



“IN FLANDERS FIELDS”

By: Lieutenant Colonel John McRae, MD (1872-1918) Canadian Army

In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing fly,
Scarce heard amid the guns below

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.





SpacesEDU

SpacesEDU is an assessment platform that makes it easy to capture, assess, and share student growth.

<https://spacesedu.com/en/>

Principal's Message – November 2022

We are excited to begin the process of having parents sign in to the new assessment platform we are using this school year, called SPACES. Instead of printing off traditional report cards, parents will be given access to this online platform where a digital portfolio of your child's learning and growth will be shared. Digital portfolios are useful in education as a way to share learning and growth on an ongoing basis. Alongside the teacher, older students can record their work and reflect on what they have learned. They can also add commentary around how they feel about what they've learned. With our younger learners' the teacher will add student examples and share these with parents while also including methods and strategies of their learning. Not only will you be able to see the growth and development of your child as it happens throughout the year, you will be able to comment and provide feedback to your child through this online platform.

Below is a brief summary and overview of how the process will be encouraged within the classroom setting:

Capture: Using personal or shared devices, students & teachers capture media (photos, videos, audio, and samples of individual and group work) to document their learning. Learning will be posted for each student individually and also through a class page.

Reflect: Students are encouraged to think critically and communicate openly about their accomplishments and challenges through reflection prompts and checklists. This process enables students to reflect on their work.

Grow: Students have the ability to approach problems differently, and progress towards goals with each new artifact added to their portfolio feed.

A digital portfolio gives students the room to not only demonstrate their learning but to ultimately show their personal growth over time.

In the coming week, you will receive an email invite from your child's teacher to join the platform. We will also be sending home a paper copy of the step by step process. If you need assistance please reach out to your homeroom teacher or call the main office at 403-381-8110 and we would be happy to help you.

Mrs. S. Collier

CSM Principal

CSM School Council presents...



FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

Friday, November 25th – 6:00pm
Children of St. Martha School Gym

No charge to play!
Fun for the whole family- all our welcome!

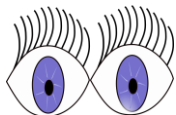
A small selection of snacks and drinks will be available for purchase through our concession.

Interesting in helping out at the event? Contact the school office at (403) 381-8110

School Fundraisers

Information from school council on their Winter fundraisers will be coming soon.

They have Purdy's Chocolates and a coffee one that will start soon!

Keep your  open for the info!

FAITH IN ACTION

September: Hospitality iss po maa ni ta



FAITH IN ACTION

October: Gratitude inii yi' ta ki



THE CHILDREN OF ST. MARTHA FALL POW WOW & NAMING CEREMONY:

Thank you to Ms. Christina Fox Iiksisanoowa for all of her planning and organization of our Fall Pow Wow! It was an absolute blessing to gather once again & celebrate while bringing our community together. God bless you, Iiksisanoowa!

Being given a Blackfoot name by our beautiful Elders, Peter Strikes with a Gun Piitai'payi & Jeannie Provost Kaimis Kim'aki is a blessing that will be forever treasured and celebrated. We are a CSM Family!



The Children of St. Martha Naatoowootak'oyis - "Holy Spirit Lodge"



Children of St. Martha School Receives Blackfoot Name
Naatoowootak'oyis - "Holy Spirit Lodge"



NAMING CEREMONIES

In the past, Indigenous communities did not go by a family surname; each name was unique and known throughout the community. Every name carries a story, and when spoken in greetings carries a sense of pride. To receive a Blackfoot name is a great honour and bears a large responsibility. Before the name is given, the Elder will take time to pray and contemplate about the person. Upon receiving a name, the Elder will share four stories to guide them in their lives.

Three schools within our Holy Spirit family have received Blackfoot names: Catholic Central High School *Taatsikiyis* (Centre Tipi), St. Francis Junior High *Naatowapoomahpis* (Our Sacred Home), and Children of St. Martha, who recently received their Blackfoot name during their Fall Powwow. As part of the day's celebration, Elder Peter Strikes With a Gun (Piitaiipoyi) bestowed the name: *Naatoowoatak'oyis* (Holy Spirit Lodge).



ROCK YOUR MOCS - Tuesday, November 15, 2022



Rock Your Mocs is a day where we invite everyone to honour Indigenous peoples and ancestors worldwide. Started in 2011, by Jessica "Jaylyn" Atsye in New Mexico, it has grown to become a world-wide event. On November 15th, take a picture, add the #rockyourmocs, and upload it to social media!

Presentations:

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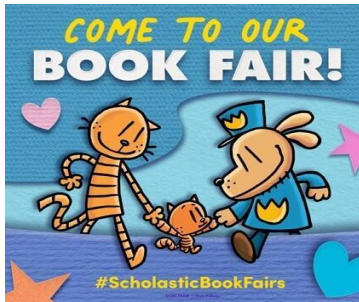
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The Christmas Concert

We are very excited to announce that we're having a Christmas Concert this year! We're looking forward to welcoming friends and family to this special event on **Wednesday December 7th**. There will be an **afternoon** performance at **1 pm** and an **evening** performance at **6:30pm**. Further information regarding clothing and performance details will be coming home in a letter in mid-November. It's going to be great!



Book Fair

Our Book Fair this year will be on **Thursday, December 1, 11:00 – 4:00**
and **4:30 PM -7:00 PM**.

(Parent/Teacher Interviews)

Monday, December 5, 10:00 am to 3:00

Tuesday, December 6, 9:00- 11:45 AM.

Cash, Credit and Debit Cards will be accepted.

If you wish, you may order online at;

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5179695>

If you have any questions, please call me at the school 403 381-8110.

Hope to see everyone.

Esther Rodzinyak/ Library

Grade Six Fundraiser

Our grade 6 leadership group will be selling ice cream as part of their fundraising efforts in order to support their spring camping trip cost. They will be selling ice cream at 10:00 a.m., during the wellness break, **on Friday, November 25th, 2022**. **The cost for an ice cream treat is \$1.00.**



Meet Our November Staff Members

Maria Baque

OKI, CSM staff and families.

My name is Maria Baque. I am looking forward to supporting ELL/ESL students this school year. I have a diploma in Child and Youth Care and am working on my degree in Human Services. Besides English, I speak German and Spanish. When I am not at work, you will find me with my 3 beautiful daughters, enjoying the outdoors, cooking, or singing.



Ms Wallace

Hello! My name is Ms. Wallace and I am one of the grade 1/2 teachers at CSM. I went to CSM myself as a student, so I'm incredibly grateful to be working here now. I love teaching this age group and watching students learn to read.

When I'm not at school, I enjoy doing CrossFit classes, spending time with my cats Ellie and Patrick Pumpkin Spice, and reading books. My goal for 2022 is to read 100 books!



Mrs Horgus

Hi my name is Marilyn Horgus. I was born in Calgary and grew up on a farm outside of Calgary for the first 12 years of my life. Then our family gradually made our way as far as Coutts and after four years we moved to Coalhurst. I went to the U of L for three years and then married my husband Greg. We will celebrate our 43 Anniversary in November. We have raised 4 children. We now have 4 grandchildren which includes our Japanese exchange student who we love spending time with.

In free time I love to spend time with my family, read, sew, hike and walk along the river. I have enjoyed learning to make chocolates and have had the opportunity to take two chocolate making courses with Bernard Calibaut.

I currently work as an assistant in the two kindergarten classrooms.



Mrs Lee

Hi my name is Mrs (Lisa) Lee I have been married for 24 years to my husband Tom, I have 5 kids, 4 girls and a boy. I have been an EA in kindergarten/ELP for 6 years now with the division. I am also a Girl Guide leader on the East side, I enjoy Scrapbooking, and crafting when I am not running around with my kiddos. I'm looking forward to being a part of the St Martha's family.



November

Arise! Pilgrims of Hope



“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

Matthew 5:16

Blessed Carlo Acutis 1991-2006 (Feast Day: October 12)

Born in London and raised in Milan, Carlo's wealthy parents were not particularly religious. Upon receiving his first communion at age seven, Carlo became a frequent communicant, making a point of praying before the tabernacle before or after every Mass. In addition to Francis of Assisi, Carlo took several of the younger saints as his models, including Bernadette Soubirous, Jacinta and Francisco Marto, and Dominic Savio.

At school Carlo tried to comfort friends whose parents were undergoing divorce, as well as stepping in to defend students with disabilities from bullies. After school hours he volunteered his time with the city's homeless and destitute. Considered a computer geek by some, Carlo spent four years creating a website dedicated to cataloguing every reported Eucharistic miracle around the world. He also enjoyed films, comics, soccer, and playing popular video games.

Diagnosed with leukemia, Carlo offered his sufferings to God for the intentions of the sitting pope—Benedict XVI—and the entire Church. Carlo died in 2006 and was beatified in 2020. As he had wished, Carlo was buried in Assisi at St. Mary Major's "Chapel of the Stripping", where St. Francis had returned his clothes to his father and began a more radical following of the Gospel. Among the thousands present for Carlo's beatification were many of his childhood friends.

Holy Moments In Our Schools

St. Mary Taber grade 9 students started off their 2022-2023 school year with a walk to St. Augustine Parish to attend Mass. Like Blessed Carlo, the choices we make daily, even at a young age, can have a major impact not only in our lives, but the world around us. We are grateful for Catholic education and the ability to attend Mass; giving thanks to our good and gracious God for the blessings that we have received from Him.



The Spiritual Works of Mercy – Pray for the Living and the Dead

- Prayer is one of the most powerful ways we can support others. Joining together in prayer for the living and the dead entrusts us all into God's care.
- Request a mass intention for a friend or family member who is going through a tough time.
- Request a mass intention for a friend or family member who has passed away.
- Keep your own book of prayer intentions, writing down the names of those who you are keeping in your prayers.
- Ask a friend or family member if there is anything you can pray for them about.
- Through prayer, entrust your cares and concerns for those around you to God.

Carlo is Blessed, not a Saint. What does it mean to be blessed? There are four steps to becoming a saint in the process called [canonization](#). First, one is declared a **Servant of God**, then **Venerable**, then **Blessed**, then a **Saint**. In this process, the Church investigates the life of the person to find evidence of their virtue, their witness, and any miracles performed through their intercession. This sometimes takes years to complete.

Sources:

[Who is Carlo Acutis? 10 things you should know about him](#)

[Blessed Carlo Acutis](#)

[The Fruit of the Holy Spirit: What Is Joy?](#)

[The Spiritual Works of Mercy - Pray for the Living and the Dead](#)

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The Fruit of the Spirit – Joy

The second fruit of the Spirit is joy. The word 'joy' appears nearly 200 times in the Bible, which helps us understand just how important this second sweet fruit of the Spirit really is. Joy is a condition of the heart.

People often confuse joy with happiness, but they are not interchangeable. Joy is from within, regardless of what is going on around you. Happiness can be a blurred emotion, dependent on a situation. Joyful people make a commitment to gratitude regardless of the circumstances.

In Greek, the word for joy is 'chara.' This describes a feeling of inner gladness, delight or rejoicing. This inner gladness leads to a cheerful heart and a cheerful heart leads to cheerful behavior.

The most important attribute of joy is that you can find joy in adversity. This can be a difficult idea to grasp, because joy might be the last thing we are feeling when facing struggles. God knows our sorrows, heartaches and fears and He calls us to rejoice anyway. He wants us to live a life full of joy and promise.

Particularly in these difficult times we are facing during the worldwide pandemic, it may seem difficult to be joyful. Our lives have changed, and we are facing adversity that is unprecedented. Certainly, many of us are not happy. But, joy is an internal experience, and even through our own unhappy circumstances, we can find joy in the midst of the storm with our faith in God.

*“To be always united with Jesus,
this is my plan of life.”*

- Carlo Acutis

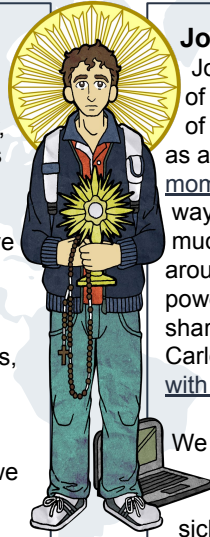


Reflecting on the life of Blessed Carlo Acutis...

Pray for the Living and the Dead

At all times, we know that we are called to pray for the living. In the month of November, we are also very conscious of praying for the dead. On November 2, we have All Souls' Day, where we pray and remember all of the faithful departed. This is distinct from All Saints' Day (November 1), where we commemorate all of the Saints in heaven. We also know that Remembrance Day falls in November. Many parishes will have a Book of Remembrance that is displayed and added to throughout the month. As Catholics, we pray for the dead because, in short, while we hope that they have already been reunited with God in heaven, we also know that for some of us, we will continue to be purified after our death in purgatory.

In many of our schools, we have the tradition of asking our patron saints to pray for us at the conclusion of our prayers; we have continued that tradition as we have met new saints this year on our prayer cards. We can also pray a [Litany of the Saints](#). Whether we are praying for the living or the dead, we know that we are all one in the communion of saints; that we can assist them through our prayers as they can assist us through theirs. Blessed Carlo Acutis, pray for us!



Joy

Joy is a condition of the heart, where we choose, regardless of circumstance, to be grateful and cheerful in the knowledge of God's promises to us. We might also think of this, in a way, as a willingness to [experience the holy wherever we are in each moment](#). Blessed Carlo Acutis showed this joy in a couple of ways. One of his great passions was pilgrimage. He spent much of his life seeking out and visiting Eucharistic miracles around the world. If you also enjoy traveling, you know the power of seeking out holy places and experiences, and how you share those experiences and memories with others. Blessed Carlo Acutis used the digital realm to [share his experiences with others](#).

We also will recognize that Blessed Carlo died at a young age. In his short life, he brought many, including his parents, to deeper belief through his joyful witness. When he was sick with leukemia, he accepted his sufferings and offered them up to God, and for the intentions of the Pope and the Church. Even as he faced this adversity, he remained a model of holiness for those around him.

Gospel Readings

November 1, 2022 All Saints' Day

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us, that we may be called the children of God." — 1 John 3:1

Today is a great feast day, when we remember all of those blessed people we call saints that have gone before us to be with God. Many of these people lived extraordinary lives of faith, setting great examples for us to follow. Saints like St. Francis, St. Oscar Romero, and St. Teresa of Calcutta were all people who gave their lives, hearts, minds and souls to the Lord. Others lived seemingly ordinary lives doing ordinary things to the best of their abilities. For those of us among the living, we are called to strive to be saints too. It may look different, but we can live saintly lives as students, teachers, engineers, doctors, mail carriers, or house cleaners. We, too, can live extraordinary lives of faith in imitation of the great saints of old.

Dear Lord, please give us the desire to serve you with all that we are, so that we too may one day be with you in eternity.

Have I given my all to Jesus? My thoughts? My words? My actions? What can I do to better follow the paths of the saints?

November 13, 2022 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

"It will lead to your giving testimony. Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand, for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking..." — Luke 21:14-15

We are all children of God. Sometimes we are called to more than just knowing that fact. Sometimes the Lord wants us to share what we know about his love. That can be a scary thing. "What will people think of me? Will they make fun of me?" In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that this is what he wants us to do. He tells us that it will be difficult and uncomfortable for us. But sometimes difficulties bring blessings. Maybe some people with whom you share your faith are going through tough times, and by hearing from you about your love for God, they experience a peace they may never have known without your witness. Do not be afraid to share God's love!

Dear Lord, help us not to be afraid to share our love for you. You promised us that if we do, we will be with you in eternity. Thank you for that gift.

What are some ways I can share my love for God with those around me?

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November 6, 2022 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading: Luke 20:27-38

"It is my choice to die at the hands of men, with the hope God gives of being raised up by him..." — 2 Maccabees 7:14

We recently celebrated All Saints' Day. Some saints lived very ordinary lives, and some of them even gave up their lives because of their belief in God. Because of the love they had for God, the saints knew that in giving up their lives, they were choosing everlasting life. This helped them not to be afraid to share their faith. We may never be called to die for our faith like the brothers in the first reading or the saints of old, but we may be called to do hard things for our faith. For example, if you are ever with a group of friends who say they didn't believe in God, you will have an opportunity to speak up and share why you believe. You don't have to make them change their minds, but you are called to be faithful to your own experience and sometimes that might mean putting your fears aside and sharing your beliefs.

Dear Lord, it is not always easy to share my faith in you with others. Please give me the courage to show others that I know I am a child of yours whenever I can.

If you met someone today whom you didn't know very well, how would that person be able to tell that you are a child of God?

Gospel Readings

November 20, 2022 Christ the King

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:35-43

"Above him there was an inscription that read, "This is the King of the Jews." — Luke 23:38

The title "king" is a very important one. To some, it is a title of respect and honor. To others, it is very threatening. When Jesus was born and Herod learned from the magi about a new king, he felt threatened. He did not want anyone to be more powerful than he was, so he tried to destroy this new king. Later in Jesus' life, Pontius Pilate also felt threatened and put Jesus to death. Jesus was a king who didn't act like other rich and powerful kings who wanted to be the center of attention. He was a humble king who led by example and gave all he had so that we may know God's love. May we give all we have to our King of Kings to thank him for such a gift.

Dear Lord, you are the greatest king there ever was. Teach me how to always give you the love you deserve.

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year. It is fitting, as we enter the Advent season and prepare ourselves for the baby Jesus, that we remember Jesus' purpose in coming. He was sent by God to bring us into his Kingdom through his death and resurrection.

How do you feel about our King? How do you love, respect and honor him?

November 27, 2022 1st Sunday in Advent

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." — Matthew 24:42

During the season of Advent, we begin to get ready for Christmas. It can be so exciting with many fun activities, yummy food to eat, and extra time with friends and family. But there is another kind of getting ready we are also called to do. We must get our hearts ready. Jesus, our King, will come again someday. It could be on Christmas Day, it could be next year, it could be any time. If this were the moment we had to face our King, would we be proud of our thoughts, words, and actions in this life? We must work very hard every day to turn away from what isn't loving or kind, and begin to prepare our hearts for our Jesus this Christmas.

Dear Lord, we await your coming with great joy. Please help us to turn away from sin and help us to prepare our hearts for you this Christmas.

What are some ways I can prepare my heart to give as a gift to Jesus this Advent? Are there ways I can change my thoughts, words, or actions to please him?

Download this month's [Saint Prayer Card](#) - Blessed Carlo Acutis



November



Arise! Pilgrims of Hope Journal

WEEK ONE

When do you feel most connected to others?



Additional Sources:

[Praying for the Living and the Dead](#)

[The Importance of Praying for the Dead](#)

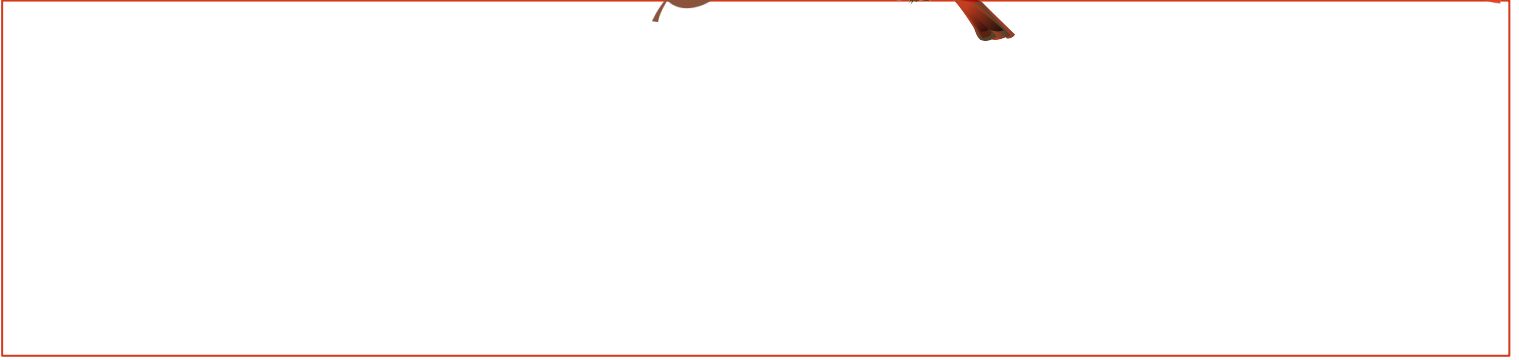
[Why Do Catholics Pray for the Dead?](#)



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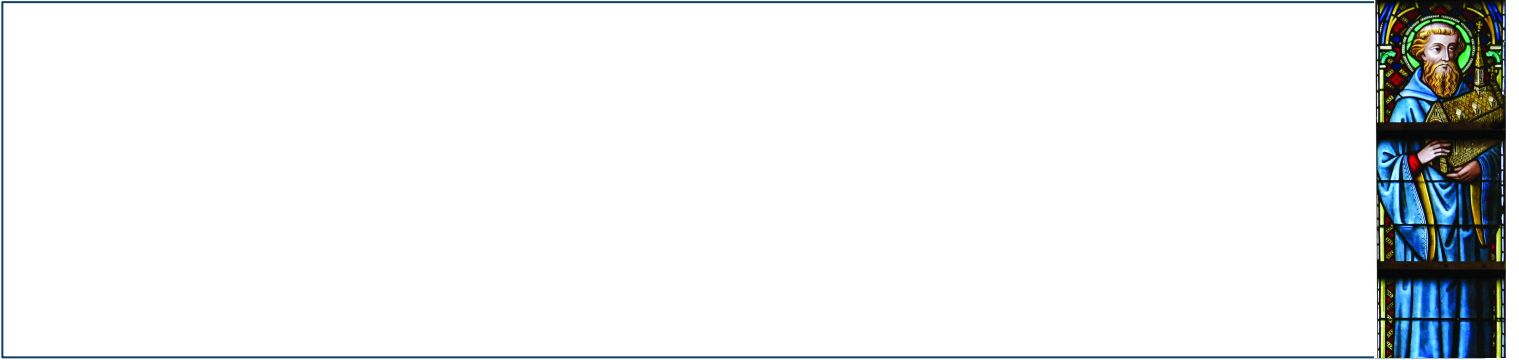
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What person in your past are you most grateful for?



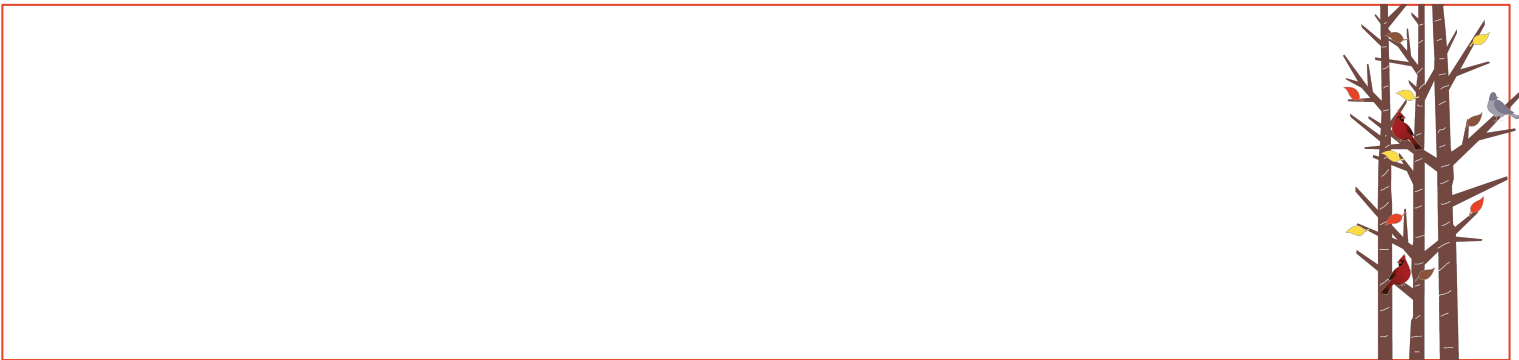
WEEK THREE

Is there a saint that you feel a connection with. Why?



WEEK FOUR

What can you do to live a more joyful life?



WEEK FIVE

What does God's presence feel like to you?



Division Parishes

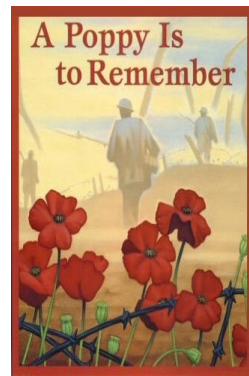
“...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:25

 <p>Assumption Church Lethbridge</p> <p>Father Kevin Tumback Father Derek Remus</p> <p>Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am (Live-streamed) 6:00 pm</p> <p>2405-12th Avenue S. Lethbridge, AB T1K 0P4 Tel: 403-327-8931</p>	 <p>St. Basil's Church Lethbridge</p> <p>Father Kevin Tumback Father Derek Remus</p> <p>Mass (Saturday): 7:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 7:30 am 11:00 am</p> <p>604 13 Street N. Lethbridge, AB T1H 2S7 Tel: 403-327-8931</p>	 <p>St. Martha's Parish Lethbridge</p> <p>Father William Monis</p> <p>Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am 11:00 am</p> <p>355 Columbia Blvd. W. Lethbridge, AB T1K 5Y8 Tel: 403-381-8891</p>
 <p>Ss. Peter & Paul Parish Lethbridge</p> <p>Father Gary Sedgwick</p> <p>Mass (Saturday): 8:30 am Mass (Sunday): 10:00 am</p> <p>643 12B Street N. Lethbridge, AB T1H 2L6 Tel: 403-328-4753</p>	 <p>St. Ambrose Parish Coaldale</p> <p>Father Ian Gagne</p> <p>Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am 4:00 pm</p> <p>1523-23rd Avenue Coaldale, AB T1M 1E2 Tel: 403-345-3400</p>	 <p>St. Catherine Parish Picture Butte</p> <p>Father Ian Gagne</p> <p>Mass (Sunday): 11:00 am</p> <p>762 Crescent Avenue Picture Butte, AB T0K 1V8 Tel: 403-732-4433</p>
 <p>St. Augustine Parish Taber</p> <p>Father Philip Van Tinh Le</p> <p>Mass (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am</p> <p>5009-48th Avenue Taber, AB T1G 1T4 Tel: 403-223-2226</p>	 <p>St. Michael's Parish Bow Island</p> <p>Father Wojciech Jarzecki</p> <p>Mass: 9:00 am</p> <p>1101-1st Street E. Blow Island, AB T0K 0G0 Tel: 403-545-2023</p>	 <p>St. Michael's Parish Pincher Creek</p> <p>Father Myles Gaffney</p> <p>Mass: 10:00 am</p> <p>958 Christie Avenue; Box 339 Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0 Tel: 403-627-3071</p>



November 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <i>Volleyball Practice 4pm</i>	2 <i>Cormican</i> Wed.walk2:45 <i>Volleyball Practice at lunch</i>	3 <i>Volleyball Practice at lunch</i>	4 <i>No kindergarten Today</i> <i>Volleyball Practice @ 12:40pm</i>	5
6	7 <i>Purdy's chocolates & coffee fundraiser</i> <i>Will be starting Soon please wait for information</i>	8 <i>Volleyball Practice 4pm</i>	9 <i>Cormican</i> Wed.walk2:45 <i>Volleyball Practice at lunch</i>	10 <i>Rembrance Day Liturgy by mrs Cormican's class 10:45-11:15 am in the gym</i>  <i>Volleyball</i>	11 <i>No school</i>	12
13	14 <i>no School</i> <i>Wellness Day For all</i>	15 <i>Rock your Mocs Day!</i>  <i>Volleyball Practice 4pm</i>	16 <i>Cormican</i> Wed.walk2:44 <i>Photo retakes Today</i> <i>School council 6:00pm</i> <i>Volleyball Practice at lunch</i>	17 9:00 am Gr5 to Food bank <i>Volleyball Practice at lunch</i>	18 12:30-4:00 <i>Volleyball Jamboree TBA</i>	19
20	21	22	23 <i>Cormican</i> Wed.walk2:45 <i>Holy Spirit Board Meeting</i>	24 9:30 gr1/2 <i>Wallace & Maier Galt Meusem Field trip</i>	25 <i>color day</i> <i>Stuffie day!</i> <i>Family Bingo 6:00pm</i> <i>Night more info to come</i>	26
27 <i>Purdy's Chocolate Fundraiser & coffee fundraiser ends</i>	28	29 <i>Faith In Action Assembly 11:15</i>	30 <i>Cormican</i> Wed.walk2:45	DEC 1 Parent Teacher Interviews 4-8pm	DEC 2 No school For Students Staff pd day	