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The Precious Blood of Jesus



THE MONTH OF JULY: Dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

The Precious Blood of Jesus is a profound and enduring symbol within the Catholic Faith, representing the great sacrifice and love of our Lord Jesus Christ. Devotion to the Precious Blood focuses on the Blood Christ shed on the cross for the redemption of all humanity and the forgiveness of sins.

Devotion to the Precious Blood has its roots in the early Church, but it gained renewed prominence through the visions and teachings of saints and mystics throughout history, especially during the 17th century. This devotion calls the faithful to meditate on the power of Christ's Blood as a source of salvation, healing, and mercy.

One popular devotion is the Feast of the Precious Blood, celebrated on July 1st, which invites Catholics to reflect on Christ's sacrificial love and to grow closer to him through prayer, repentance, and acts of charity. The devotion encourages the faithful to make reparation for sins and to seek purification through the saving Blood of Jesus.

As we enter July, may we open our hearts to the immense grace offered through the Precious Blood, embracing forgiveness, renewal, and the call to live lives marked by love and sacrifice, just as Christ gave Himself for us.

The Monthly Beatitudes

Blessed are the merciful

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy"

Is the fifth beatitude which Jesus shared in the Sermon on the Mount in the Gospel of Matthew (Matthew 5:7).

This beatitude emphasizes the power and importance of showing compassion, forgiveness, and kindness to others.

Mercy is a reflection of God's love in action. A merciful heart does not seek revenge or hold grudges—it chooses to understand, to forgive, and to uplift. When you show mercy, you break cycles of bitterness and open space for healing and peace. True mercy is given not because others deserve it, but because your heart is grounded in grace.



Study tips

It's true, not all subjects are made equal. You can't study for Math the same way you study for History, but there are other ways to get the most out of your studying.

So here are some study tips from your fellow boarders to help you along.



-Sive Magopeni-

01 Feynman technique - teaching your friends the topic you're studying until they can understand it fully and answer questions.

02 Blurting - reading your notes for 20 minutes and close them, then write everything you remember. Open your notes again and write whatever you missed out in a different colour and repeat the process until you can remember everything.



–Bahle Mazibuko–

03 Pomodoro Method – set a timer for 25 minutes and focus on studying just one thing. When the time's up, take a 5-minute break. After four of these “Pomodoros,” take a longer break (15–30 minutes). This method helps you avoid burnout and keeps your brain fresh.

04 Spaced Repetition – instead of cramming, review the same material over increasing intervals (e.g., after 1 day, 3 days, 1 week, 2 weeks). This strengthens memory and helps move the information from short-term to long-term memory.



–Wandile Sibanda–

05 Active Recall – rather than just reading or highlighting your notes, test yourself regularly. Use flashcards or make your own questions. Actively trying to remember the information boosts memory far more than passive review.

Student Experiences

Last year was my first time writing exams in the college , and I was quite nervous. Luckily, they went well, and I was happy with my marks. But after getting my results, I felt like I could have done even better if I had worked harder.

This year, I'm studying more and starting earlier. I've learned not to take exams lightly. Even if you think you know the work, it's still important to prepare properly.

Exams are not just about marks they teach you how to plan your time, stay focused, and keep calm. I hope to do even better this year by working harder and staying serious about my studies.

Some tips I'd give is to start studying early, take breaks, make a study timetable, practice past papers and ask people for help.

— Sidze Makuya, Grade 9



My first exams in Grade 8 were a rollercoaster—starting with the mid-years, where I was hit hard by anxiety, stress, and overconfidence. I walked in cocky, thinking I had it all figured out, but those exams humbled me fast. I crammed, passed, and forgot. It was a harsh wake-up call that taught me a serious lesson: be humble about your marks before God humbles you. I learned not to be curious about other people's results either—focus on your own lane, your own growth.

By the end-of-year exams, I had made some progress and managed to get 5 distinctions, which felt like a win, but deep down, I still wasn't happy with my academic performance. That dissatisfaction became fuel. In Grade 9, I've flipped the script. I've completely changed how I study—ditching last-minute cramming and replacing it with smarter, disciplined methods. I use AI as a powerful tool, but not lazily. I give it specific prompts, asking it to create notes tailored to my needs, including memory techniques, quiz formats, and stating clearly what mark I want to hit—whether it's an 80% or 90%+. That approach has worked—I've been consistently scoring in the 80s and cracking into the 90s.

My advice? Use AI like a personal mentor, not a shortcut. Build an efficient study timetable, get at least 8 hours of sleep, and take focused, strategic breaks. Stay humble, stay in your lane, and chase your own progress—not someone else's.

—Cayden Playandi, Grade 9



A Helpful Quote

Here is something for you to think about

"A PRODUCTIVE AND HAPPY LIFE IS
NOT SOMETHING YOU FIND; IT IS
SOMETHING YOU MAKE."



— MARTIN LUTHER KING JR —

From the Editor



I know from personal experience that studying and exams can seem overwhelming at times, but just know that as long as you keep your head down and focus on what's important, you will make it through.

You've just got to take it one step at a time.

Wandile Sibanda

Editor in chief

Brain Teaser

What starts with a question,
ends with a question,
but isn't a question?

