

December 31, 2020

Dear Parents,

As one year comes to a close and another year approaches, we desire to go into 2021 with confidence and grace. We know that with Christ all things are possible. That means that no matter how difficult 2020 may have been for us, we have the certainty that Christ was there with us, walking by our sides so that then and now we can walk forward into this next year.

Here is a prayer I found that is helping me reflect on the year past and the new year about to begin:

***Loving and gracious Lord. I thank you for your love and keeping my heart, my mind, and my body sound this year. I know that many of the events that have transpired over the course of the year may have been a surprise to me, but none of them were a surprise to you.***

***I bless your name because you are holy and worthy of my trust. Therefore, I rest in your goodness and I ask that you would heal the parts of me that need it, and protect the parts of me that are whole and good.***

***I walk into this coming year with open arms, knowing that you have a bright hope and a future for me. I leave this year knowing that you cause all things to work together for my good, because I love you and have been called according to your purposes.***

***Have your way, oh Lord, and wherever you lead me, I will follow! For I pray this in your son Jesus' precious and mighty name, Amen.***

Two of us made our way to Mexicali where the shelter for women and children were about to celebrate the Posada. They had no rice, but Mr. Hefferenan had thrown into my car three big bags and when they saw them, they were overjoyed and immediately went to work to fill a metal pot with water to boil. The children were overjoyed at receiving the little bags of candy that we brought for each one. We know that they are much warmer now at night with the donations of jackets, socks, woolen caps, blankets and sleeping bags. Thank you for making their New Year and Christmas so much more hopeful and joyful!

Due to the high numbers of COVID-19 in our area and also because many hospitals are at capacity we have decided to have ONE WEEK of Distance Learning when we were to return on January 4th for Grades Kindergarten through Grade 8. We will have IN PERSON LEARNING only for our Preschool and Transitional Kindergarten students who are at a much lower risk for contracting COVID and also spreading it. Some Catholic Schools took 3 weeks off at Christmas, but they will need to somehow make up those days. We prefer to have our students continue to learn. The day will be from 8:00 am until 12:00 noon each day.

All of us at Saint Anne School wish you and your loved ones a joyful and happy New Year!  
Know you are always in our thoughts and prayer, Sr. Teresa