



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Plaid Day 	2 Gr 6 Retreat Assumption Church 9:00 -2:00	3 Westwind Dancers 10:15am	4	5
6 	7  Wear GREEN in honour of Green Shirt Day and Logan Boulet	8 Orders for Pizza 73 due today by noon	9	10 Pizza 73 Hot Lunch	11	12
13 	14	15 Stations of the Cross – performed by grade 6	16 	17 Plant orders due 	18 	19
20 	21	EASTER BREAK				
27	28 Classes resume	29 Gr 3 Troyanda Dancers @ Yates Fee- \$12.00 9:00 – 11:45am Office hours 6G 4 – 5pm	30 Board Mtg			

On **May 7, 2025**, all **Grade 1–6 students** will be heading to the **Yates Memorial Centre** to enjoy FLVT's production of *Willy Wonka Jr.!* To help cover transportation costs, a **\$4.00 fee** has been added to your **SchoolCash Online** account. Prefer to pay in cash? No problem! Payments can also be made at the office.



APRIL NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Easter season is nearly upon us and we look forward to rejoicing in the Risen Lord.

April is a short, yet busy month and we have a few special activities to look forward to.

We have been blessed with many student teachers from a variety of student teaching levels. They will all be leaving us this month. We wish them the very best on their journey to becoming teachers and hope they learned valuable lessons at OLA.

April 1 - IB Day - Wear Plaid
April 2 - Grade 6 Retreat
April 3 - West Wind Dancers visiting
April 7 - Green Shirt Day
April 10 - Pizza Lunch
April 15-16 - Stations of the Cross lead by 6G
April 18-27 - Easter Break
April 29 - Grade 3 to Troyanda Dancers
May 5-6 - IB Verification Visit
May 7 - Gr 1-6 Willy Wonka Jr.

<https://hallow.com/blog/easter-prayers/#kids-prayers>

Easter Blessing

On this holy day, and in this season of renewal, we pray in thanksgiving for the many blessings You give us. May our words and deeds today, and always, serve as reminders of the transformative power of Your love.

Amen.

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER 2025

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<https://ourladyoftheassumption.growingsmilesfundraising.com/home>



SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS:

Our next school council meeting will be held online on Tuesday May 13th. At this meeting our school board trustee Roisin Gibb will be discussing the budget for next year and we encourage all parents and guardians to attend. The link will be sent out prior to the meeting.

We want to wish everyone a very Happy Easter!!

WHO IS THIS?



Ms Swark, French/Associate Principal

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CAMP 6 (Age 10 to 12) Aug 10-15
CAMP 7 (Age 12 to 14) Aug 17-22

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*"Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!"*

- Psalm 25:7

St. Dominic Savio, April 2, 1842 (Feast Day: May 6)

April

Proclaim! Pilgrims of Hope



Domenico Savio was born into a large family in rural Italy in 1842, and from a young age was keenly interested in his Christian upbringing, attending Mass and receiving special permission to receive the Eucharist. He was a hard worker at school, and to continue his education at age ten, began walking about five kilometers each way to the school at Castelnuovo. It was here that he would eventually meet St. John Bosco, with whom he then returned to Turin. He resolved during this time to become a saint, and experimented with various penances that he thought would assist with this goal. John Bosco, upon hearing of this, forbade it and recommended that Dominic focus on his studies and duties, doing all to the best of his abilities, which led Dominic to say "I can't do big things but I want everything to be for the glory of God." He continued to work diligently at school, to pray frequently and fervently, and sought to be a good example to his classmates at all times.

In the spring of 1857, at the age of 14, Dominic became ill, passing in March. Don Bosco wrote a short biography of Dominic, which led to his increasing popularity despite his young age at death. Due to his heroic virtue, he was canonized in 1954, and until 2017 was the youngest non-martyr saint in the Catholic church. You can learn more about him by watching one of these short videos:

[Story of Saint Dominic Savio](#) (Saints and Angels) | [Saint Dominic Savio](#) (Stories of Saints) | [The Saints: Our Heavenly Friends](#) (Brother Francis FORMED)

The Apostles' Creed

"the holy catholic Church..."

The Nicene Creed uses here the words 'I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. These four marks are actually quite significant, and perhaps help us to understand this section more clearly. They are calls to action that animate our lives, not just a passive mention of the Church. Our word Church comes from the Greek word *kyriakon*, derived from *Kyrios* - 'something belonging to the Lord' or *ekklesia* - 'an assembly of people called forth.' After Vatican II, we often refer to the Church as the 'People of God.' That's all of us!

- **One** - we desire unity with one another, with our Catholic brethren, and with our Christian family. (CCC 813-818, 820, 866)
- **Holy** - we believe that the Church is the place where we find holiness - in the sacraments, in our liturgy, and so on. While the Church is not perfect, it is holy. God is the source of holiness; the Spirit unites us in holiness; Christ is the perfect model of holiness. (CCC 823-829, 867)

- **catholic** - small c catholic means universal - we embrace one another and make room for each other to belong. We accept the Great Commission to share the Gospel with those around us, in all times and places. (CCC 830-835, 868)
- **Apostolic** - we believe in the foundation set by the Apostles after Christ's death, the succession of the Popes, and the teaching authority of the Church. Apostle means 'one who is sent' - we are all sent to share the Good News. (CCC 857-865, 869)

So, we are called to belong, with one another, to the Lord, to follow the path set out by the apostles, to find our holiness in the Church, and to be one and universal in our outlook. As we seek to become Pilgrims of Hope this year, let us continue to contemplate the Creed, and how our proclamation of the Creed unites us to one another and to all Christians through time and space.

"Proclaiming" In Our Schools

[The Jubilee Prayer: English](#) | [French](#) | [Spanish](#)

Inside the overall Jubilee year, there are a variety of specific celebrations that are occurring on the calendar. It is exciting this month that we have two celebrations that are specifically pertinent in our schools. From **April 25-27**, there will be a **jubilee of teenagers** that will culminate with the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis. This will be followed on **April 28-29** with the **jubilee of people with disabilities**. Given these two celebrations, it might be a good time this month to review [Christus Vivit](#) — Pope Francis' apostolic exhortation to and about young people, which was the response of the Holy Father to the 2018 Synod on "Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment" which laid a new foundation for the Catholic Church's current work with youth and young adults. We have embedded this into this current faith plan, so some of it will likely sound familiar to you! In the upcoming Easter season, we might for instance revisit the message at the outset, which are words of great encouragement to us:

Christ is alive! He is our hope, and in a wonderful way he brings youth to our world, and everything he touches becomes young, new, full of life. The very first words, then, that I would like to say to every young Christian are these: Christ is alive and he wants you to be alive! He is in you, he is with you and he never abandons you. However far you may wander, he is always there, the Risen One. He calls you and he waits for you to return to him and start over again. When you feel you are growing old out of sorrow, resentment or fear, doubt or failure, he will always be there to restore your strength and your hope.



Pope's Prayer Intentions — For the use of the new technologies

Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.



Gospel Readings

April 6, 2025

5th Sunday in Lent

Gospel Reading: John 8:1-11

"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." — John 8:7

How often do we find ourselves judging others or making critical comments about how other people act or what they look like? Does giving your opinion sometimes lead you into gossip? This is what happened to the people in Jesus' time when they found this woman committing a serious sin. They wanted to punish her. They felt justified shaming her in public and acting like they never did anything wrong. They did not want to admit they sometimes sin too. It was easier to find fault with someone else. Jesus reminded them, and us, that we should be careful of what we do with our opinions. Instead of criticizing others, we should look at ourselves and seek forgiveness for what we have done.

How can I love those around me, instead of judging?
How can I encourage others when I hear them being judged?

Prayer:

Dear Lord, it is easier to look at others' faults than our own. Please give us the grace to see our own weaknesses and ask forgiveness for them rather than judging others.



"For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get."

- Matthew 7:2

April 13, 2025

Palm/Passion Sunday

Gospel Reading: Luke 22:14-23:56

"Jesus cried out in a loud voice, 'Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit'; and when he said this he breathed his last." — Luke 23:46

After much pain, suffering, humiliation, and ridicule, Jesus turned over all that he had left to his heavenly Father. While our "sufferings" this Lent of fasting, almsgiving, and prayer cannot compare to the suffering of our Lord, we too are called to give all we have left to God. We are about to walk through Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. Are you ready? What is left in your life that needs to be given to the Lord to allow you to fully celebrate Easter this year?

What are some things I can do this week to be quiet and spend time reflecting on all Jesus did for me?
Did I give my all to this Lenten season? What can I do this week to meet Jesus on his road to Calvary?

Prayer:

Dear Lord, please help me to surrender all that I am and to walk closely by your side through this very holy week in preparation for your resurrection.



Download this month's [Saint Prayer Card](#) — St. Dominic Savio
[Saint Prayer Card](#) (black and white version for colouring)



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Gospel Readings



April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

He is Risen! Alleluia!!!

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered His head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. —John 20:6-8

The Lord is risen! It is the miracle of all miracles! Jesus has overcome death! The disciples couldn't understand at first what had happened because no one had ever risen from the dead before, and we might not be able to understand it either. But the resurrection is a promise that our life doesn't end in death. There is something more waiting for us on the other side. Jesus has bought us eternal life! What an awesome God who always loves us! Thank you for such a gift, Lord! We praise You!



*May you and your family be blessed
with God's abundant graces
on this Easter Sunday!
Happy Easter!*

April 27, 2025

2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

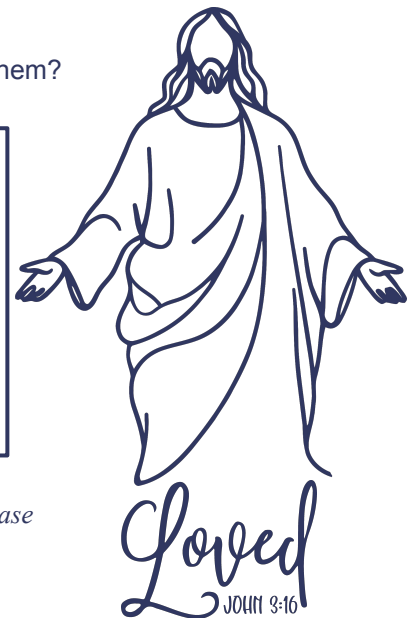
"On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." — John 20:19

A greeting of peace was not the first thing the disciples expected to hear from Jesus. "Where were you when I needed you?" "Why did you all run away?" "I'm disappointed in you." Those were the sort of things the disciples might have expected to hear. Instead, Jesus came in love. He wished them peace. He knew they were afraid and ashamed. But he proved that his death was all about forgiveness, even of their sins. It is the same for us. No matter what we have done, no matter how terrible we may think it is, Jesus comes to us with forgiveness, peace, and great love.

How do you think you would have felt if you were one of the disciples when Jesus appeared to them?
What are some things I can do to accept Jesus' love?

Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank you for the abundant love you give to me all the time, even when I don't feel worthy. Please help me to accept the forgiveness and peace you offer me.



Sources:

I Believe: Exploring the Apostles' Creed by Alister McGrath
The Creed: A Catechist's Guide by Janet Schaeffler
The Apostles' Creed by Ben Myers

Sources cont.'d:

What Christians Ought to Believe by Michael Bird
The Quest for the Creed by Fr. Dwight Longenecker
The Creed by Timothy O'Malley

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 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
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 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 (Saturday): 5:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 9:00 am 1101-1st Street E. Blow Island, AB T0K 0G0 Tel: 403-545-2023	 St. Michael's Parish Pincher Creek Father Marino Infante Mass (Saturday): 7:00 pm Mass (Sunday): 10:00 am 958 Christie Avenue; Box 339 Pincher Creek, AB T0K 1W0 Tel: 403-627-3071

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10-PACK 4" VEGGIES

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