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## Catholic Education Week – May 4<sup>th</sup> – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

### ***Catholic Education: Pilgrims of Hope L'éducation catholique: Pèlerins de l'espérance***

*Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society.*

The quote for Catholic Education Week 2025 is:

***"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us."***  
(Letter on the Jubilee Year of Hope, February 11, 2022)

***"Nous devons garder allumée la flamme de l'espérance qui nous a été donnée."***  
(Lettre sur le Jubilé de l'espérance; 11 février 2022)

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2025 are:

- Monday: **By honouring human dignity / Honorent la dignité humaine**
- Tuesday: **By caring for creation / Prennent soin de la création**
- Wednesday: **By responding to the poverties in our world / Luttent contre les pauvretés**
- Thursday: **By serving in solidarity / Servent en solidarité**
- Friday: **By living as peacemakers / Vivent en artisans de paix**

For Catholic Education Week our tentative schedule is as follows:

- Monday, May 5– Volunteer Appreciation Day
- Tuesday, May 6 – Faith and Wellness Day
- Wednesday, May 7- Welcome to Kindergarten
- Thursday, May 8– French Café
- Friday, May 9 – School-wide Living Rosary

## Faith Formation:

*Forming ourselves in our Catholic faith is a foundational element in helping each of us understand and live in the example of Christ.*

In support of Catholic Board Improvement Learning Cycle, we work to provide an increased number of faith opportunities and developing an understanding of scripture as it is connected to our daily life. We believe and nourish our faith development through sacramental preparation, liturgical celebrations, sacramental retreats, community service projects, prayer services, staff liturgies, and school wide wellness days. In collaboration with our pastoral team, through pastoral visits, celebrations, and prayer, we work together to nurture the seeds of faith for the community. Our daily morning prayer and formal religious instruction support the understanding of scripture for our students. Our Mindful Mondays incorporate faith centered meditation through our morning reflection led by students from our Wellness, Equity, Diversity and Safe Schools(WEDS) team. Through the pastoral works of our school community, we bring scripture into action as we support local and global community outreach. As a community, we are increasing our student-led faith gatherings are marked with scriptural prayer and reflection to keep us mindful of our journey as people of faith in Christ.

## Sacramental Preparation:

*As Catholics, we understand sacraments to be "outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace." Together in partnership with our parish, we support the preparation of God's children in receiving the sacraments.*

Event	Grade 2	Grade 7
First Communion/ Reconciliation Advent Promise Weekend	Saturday, November 30 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. Sunday, December 1 <sup>st</sup> All Masses	
Sacrament of Reconciliation	Saturday, February, 15 <sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 a.m.	
Lenten Promises Weekend	Saturday, March 8 <sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	

	<b>All Masses</b>	
<b>Sacrament of First Holy Communion</b>	<b>Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> @11:00 a.m.</b>	
<b>Rite of Enrollment Ceremony</b>		<b>Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> All Masses</b>
<b>Confirmation Sponsor Weekend</b>		<b>Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> 5:00 p.m. Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> All Masses</b>
<b>Confirmation Confessions</b>		<b>Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> or Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Time-TBD</b>
<b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b>		<b>Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> @7:00 p.m.</b>

### Liturgical Celebrations:

*The Liturgical calendar is marked by the gathering in community to celebrate the Eucharist and share in prayer.*

<b>Celebration</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Opening/Thanksgiving School Mass</b>	<b>Tuesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Virtual Rosary</b>	<b>October</b>
<b>Our Lady of Providence Feast Day Mass</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Advent Schools Mass</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Lenten Confessions</b>	<b>Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Easter Schools Mass</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Grade 8 Graduation Mass</b>	<b>Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 4:30 p.m.</b>

**Social Justice / Outreach Activities / Charities:**

*Catholic Social Teachings of the Church root our actions in supporting human dignity and the preferential option of the poor which calls us to serve the most vulnerable in the world.*

Our school participates in various activities to support our community partners including ShareLife, St. Vincent de Paul, Helping Hands for Christmas for school families in need, St. Louis Outreach in Peel, Providence Angels, Sick Kids, Share Life, Terry Fox, and local food drives. We recognize Autism Awareness, Orange Day in recognition of the First Nations suffrage in residential schools, Pink Day for anti-bullying and Purple Day- Breaking the Silence on Child Abuse. Through our Spirit Days, we encourage families to donate to ShareLife throughout the year. Our Lady of Providence community unites to support social justice initiatives to impact both local and global needs as we work to developing responsible citizenship.

**Recognizing Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations:**

*Framed by the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE), our graduates will be effective communicators, reflective thinkers, lifelong learners, collaborative contributors, caring family members, responsible citizens and discerning believers formed in the Catholic faith community.*

To celebrate Ontario Catholic School Graduate expectations, we as a school have chosen Caring Family Members to frame the creation of learning environment rooted in faith, wellness and solidarity through instruction, curricular connections and reflection. Through student led virtual liturgies, curriculum links and family education we highlight the OCSGEs as the central foundation for all our students. Through our home school communication, we support the education of our community of the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations. We provide varied spiritual, academic and social opportunities for students to reach their potential with the intent to foster and celebrate the God-given gifts and talents of our students.

## Celebrating Virtues:

*A virtue is a habit or established capacity to perform good actions according to a moral standard. When we practice these virtues, we strengthen them and thereby make the presence of God more and more visible in the world around us.*

To celebrate the virtues, our Youth Faith Ambassadors lead our school in celebrating our faith in action through student-led liturgies. Through daily prayer, monthly newsletters, staff weekly bulletins and conversations we communicate openly our call to model and live the virtues. As a school community, staff and students celebrate virtues share in communal prayer and recognize the virtues evidenced in our student community.

## Visible Signs of our Faith:

*Through symbol and service, we are instruments of God's love whose work within our communities stands as a witness to our faith.*

As you walk into the school lobby, the large crucifix, the blessed altar, the Holy Bible and liturgical seasonal symbols adorn the sacred space for all members of the school community on a daily basis. It is reflective of the colour and symbol of the Liturgical Season. In our school foyer, a sacred space with an altar and pews provides a place for class prayer and reflection. Within every classroom, the living sacred space makes us mindful of the faith that we share and work to develop each day. Throughout the year, our front foyer demonstrates the commitment to supporting both local and global charities.

## Resource List for Parents/Guardians:

- General Roman 2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar - [2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- Religious Education Curriculum - [Ontario Religious Education Curriculum](#)
- New Family Life Curriculum 2023 - [Ontario Family Life Curriculum 2023](#)
- New Family Life Education Curriculum and Support Resources – [Institute for Catholic Education](#)
- Fully Alive Program information - [Ontario Bishops' information on Fully Alive](#)
- [Encyclical Letters](#) : 'Laudato Si', 'Laudato Deum' and 'Christus vivit'
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)

- **Catholic Education Week 2025** – [Catholic Education Week 2025](#)
- **Jubilee Year 2025** – [Pilgrims of Hope](#)

### **Resource List for Schools:**

#### **Board**

- **General Roman 2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar** - [2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- **Multi-Year Strategic Plan** - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2023-2027](#)
- **Renewing the Promise** – [A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education](#)
- **Encyclical Letters** : ‘[Laudato Si’](#), ‘[Laudato Deum](#)’ and ‘[Christus vivit](#)’
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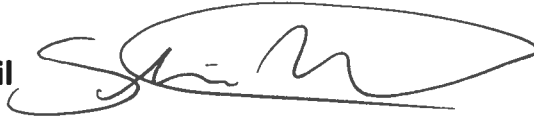
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**Chair of Catholic School Council**



**Vice Principal(s)**



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**Superintendent**