you to everyone who supported our Red, White and Blue dress down on Thursday. Together we raised \$221 that will go to a veteran-related charity.
5. Our fall bookfair is here! You should have received the flyer in last week's Friday folder (please see the attached letter). The fair will run from **Monday, November 10 through Friday, November 21**. Volunteers are desperately needed! To volunteer, please use the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-59921783-i55> (Please Note: The book fair IS NOT open on **Tuesday, November 11**).
6. SAVE THE DATE: Our annual Grandparents Day will be held on **Friday, November 21**, along with our early dismissal day to begin Thanksgiving Break (there will be NO aftercare that day). Grandparents Day will begin at 8:30am in the Parish Hall. To RSVP, please use the following link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-60324696-grandparents>

7. We are looking for donations of breakfast items, including juice boxes and mini bottles of water, for our Grandparents Day. If you would like to donate, you can earn service hours for each item donated (maximum of 5 hours). Please use the link above to sign up to donate breakfast items to help us.
8. We will be selling popsicles for \$1 at lunch on Fridays as a fundraiser for an upgrade (repair) to our school PA system.
9. St. Patrick's will be participating in iGive Catholic, an event taking place on **Tuesday, December 2**, on the National Day of Giving. Our goal is to raise money for continuing technology upgrades as well as for our scholarship fund. More information will be shared with you as we get closer to the day, including how you can help spread the word about the event.
10. Catholic Charities is in desperate need of food for its food pantries. We will be collecting food items from **Monday, November 10**, through **Friday, November 21**. Students who bring in \$2 and 2 cans of food (or 4 cans of food, or \$4), will earn a dress down day. The class that brings in the most food, will earn a special prize. Please see the attached letter.
11. **DON'T FORGET!** Ms. AJ is offering "Art in Your Heart" classes **Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-4:30**. There is a fee involved in these special art classes, so if you are interested, please reach out to Ms. AJ at ajallen@spcsjax.org.
12. We are looking for assistance during our daily lunch periods. If you are interested in helping out (and earning service hours), please use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080945AFA829A4F85-58117443-cafeteria> . If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Allison at ahayes@spcsjax.org.
13. If your child is in 2nd grade, and is planning to make his or her First Communion this year, or if your child is in 8th grade, and is planning to make his or her Confirmation this year, then you must sign up for Sacramental Prep classes through our parish's Religious Education program. Classes won't begin until the second semester (they are already on our school calendar), but registration is already open. To sign up for these prep classes, please go to <https://form.jotform.com/252178565200050>. For more information, contact our DRE Cathy Taylor at ctaylor@spcsjax.org.
14. **CORRECTION:** Last week we incorrectly listed Sofia Thompson under AB Honor Roll. Sofia successfully earned A Honor Roll for the first quarter. We're sorry for the mistake and congratulations, Sofia!

Home School Association (HSA) Happenings

1. **SAVE THE DATE:** Our HSA is planning a super special GLOW Party on November 15. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Week at a Glance

Monday, November 10

- Book Fair Preview Day
- Food Drive
- Soccer Practice TBA
- Volleyball Practice TBA

Tuesday, November 11

- No School--Veterans Day

Wednesday, November 12

- Book Fair Preview Day
- Food Drive
- Grades close for Progress Reports
- Soccer Practice TBA
- Volleyball Practice TBA
- Run Club Practice 3:00-4:00

Thursday, November 13

- Book Fair Preview and Sale
- Food Drive
- Jacksonville Icemen Hockey Game (grades 4-8)
- Soccer and Volleyball Practices TBA
- Orchestra Rehearsal

Friday, November 14

- Book Fair Sales Day
- Food Drive
- Progress Reports Emailed