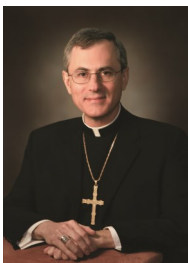


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"Catholic Education: Nurturing Hope"

Catholic Education Week

May 2-7, 2021

"Those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength." (Isaiah 40:31)

The theme for Catholic Education Week 2021, "Nurturing Hope," reminds us that publicly funded Catholic education is a call to service. Publicly funded Catholic education has existed in Ontario since 1841 and its graduates have served Ontario and Canada very well. The current generation of students in our publicly funded Catholic schools will serve with the same spirit and generosity as their previous generations. Regardless of our position or our responsibilities within Catholic education, our role is a call, birthed in our Baptism, to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ into the lives of those students and their families whom it is our privilege to serve.

Each year, the Catholic community of Ontario engages in a week-long celebration of the unique identity and distinctive contributions of Catholic education during Catholic Education Week. This year's celebration is entitled, "Catholic Education: Nurturing Hope" and will be celebrated during the week of May 2 – May 7. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2021 was inspired by the following considerations: recognition of the special Year of Laudato Si' which will run through May 24, 2021; the ongoing reality of the COVID-19 pandemic and the theme celebrated last year "Igniting Hope" which served so well during the spring recess from in-school instruction; the challenges to personal and spiritual well-being posed by the uncertainty and physical isolation of the current global crisis; and the ongoing recognition of the Truth & Reconciliation Commission and the relevance of Indigenous culture and spirituality to the spirit of Laudato Si'.

Pray each day the sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2021:

MONDAY:

Preparing the Earth

TUESDAY:

Sowing Seeds of Gratitude

WEDNESDAY:

Cultivating Relationships

THURSDAY:

Harvesting New Fruit

FRIDAY:

Marvelling in Wonder

Catholic Education Week Prayer

*Gracious and generous God, creator of the earth, our common home,
With each new day, we prepare the earth of our lives by sowing seeds of gratitude
for all you have given. Inspire us to cultivate relationships with all living beings.
May we harvest new fruit and marvel in the wonder at the beauty around us.
Nurture us in hope. Amen.*

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Celebrating Catholic Education Week



"Catholic Education: Nurturing Hope"

Over the last year children and young people, parents & families, and teachers and support staff in our schools have had to make major adjustments as they moved to online learning during the various lockdowns and entered into hybrid models of learning-in person and remote. This has not been easy as parents have been balancing their own work-at-home situations while engaging and ensuring their children's education continues. Also all of our teachers and educators have had to bring new forms of creativity to their "classroom" to bring alive the learning for their students.

During this Catholic Education Week, let us all join with those in the Catholic Education System in celebrating the gift of education and that God continues to bless and strengthen them in

their work.

The Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association has provided many great resources to guide us through Education Week. These resources provide daily prayer services accompanying the themes for each day, family activities for nurturing hope, and various elementary and secondary grade appropriate activities and music.

Click [here](#) to access.

A video message for Catholic Education Week by Bishop Fabbro can be found [here](#).

A provincial wide Mass is being celebrated Wednesday, May 5 at 11:00 a.m., presided over by His Eminence, Thomas Cardinal Collins. Catholic schools across the province will be participating in this online mass. The link to the mass is found [here](#).

The National Week for Life and the Family Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life May 9-16, 2021

Following the recommendations of the former Ad Hoc Committee on Life and Family of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB), the Bishops of Canada at their October 2011 Plenary Assembly adopted a plan to implement a national pastoral initiative for life and family. As proposed at the time, the various elements of this national pastoral initiative could include: strategies for formation; the promotion of life and family; outreach for life; programs for youth and the elderly; and collaboration with ecclesial movements and new communities. Bishops in their respective dioceses would be invited to consider ideas as they are proposed and to adopt and adapt them for local use according to evolving pastoral needs, the availability of resources, and particular priorities.

For the past several years, the CCCB has used the National Week for Life and the Family as a key opportunity to propose ideas related to its national pastoral initiative for life and family. The annual celebration of the National Week for Life and the Family takes place in many dioceses across the country and always coincides with the United Nations' International Day of Families on May 15 of each year.

Prayer for the National Week for Life and Family Family, the Domestic Church: A Sign of Hope and Life

*Holy Family of Nazareth, as a sign of hope and life
you are the model of a home where Love dwells.*

*Jesus, Mary, and Joseph help my family to be a place
where the stranger is welcomed, where the poor are fed,
and where the lonely find comfort.*

*In imitation of your loving example
may we be empowered by the Holy Spirit
to live as the domestic church radiating the presence of Jesus
and giving glory to God our Father.*

Amen



Parish Trivia Night Friday May 7th, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Join the fun with the Knight's of Columbus very first virtual trivia event on Zoom (online or by phone). You can be part of a team or part of the virtual audience. Each team (randomly selected) will use their collective skills to answer general knowledge questions. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the event but you must be present to win.

This event is open to all members of our parish community!
Click [here](#) to register. Deadline to register is Thu May 6th.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Grand Knight, Bro. Roger Khouri, at roger@roger.ca.



Cathedral Connections

The next Cathedral Connections will be published online in early June. We are looking for comments from our parishioners on how you have coped with covid restrictions and how your spiritual life has been affected during this past year amidst the pandemic. Please send any comments to Paul Carson, editor, at CathConStPeters@gmail.com.

Financial Update

The Finance Committee has released the Annual Financial Report for parishioners of the Cathedral Parish. In addition, we would like to thank you for your support of the Cathedral through the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. Please click [here](#) to access the full report!

Employment Opportunity

St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica is looking for a Part-Time Custodian to work 10-12 hours per week in our Parish Centre. The hours would be Wednesday 4pm to either 9 or 10pm and Friday 4pm to either 9 or 10 pm. You can request a job description from Brian Galea, our Business Manager, at bgalea@dol.ca or call 519-432-3475 Ext. 226.



From the Desk of the Rector

Jesus constantly reminds us that he came into the world as light. To be light the midst of darkness characterizes the mission of Jesus who was sent by the Father and quite appropriately identifies the mission of those -you and me - who are called to continue it in this world today.

Wherever that happens to be for us, you and I are invited to be a steady light of whatever intensity God may have gifted us with. We are called into the process of being a light for other people to help others not look at us but to look at the reality of their own lives in that light that Jesus will always shine on every situation. The Easter season and the time of pandemic we find ourselves in are both helping us to reflect on this. When I slow down and pay attention I can easily embrace the words of Jesus but I can't do it when I'm busy.

Getting to know Jesus through reflecting on the Gospel readings helps me to be more present to my colleagues, my family, and my friends. It helps me be more present to the needs of those in my community and our parish that need my support. I'm also encouraged to ask some honest questions...where do I find myself whenever it is dark? To whom do I go for support? How can I work on clarifying a sense of purpose during this different and difficult time in our history? Who are my role models for living as Jesus teaches us? How does my daily life change whenever I make time for prayer and reflection? Easter can settle and focus us.

If we just rested with the words of Jesus "I am the light of the world" and wrestled quietly with what that means in

our daily lives, it would be far better than any detailed to-do list.

We often hold so much uncertainty in our heart. At times we are anxious and insecure. That is the time to stop and hear God calling our name since he knows how we feel and wants to give us direction. He calls us to the quiet of prayer and the silence of contemplation. If you haven't tried it, try it.

As you see elsewhere in the bulletin this is Catholic Education Week. I have always appreciated the Catholic Graduate Expectations. They call us to be hearers and doers of the Word of God. Here they are. I invite you to think about each one and describe what it says to you. Each expectation has a descriptor attached to it but I'll fill that in next week. For now, what does each one say to you?

The Catholic Graduate is expected to be...

- A discerning believer
- An effective communicator,
- A reflective, creative and holistic thinker
- A self-directed, responsible, lifelong learner
- A collaborative contributor
- A caring family member
- A responsible citizen

Fr. Jim Mockler



CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS

During the month of April we welcomed into God's Family through the waters of Baptism:

*Adriano Fresco, Carter Da Silva, Wesley Shih,
Matteo Nepomuceno*

We congratulate the following couples who have committed their lives to each other and God through the sacrament of Marriage in April:

*Ranjit Singarayer & Laura Olszowy,
Dave Savel & Brenda Bird, O.J. Ataga and Ivie Evbuomwan*

REQUESTED MASS INTENTIONS (LIVE STREAMED ONLY)

May 5—Wednesday 12 PM

Mary Furlonger; Ethan Merkley; Maria Ammerata;
Rita Clement; Connie Bolas; Intns of Ida Wilkins

May 8—Saturday 5 PM

Mary Ann Alexander; Mary & Bill Hancock; Pauleen &
Clarence Whalen; Mark & Mic O'Dwyer; Mark Thompkins;
Living & Deceased Members of the CWL

READINGS FOR MAY 9, 2021 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading - Acts 10.25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Responsorial - Ps 98.1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 (R. 2b)

R. The Lord has revealed his victory in the sight of the nations.

Second Reading - 1 John 4.7-10

Gospel - John 15.9-17

We remember in prayer all those who are sick. We also pray for those who have died; and comfort those who mourn.

*We pray for those serving in pastoral ministry
throughout our diocese:*

Rev. Jan Burczyk, C.S.M.A.; Rev. Thomas Janisse;
Rev. Matthew Bedard; Rev. Daniel Bombardier; Rev. Richard
(Dick) Bester; Missionary Sisters of the Precious Blood;
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