



May 2025

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18	19  No School	20 No School 	21 Office hours 1D – 4:00 – 5:30pm	22 Student Retreat Kindergarten 9 am Japanese Gardens 	23	24
25	26	27	28 Grade 6 PAT ELA Part A Board Meeting @ CEC 3:00pm	29 World Catholic Education Day WEAR BLUE	30 Marian Mass 9:00 am  JUMP ROPE FOR HEART KICK OFF 	31

MAY NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy May!

I can't believe we only have two months of school left. Please keep an eye on the monthly calendar for field trips and special events. We are looking forward to our IB-PYP Verification Visit. We will have two guests joining us on May 5 and 6. This is the final step in our journey to becoming an IB-PYP school and we look forward to showcasing all of our hard work. Our student retreat is also happening this month. Students will participate in activities and prayer together on Thursday May 22.



I would like to take this opportunity to share my gratitude for Miss. Smith. Miss Smith has been teaching the grade 2 class since February. She has done an exceptional job. Miss Smith's last day is April 30. We would like to thank Miss Smith for being a part of our OLA family and wishing her the very best on her future endeavours.

ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Click on this [link](#) to open Mrs. Swark's blog.

PLANT FUNDRAISER

Thank you to everyone who supported our spring fundraiser and ordered plants from Devry Greenhouses. The plants will be ready for pick up on Wednesday, May 7. Once we have a confirmed time we will let you know.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Over the past 43 years, OLA has participated in Jump Rope for Heart, helping to raise awareness and funds for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. This year our event will take place the afternoon of June 12, with our kickoff assembly on May 30. This program helps to teach students the importance of caring for their hearts through fitness and heart health education. Students may collect pledges online from family, friends and neighbors. To get started go to jumpropeforheart.ca Watch for more information. Happy skipping!

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

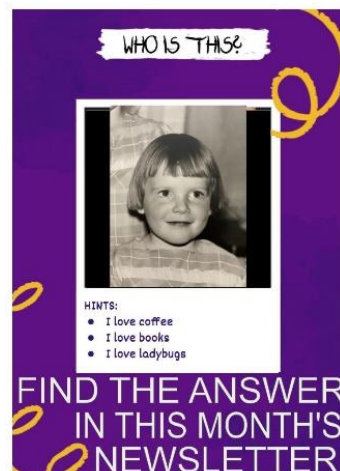
Our next school council meeting will be held on May 13th @ 7pm online. The link will be sent out prior to the meeting. Our school board Trustee Roisin Gibb will be attending to discuss the budget for next year. All parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Upcoming May hot lunch - details to follow

REMINDERS

Reminder that all **school fees** are due. With upcoming field trips planned, fees are required to be paid prior to attending. If you have any questions or need assistance please phone the school at 403-327-5028 and we would be happy to assist with any inquiries. All fees can be paid on Schoolcash Online or we accept cash in the office

Please Re-register your child for the 2025/26 school year as we are starting to get ready for the next school year and need an accurate count to build our classes. If your child will be attending a different school please notify us by emailing olaoffice@holyspirit.ab.ca or phone the office at 403-327-5028.





“Share the Mission” Award Call for Nominations!

Recognizing Those Who Inspire – Nominate Someone Today!

Do you know someone who makes a difference in our school community? The **Share the Mission Award** is your opportunity to recognize those who go above and beyond to serve, lead, and inspire!

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

- Provide outstanding service to students
- Set high standards through leadership and dedication
- Contribute to the faith-filled atmosphere of our schools
- Lead within the community and parish organizations
- Live out the values of the Holy Spirit Catholic School Division

Nominations are open until **Friday, June 6, 2025**. If you know someone who deserves to be recognized, submit your nomination today! The recipient will be honored at the division's Opening Mass.

Nominate now! Use the [online nomination form](#) or contact Rhonda Kawa at kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca for more details.

Let's celebrate those who truly make a difference!



The grade 6 class is fundraising for their yearend trip to Calgary in June. They are selling Big Chief Meat Snacks. Big Chief is known for big taste for all your big adventures. Please see the poster for all items available.

All orders are placed online beginning May 5 through May 21. Delivery will be on June 2.

Click on this link [Big Chief Fundraising](#) to place your order

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"It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

— Deuteronomy 31:8

Joan of Arc 1412-1431 (Feast Day: May 30)

May Proclaim! Pilgrims of Hope

St. Joan of Arc is a heroine of France and a Catholic saint, and is often referenced in books, television, movies, and songs. A peasant girl born in the east of what is today France, she was raised in a religious family, and at the age of 12, had a vision from God. These visions continued through her teenage years. In them, an angel told her to lead the French in battles against the British, who controlled the land at this time, and to restore the son of the King, Charles, to the throne. Many people did not believe her. Over time, however, her visions and predictions continued to come true, which led those around her to follow her. Eventually, she traveled in disguise to Charles, who gave her control of an army. This army had a number of successes against the British forces, and eventually Charles did become king.

In 1430, while attacking another British force, Joan was captured. The British put her on trial, accusing her of witchcraft and heresy. There was nothing to these charges, but she was found guilty regardless, and was martyred by burning at the stake in 1431. She is often called upon by those who are seeking to accomplish very challenging tasks, and by soldiers.

You can learn more about Joan of Arc with this video - Brother Francis - [Joan of Arc](#).



The Apostles' Creed

"the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins..."

To believe in the communion of saints is really in a sense an expansion of our belief in the holy catholic Church. We proclaim in this line our belief that we need one another in the Church as part of our path to salvation. We know that communion means oneness, and in this instance the lower-case saints refers not solely to those who have been canonized, but all who are amongst the holy people of God.

In his writings, Paul often refers to or greets his readers as saints. So in this, we see the holiness that surrounds us here on earth, actively working together to support one another as we strive towards heaven.

We know (often all too well) that we are sinners in need of God's grace. The good news that we have in our faith is that God freely distributes to us this grace and forgives our sins. We are called nonetheless to continual conversion, and to extend that same grace of forgiveness to those around us. In this, we see the restoration of the relationships that we have with one another, and with God.

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.

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

"Proclaiming" In Our Schools

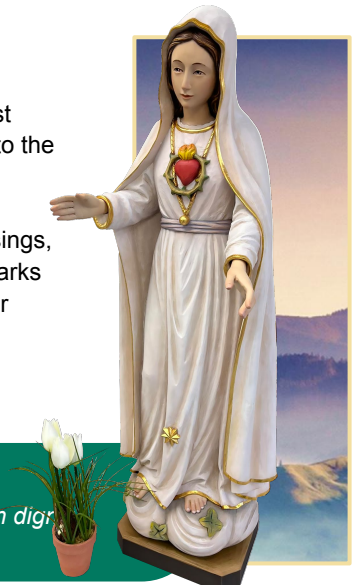
Happy Easter! Joyeuses Pâques! During the Easter season, we continually rejoice in and proclaim the resurrection of Christ, and the opening of heaven's doors to us eternally. This is actually the second longest liturgical season (after Ordinary Time), lasting 50 days between Easter Sunday and Pentecost. We return to the singing of the Gloria and Alleluias.

In our schools this year, the Easter season coincides with many celebratory events, such as Feather Blessings, graduations, galas and World Catholic Education Day (Thursday, May 29 - wear blue!). This month also marks the beginning of our now-traditional Marian pilgrimage through our school division — so look for her at your school soon!



Pope's Prayer Intentions - For working conditions

Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity and that society might be humanized.



Gospel Readings

May 4, 2025

3rd Sunday of Easter

Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19

"We gave you strict orders, did we not, to stop teaching in that name?... We must obey God rather than men...we are witnesses of these things, as is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him." — Acts 5:28-29, 32

When the disciples realized Jesus had risen from the dead, they couldn't help but tell everyone they met about him. They were ordered to stop talking about him but they just couldn't — they were willing to sacrifice everything to teach people about Jesus. It's hard to believe that these are the same disciples who were in the upper room afraid for their lives a few days earlier. What changed them? The Holy Spirit did.

Where do we stand with Jesus? Are we hiding in the upper room, hoping no one will find out that we follow him, or are we willing to accept the gift of the Holy Spirit, which gives us the grace and courage to share him with the world?

How do I feel about sharing my faith in Jesus with others?



Prayer:

Dear Lord, sometimes we might be afraid of what others will think or say if we share our faith and belief in you. Please give us the grace and courage we need to share the fantastic things you have done for us.

"...when I am afraid, I put my trust in you.
In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust;
I am not afraid; what can flesh do to me?"

- Psalm 56:3-4

May 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

Gospel Reading: John 10:27-30

"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." — John 10:27

The sounds of train whistles, fire engine or ambulance sirens, and dangerous weather alerts are meant to protect us from harm. In our Gospel today, we learn that Jesus protects us, too. He calls us his sheep and wants us to know that like a good shepherd who protects his sheep away from danger, Jesus will keep us safe. If we listen, we will come to love and follow him, and he will protect us. If we ignore the warning of a train whistle, refuse to move out of the way of a speeding ambulance, or fail to go to a shelter in dangerous weather, we could be badly hurt or even die. We listen to these things to help us stay safe. In the same way, if we know Jesus' voice and obey it, we will stay on the right track. Jesus wants to protect us; but first, we must listen!

What are some things Jesus warns us against?

What are the good things Jesus calls us to do to stay on the right track?

Prayer:

Dear Lord, help us to listen carefully to your voice.



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



Gospel Readings

May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

Gospel Reading: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

“As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” — John 13:34

Suppose company is coming to your house for dinner and you want to make a special meal. You might look up a recipe on the internet, then go to the grocery store and get all the ingredients. Finally, you start the process of cooking. As you read the recipe you see words like “blanch,” “reduce,” “sear,” and you find yourself totally confused! But then, you notice that there is an online video that accompanies the recipe. And as you watch it, presto, these unfamiliar terms make sense. We learn best when someone shows us, don't we?

Jesus knew it wasn't enough to tell us how to love; he came and demonstrated it for us. It would be hard to miss; Jesus always put the needs of others first. In today's Gospel, he challenges us to imitate him by loving each other in the same way.

What can we do today to ease the suffering of someone who needs to be loved?



Prayer:

Dear Lord, give us the desire to love others with the same love you showed us. Help us to be centered less on ourselves and more on the needs of the poor and suffering.

May 25, 2025

6th Sunday of Easter

Gospel Reading: John 14:23-29

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.”
— John 14:27

What does the world say will bring us peace? Being popular at school? Winning at video games? Making a sports team? Being the star in a play? For parents, it might be a promotion at work, an exotic vacation, having plenty of money to invest so it will make even more money for us, or perhaps good health. All these things can give us peace, but only for a while. There will always be something new that we need or desire. Even our health will only last for a limited time, since we will all eventually die.

Jesus offers us a different kind of peace; one that will never end. It is the peace of heaven, where we will be surrounded by unconditional love and there will be no more tears or suffering.

When have we felt the peace Jesus promises?



Prayer:

Dear Lord, we so desire the lasting peace you promise. Please help us to set our sights on heaven instead of on the provisions of this world. Help us obey you in all things.

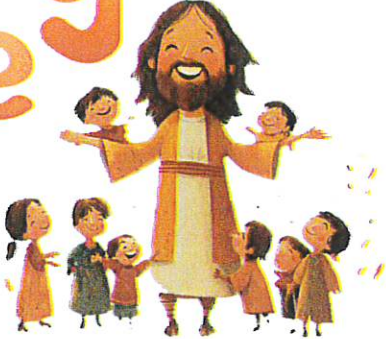
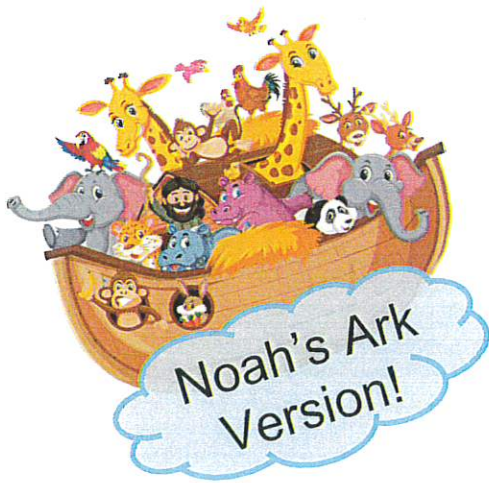
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Coming Alive with Christ

A cartoon illustration of Jesus with a beard and long hair, wearing a brown robe over a white tunic. He is smiling and has his arms outstretched, surrounded by a group of diverse children in traditional Middle Eastern clothing. They are standing on a light-colored ground with some small flowers.

**All Saints Parish invites
all youth ages 6 – 11 to
join us for outdoor
activities, stories and
prayer, snacks, crafts
and more!**

Dates: July 14 - 18, 2025

Time: 8:30am to 1:00pm

Place: Assumption Hall



Register in person at the Parish office or use the QR Code.

If you would like to volunteer to help with recreation, registration, crafts, snack . .
. please contact Coreen at packhamc@holyspirit.ab.ca

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