

Week of January 9: What Do Catholics Believe About Jesus?

Catholics believe that **Jesus is both fully God and fully man**, the Second Person of the Trinity who became flesh to save us from sin and death. This is called the **Incarnation**—God becoming man in the person of Jesus Christ (John 1:14).

Jesus is not just a wise teacher or a prophet. He is the **Son of God**, equal to the Father and the Holy Spirit (John 10:30). He performed miracles, forgave sins, died for our salvation, rose again, and remains present with us through the Holy Spirit and the sacraments.

This central truth—that **Jesus is Lord**—is what makes Christianity unique. Everything Catholics believe flows from who Jesus is and what He came to do: unite humanity to God through love, truth, and grace.

Welcome back, and Happy New Year! We hope you enjoyed a joyful and restful Christmas holiday filled with faith, family, and renewal. As we begin the second semester, we do so with gratitude for our strong school community and with hope and optimism for all that lies ahead.

The start of a new semester offers a wonderful opportunity to refocus our efforts, recommit to our goals, and continue growing together academically, spiritually, and socially. We are excited for the learning, activities, and faith-filled moments that await our students in the months ahead.

Thank you for your continued partnership, support, and trust in St. Patrick Catholic School. May God bless our school community with a semester filled with growth, kindness, and success.

God Bless,

Mr. Chris Meyer, School Principal

General Information

1. As part of our Catholic Schools Week traditions, we will be collecting boxes and bags of cereal to help Catholic Charities. Cereal can be dropped off in the school office anytime during the month of January.

2. **SAVE THE DATE!** St. Patrick Catholic School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week with our annual Community Helper Day—including Career Day and Touch-a-Truck—on **January 27, 2026, from 8:00 AM–12:00 PM**. Families are invited to participate by sharing a career, bringing a vehicle, or setting up a display to help make this event meaningful for our students. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

3. St. Patrick's has a new Facebook Page! Please consider friending our page to keep up with the latest news from our school. A QR Code is included in the attachments for this newsletter, or you can go to <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61583659284451>.

4. All-School Science Day, which was originally scheduled for Friday, January 16, is being moved to **Friday, January 23**. While we can't officially announce the theme yet, it will definitely be Out of This World!

5. Duval County Public Schools has asked our families to complete an anonymous, online survey for Title I funding for 2026-2027. The information in this survey is used to determine our school's allotment from the federal grant which pays for our students to have Title I (math and reading) services. Please use the QR Code attached to this email, or the following link: <https://dcps.questionpro.com/IncomeDeterminationSurvey2025> to access the survey. The deadline for completing the survey is **February 13, 2026**.

6. As is the tradition here at St. Patrick Catholic School, we will be announcing our tuition and fees on **Friday, January 23**, the Friday before Catholic Schools Week begins. Returning families will then have two weeks to re-register prior to opening registration to new families. More information will be coming home with the tuition and fee letter on the 23rd.

7. Please remember that in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, we WILL NOT have school on **Monday, January 19**.

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.

6. Our orchestra is currently looking for new members. If your child might be interested in learning a musical instrument, please see the attached flyer for more information.

Home School Association (HSA) Happenings

1. The HSA is busy working on the upcoming Father and Daughter Dance, tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 7. More information about the dance, as well as other upcoming HSA events will be sent home soon!

Monday, January 12

- Volleyball vs. Holy Spirit (A)

Tuesday, January 13

- First Reconciliation Class (2nd graders) 6:00-7:30pm
- Art with Heart Class with Ms. AJ
- Soccer vs. Resurrection (H)
- Orchestra Rehearsal

Wednesday, January 14

- Run Club Practice 3:00-4:00

Thursday, January 15

- Soccer vs. Guardian (H)
- Orchestra Rehearsal

Friday, January 16

- Volleyball vs. Blessed Trinity (A)
- Soccer vs. Epiphany (A)

Monday, January 19

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day--No School

The mission of St. Patrick Catholic School is to lay the foundation for success in students through Catholic traditions, rooted in the Eucharist and Gospel teachings of Christ, with high standards of education in a safe, nurturing and welcoming environment.

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