

May



The Children of St Martha School

2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		April 30 Team color day Recognition Assembly am 4pm run club after school	1 Kindergarten Walk to Nicholas Sheran	2 Running club 11:45- Lunch time 9am 4H going to Mass	3 Gospel and wellness	4
5	6	7 Kindergarten Family Play Day 4pm run club after school	8 Madagascar for gr3-6 Gr1/2M gr1W& 2c are going to the Galt museum& Fort Hats on for Mental Health Kinderpm to Urban Grocer	9 Wear Blue World Catholic Education Day Mass 9:00 School Wide Faith Retreat Running club @lunch	10 Gospel and Wellness	11
12	13	14 4pm run club after school Petland visiting am & pm kindergarten classes	15 Gr5/6 Wilson going to visit at St.Mike's Health Center	16 9am K-am ,1/2M &3S 9:15 Gr6 Swimming 11:45 Run club	17 Gospel and Wellness	18
19	20 Victoria Day No School	21 Pd Day No School For students	22 Division Board Meeting	23 POW WOW Our School Community will be hosting a Pow Wow	24 Mary Liturgy during Gospel	25
26	27 Spiritual Development No School for students	28 4pm run club after school Kindergarten Field trip for am and pm to Indian Battle Park	29 Grade 6 Camp	30 Grade 6 Camp Kindergarten Family Play 9am 2C going to Mass 9:15 am Gr3 going Nicholas Sheran to swim	31 Grade 6 Camp Recognition Assembly pm 2C	

*Come, walk
the streets
with Jesus*



Corpus Christi Procession

SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024



**CELEBRATE
OUR GIFT OF THE
EUCHARIST**

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WALK
and
PRAY
For PEACE**



Look for details in the parish bulletin,
on the website at www.allsaintslethbridge.org
or phone the parish office at **403-327-8931**



***CELEBRATE our GIFT of the EUCHARIST
come WALK the streets WITH JESUS as we Walk and PRAY for PEACE***

June 2, 2024 ~ Feast of Corpus Christi

“let us celebrate with particular devotion the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, with its traditional procession. Our faith in the God who took flesh in order to become our companion along the way needs to be everywhere proclaimed, especially in our streets and homes, as an expression of our grateful love and as an inexhaustible source of blessings”
Pope St. John Paul II 2005 Apostolic Letter Mane Nobiscum Domine

PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF HOLY SPIRIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

You and your families are invited to join us on this special day to walk in a procession as we bring the Holy Eucharist to the streets of Lethbridge.

This is a great way for the children and their families to profess their faith and belief in the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ. For many of us our memories of the special times in our church life are what helps keep our gift of faith during the times when we find it challenging. This is one of those occasions and this is our wish for you.

It is suggested that we wear white, or red (second choice) which represents the Body or the Blood of Christ. **School students are invited to wear any clothing that represents their CATHOLIC schools.** Younger children and Elementary school age children must be accompanied by a parent(s).

The procession is a reverent and respectful procession with joyful song and prayer as we process with the Monstrance we show our adoration for the Body of Christ in the Eucharist.

We leave from St. Basil's at 12 noon, after the 11:00 am Mass. The Eucharist is placed in the Monstrance, and then on the carrier. Those wishing to walk follow the procession moving south on 13th Street with a prayer stop at the corner of 2nd Avenue before continuing to CCH. You are invited to take turns carrying the carrier.

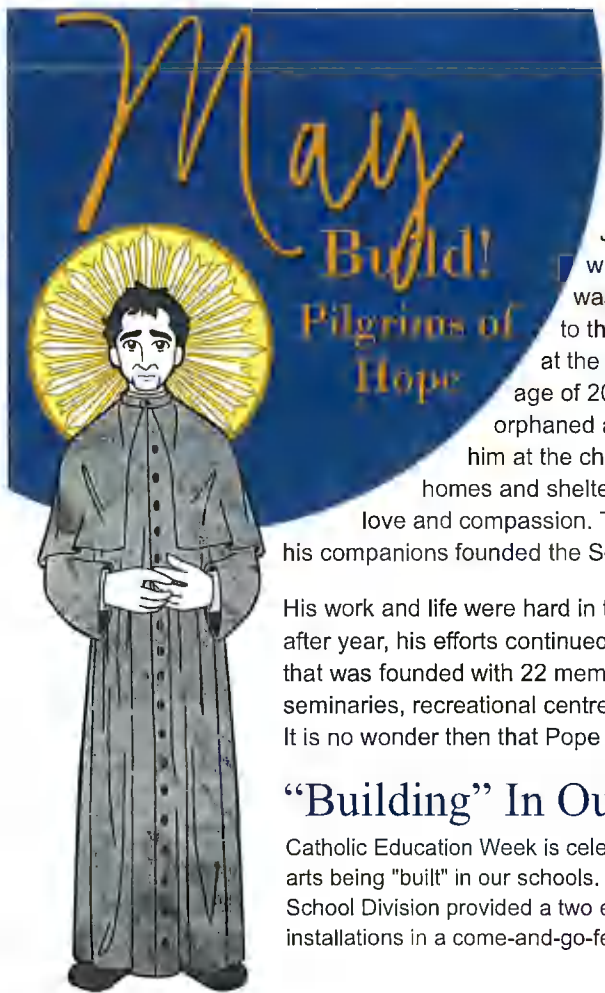
At Our Lady of Assumption procession begins with a prayer service at 11:45 am. Once the Monstrance is on the carrier we walk east to Mayor Magrath Drive, where we turn north. After a prayer stop at 8th Avenue we continue walking along Mayor Magrath to 6th Avenue, then we turn left and continue walking to 20th Street. We turn right at Ecole St. Mary's and continue until we reach CCH field.

You are invited to walk with us all the way (with the prayer stop it will take about 1 hour), or join us at one of the prayer stations. If you cannot walk join us at Catholic Central High School, East campus on the field.

At CCH we will have Benediction on the field, weather permitting. In bad weather we will gather in the cafeteria. This will be followed by a social lunch and a soccer game with Father Santiago (weather permitting).

There are three major processions in the life of the church, including Corpus Christi: the Sunday after Trinity Sunday when we remember the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, Holy Thursday. A prominent aspect of this feast is the procession which is to follow the Mass...The procession should be seen as a public declaration of the parish community's faith.....Processions are a very important part of our Catholic identity. We are a pilgrim people on a journey, a journey of growth in faith and self-awareness. We are called to be followers of Jesus, to walk with Him.

For more information please go to the parish website – AllSaintsLethbridge.org



"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers."

- Psalm 24:1-2

St. John Bosco 1815-1888 (Feast Day: January 31)

John Bosco, more commonly known as Don Bosco, was an Italian priest, educator and writer in the 1800s. He was born into a poor farming family, and his father died when he was two, leaving his mother to raise him and his brothers. During his youth, he was drawn to the church, and often found himself policing fights between his classmates. He left school at the age of 12, working as a shepherd and farm worker before entering the seminary at the age of 20. Once ordained a priest, he moved to Turin, a large city with slums, prisons, and many orphaned and abandoned youth. Instead of expecting these children, particularly boys, to come to him at the church, he went to them in the shops, marketplaces, and squares of the town. He found homes and shelters for them, helped them to find jobs or to become apprentices, and instructed them with love and compassion. This was in contrast to the typical methods of school discipline used at the time. He and his companions founded the Society of St. Francis de Sales in 1859 to support this work.

His work and life were hard in this time, and he faced much opposition—even assassination attempts! However, year after year, his efforts continued to bear fruit and to grow. At the time of his death in 1888, the original group of Salesians that was founded with 22 members had grown to over 1,000, and quickly expanded to include many types of schools, seminaries, recreational centres, and youth clubs. At the time of his death, over 130,000 children were being supported. It is no wonder then that Pope John Paul II gave him the title "Father, Teacher, and Friend of the Youth."

"Building" In Our Schools

Catholic Education Week is celebrated in May. This year, we will be highlighting the creativity and arts being "built" in our schools. Leading up to Catholic Education Week, Holy Spirit Catholic School Division provided a two evening experience of live performances and student work installations in a come-and-go-festival type setting at the new Lethbridge and District Exhibition.



Catholic Education Week

— May 6-10, 2024 —

We take a short pause from our look at the Corporal Works of Mercy this month to celebrate Catholic Education in the province of Alberta.

Each year, Catholic Education week is held in May - this year, **May 6-10**. This year, we will be distributing short videos each day that highlight the various aspects of our schools, as well as information to our partners in Catholic Education. You will be invited to wear blue for Catholic Education on Thursday, **May 9**, as well as joining in common prayer throughout the week.



Pope's Prayer Intentions - For the Formation of Men and Women Religious, and Seminarians

Let us pray that men and women religious, and seminarians, grow in their own vocational journey through human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, that leads them to be credible witnesses of the Gospel.

Catholic Social Teaching

— Stewardship of Creation —

Through the course of this year, we will look each month at one of the Catholic Social Teachings. The aim of *Catholic Social Teaching* is to shine the light of the Gospel on our contemporary world, allowing us as disciples of Christ to look at the world around us with new eyes, and to take action.

We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

Pope Francis, in his recent encyclical *Laudato Si'* On Care for Our Common Home, stated:

"Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others."

Pope Benedict, in *Caritas in Veritate*, wrote:

"The environment is God's gift to everyone, and in our use of it we have a responsibility towards the poor, towards future generations and towards humanity as a whole. . . Our duties towards the environment are linked to our duties towards the human person, considered in himself and in relation to others. It would be wrong to uphold one set of duties while trampling on the other."

Learn more [here](#) (Care for God's Creation YouTube)



"Without confidence and love, there can be no true education. If you want to be loved... you must love yourselves, and make your children feel that you love them."

Gospel Readings

May 5, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

"I no longer call you slaves....I have called you friends..." — John 15:15

Can you imagine God calling us a friend? Think about your best friend at school or work. What are some things you would do for him or her, even if you were tired, had a lot of other work to do, or had the opportunity of doing something with someone else? You would do whatever you could to make your friend happy, wouldn't you? Even very difficult things.

The more we come to know and love Jesus, the sooner we will consider HIM our best friend. He told us and showed us how much he loves us—he even died for us. Now it's our turn to show him how much we love him. Jesus told us how to do that. He said "Love one another."

What can you do to show Jesus that he is your best friend?



Prayer:

Jesus, help me to put you first in my life. Help me to remember that you are my best friend. Help me to love all people as you taught us.

May 9 or May 12, 2024

Ascension of Our Lord

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:15-20

"Go into all the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature." — Mark 16:15

Jesus' ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. It was the end of the time when the disciples could see Jesus, touch him, and eat with him. It was also the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. As he ascended to heaven, Jesus promised to send his disciples the Holy Spirit who would bring them power to continue his mission on earth.

Their task was to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the nations. That's what "Gospel" means—good news. It's the good news that God loves us and forgives us. Like the disciples, it is our task to spread this Good News of God's love.

How can you spread the Good News to your friends and family?



Prayer:

*Lord, thank you for loving and forgiving us! We want to know you and love you and serve you in **this** world and help to spread the good news of your love.*

"By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead..."

1 Peter 1:3b

Download this month's [Saint Prayer Card](#) - St. John Bosco
[Saint Prayer Card](#) (black and white version for colouring)



Gospel Readings

May 12, 2024

7th Sunday of Easter

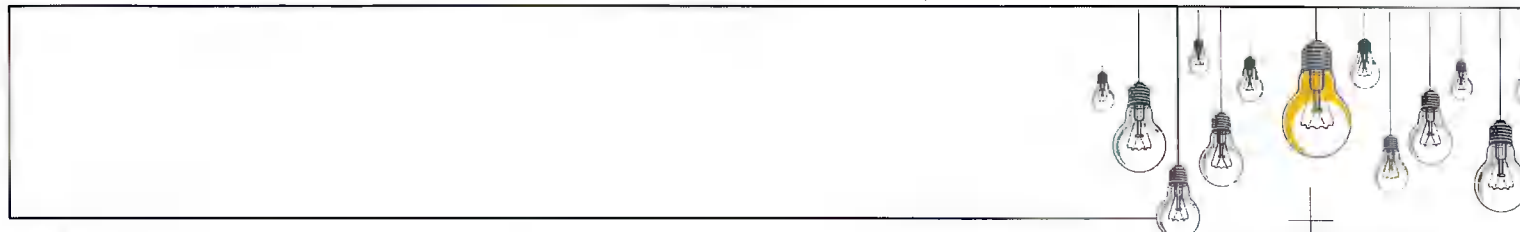
Gospel Reading: John 17:11b-19

"As you did send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world." — John 17:18

Do you know what your mission is in life? God sent Jesus to earth to show us how God loves us and to show us what it means to follow God, no matter what. Then Jesus passed on this mission to us!

How can we do this? Sometimes we need to take up our cross. When others are doing unkind and selfish things, we have to follow the loving, kind, and unselfish example of Jesus. It can be hard because people might make fun of us. But God will give us the strength we need to live as his disciples. We are called, just like Jesus was called.

What crosses do you have to carry? Remember, you can ask Jesus for his help.



Prayer:

Lord, help me to show people your love, and always point people to you. Give me the strength I need when it is difficult.

Courage
to
Lead

May 19, 2024

Pentecost

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

"Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." — John 20:19

Have you ever been absolutely terrified by something? Maybe you experienced a tornado or earthquake. Or maybe you had to give a talk in front of a huge group of people. In our Gospel today, the disciples were terrified beyond words. They were hiding for fear of being killed like Jesus was. They bolted the door shut and huddled together, worried they would be discovered at any moment. Imagine their great relief when, all of a sudden, Jesus was standing there in the room! They knew Jesus died on the cross, but here he was, alive and well! Jesus' words to them—"Peace be with you"—are the same words he says to us. We have nothing to fear because Jesus is with us.

Pentecost is known as the birthday of the Church because the Holy Spirit gave the disciples the courage to go out and spread the Good News of God's great love and forgiveness. How will you celebrate this special birthday?



Prayer:

Lord, help me to remember that even in the worst of situations, you are with me.

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.
Do not let your hearts be troubled,
and do not let them be afraid."*

John 14:27

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May 26, 2024

Holy Trinity

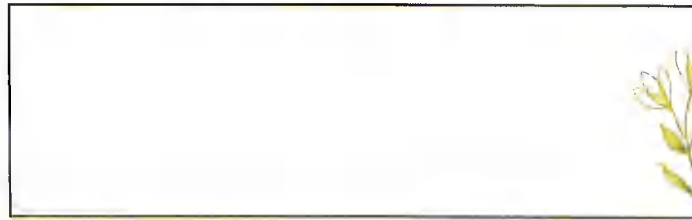
Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." — Matthew 28:19

If you were baptized when you were a little baby, you won't remember what happened, but your family remembers. Ask them and they'll tell you that the priest or deacon poured water over your head three times saying "In the name of the Father... and of the Son... and of the Holy Spirit."

When we enter a church, we bless ourselves with holy water, using the same words. In the Gospel today, Jesus commands that this blessing be used to change us from ordinary human beings into his disciples who live like children of God. On this Holy Trinity Sunday, we remember how much God loves us, as Father, as Son, and as Holy Spirit.

Why do you think water is used in baptism? What does your family remember about the day you were baptized?



Prayer:

Thank you dear Father, loving Son, and divine Spirit! Please keep me close to you always, my God.

Sources:

[The Saints: Our Heavenly Friends](#)
[Saint John Bosco: Mission to Love](#)
[Story of Saint Don Bosco](#)

Division Parishes

*"...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

Hebrews 10:25

 Assumption Church Lethbridge Father Kevin Tumback Father Santiago Torres Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am (Live-streamed) 6:00 pm 2405-12th Avenue S. Lethbridge, AB T1K 0P4 Tel: 403-327-8931	 St. Basil's Church Lethbridge Father Kevin Tumback Father Santiago Torres Mass (Saturday): 7:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 7:30 am 11:00 am 604 13 Street N. Lethbridge, AB T1H 2S7 Tel: 403-327-8931	 St. Martha's Parish Lethbridge Father William Monis Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am 11:00 am 355 Columbia Blvd. W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 5Y8 Tel: 403-381-8891
 Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Lethbridge Father Gary Sedgwick Mass (Saturday): 8:30 am Mass (Sunday): 10:00 am 643 12B Street N. Lethbridge, AB T1H 2L6 Tel: 403-328-4753	 St. Ambrose Parish Coaldale Father Ian Gagne Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am 4:00 pm 1523-23rd Avenue Coaldale, AB T1M 1E2 Tel: 403-345-3400	 St. Catherine Parish Picture Butte Father Ian Gagne Mass (Sunday): 11:00 am 762 Crescent Avenue Picture Butte, AB T0K 1V0 Tel: 403-732-4433
 St. Augustine Parish Taber Father Philip Van Tinh Le Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am 5009-48th Avenue Taber, AB T1G 1T4 Tel: 403-223-2226	 St. Michael's Parish Bow Island Father Wojciech Jarzecki Mass: 9:00 am 1101-1st Street E. Bow Island, AB T0K 0G0 Tel: 403-545-2023	 St. Michael's Parish Pincher Creek Father Myles Gaffney Mass: 10:00 am 958 Christie Avenue; Box 339 Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0 Tel: 403-627-3071



“Share the Mission” Award Call for Nominations!

Nominations are now welcome for Holy Spirit Catholic School Division’s “*Share the Mission Award*.”

This prestigious award recognizes community members, parents, students, and school staff who have:

- Offered outstanding or long term service for the benefit of our students;
- Accepted demanding challenges and set new standards for the rest of us to follow;
- Contributed, through action and deed, to the Catholic atmosphere of our schools;
- Demonstrated involvement and leadership in community / parish organizations;
- Reflected the Mission Statement of the Holy Spirit School Division in all actions:

*We are a Catholic faith community, dedicated to providing
each student entrusted in our care with an education rooted in the
Good News of Jesus Christ*

*Guided by the Holy Spirit, in partnership with home, parish and society,
our schools foster the growth of responsible citizens who will
live, celebrate, and proclaim their faith.*

Our Catholic faith is the foundations of all that we do.

If you know of an individual or group deserving of the “*Share the Mission Award*,” please forward their name to Rhonda Kawa at kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca by June 7, 2024.

Nomination information is accessible on the division’s website or by clicking on this link:

[Share the Mission Award Nomination Form](#)



CHALLENGER BASEBALL



This is a great opportunity for young individuals with cognitive and or physical disabilities to enjoy the full benefits of participating in a sport, such as baseball. The coaches help each player by providing a safe and enjoyable experience, and to assist players with all aspects of the game.



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with disabilities
through physical
activity



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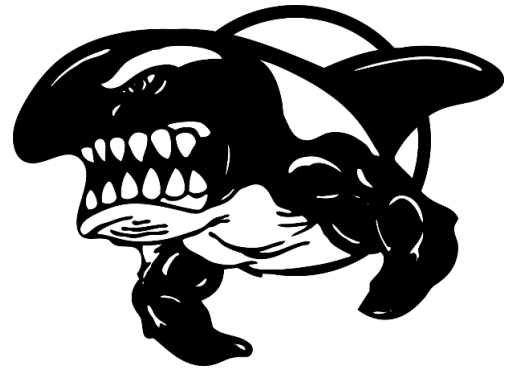
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LETHBRIDGE ORCAS

Looking for the perfect summer activity for your child...

Come join the Lethbridge Orcas Summer Swim Club.



2024 Registration Dates

Returning Swimmers – March 1

New Swimmers – March 15

Summer Swim Club runs from May 1st to Mid Aug

Swimming is a lifelong sport that can be used to achieve personal growth and development physically, psychologically and socially. The Lethbridge Summer Swim Club is a local non-profit organization that offers a swim program offering this opportunity for your child to experience.

Go to: www.lethbridgeorcas.com for more information and to register! More detailed information will come available closer to registration dates!



For more information please email orcasecretary@gmail.com



Run Jump Throw (RJT) is a national program developed by Athletics Canada that teaches fundamental movement skills and develops physical literacy. Our goal is to provide a physical activity program that serves as a strong foundation for all sports.

Build a foundation of success...just by having fun!

Come be part of the Junior Horns Run Jump Throw Track and Field Program!
Learn the fundamentals that apply to all sports as well as track and field.

Who? Anyone aged 7-13

When? Mondays and Wednesdays 6:00- 7:00 pm Program runs from May 6th-June 12th

Location? University of Lethbridge Community Stadium

What to Wear? Attire to be active

Primary Contact: Parker Allen (parker.allen@uleth.ca)

Cost: \$265

Maximum 40 athletes accepted into the program

Run Jump Throw assists children ages 7-13 in learning to move efficiently so that they grow into adults who are active, productive and healthy citizens. Using track and field inspired games, activities and skill challenges led by instructors specifically trained to teach the fundamentals of running, jumping, throwing that apply to all sports as well as track and field.

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!

