



## Principal's Message

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'" ~John 11: 25-26

It's important that between Easter dinner, decorating eggs and participating in Easter eggs hunt that we reflect on the sacrifices that Jesus made for us. With intentionality, we must take this time to celebrate what this season is about; hope, joy and love! 'He is not here. He has risen!' is a verse from Luke 24:6 that opened the minds of the disciples allowing them to see that everything in the Bible leads to, and flows from, the death and resurrection of Jesus. In schools, it is simple practice to bestow upon children that acts of kindness are the easiest ways to personify Jesus's action and purpose. Perhaps as a family you can take them time to open a door, help a neighbor or simply share a smile.

In March, St. Paul students and staff participated in the Day of Ashes, a day not only representative of repentance but also a day marking the beginning of Lent. Every week we the students and staff partook in a Lenten service led by our students. Our Christian Action awards also acknowledged a theme of a similar strand; love! In April, we hope to return from the Easter Break fresh and enlightened as we head down the last stretch of 2023/24. There will be many exciting Parent Council events occurring as well as summative field trips and Mass visits throughout most grades. We ask that you stay informed by continuing to read SPACES, visit the school website and communicate daily about upcoming events with your child.

I hope you and your family can continue to spend quality time together and spread acts of kindness around your communities. Thank you once again for unwavering support and commitment to St. Paul.

God Bless,  
Mr. Ryan Myndio

### Up Coming Events:

- Easter Break April 1—5
- Green Shirt Day April 8
- Science in Motion April 9 & 10
- Grade 6 Retreat April 11
- Outdoor Ed Parent Meeting April 11
- School Council Meeting April 16
- Feast of St. Kateri Lunch April 17
- Christian Action April 18
- Hawaiian Day April 19
- Anti Bullying Presentation April 19
- St. Paul Parent Forum April 23
- Gr. 5/6 to Mass April 24
- Inside out/Backwards Day April 25
- Disney Day April 29





Welcome to April! Blue skies, sunshine and fresh air here we come! Hopefully winter is behind us and we look forward with hopeful hearts to Spring. As we wind our way through the month of April we are in the liturgical season of Easter. This season of Easter is filled with joy and light and dedicated to the Holy Spirit. We witness the workings of the Holy Spirit in the joy, courage and strength that is shared among us. The Holy Spirit inspires each of us with good ideas and urges us to carry them out. We have a responsibility to reach out to one another with love. In this month of new beginnings and renewal, let us keep in mind the words of Saint John Paul II, who said, "Do not be afraid. Do not be satisfied with mediocrity. Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." As we move forward with the school year, let us strive for excellence and not be afraid to push ourselves beyond what we think is possible. Let us put our faith in God and trust that He will guide us on our journey.

~Tina Delinte  
Associate Principal

## April Faith Focus

## Christian Action - *Justice*

The month of April is dedicated to Easter and the mystery of the resurrection of Jesus Christ which is a celebration of faith, the light of hope and the steadfastness of love.



This month we look for opportunities to demonstrate and practice patience, one of the Fruits of the Spirit.

Justice means that we deal fairly with others, recognizing the equality and dignity of all. It requires that we work to ensure that all people, especially the poor and the weak, have access to opportunities.

## Feast of St. Kateri—April 17 Hamburgers

St. Kateri Tekakwitha was the second indigenous saint to be recognized by the Catholic Church, after St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin. To honour her and her steadfast devotion to the Catholic Faith, we will be serving all students Hamburgers on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

All student will be provided lunch by the school; however, we will be accepting \$2.00 donations from April 8—April 17 which will all go the Lethbridge Food Bank.

The Lethbridge Food Bank is dear to our St. Paul Community for providing countless lunches to our kids through mindful munchies, and continues to support our families with their at home needs as well.

We appreciate all your support and are looking forward to the Feast of St. Kateri with our entire school!



# REGISTRATION

## Kindergarten & Grade 1 Registrations:

- ⇒ If your child turns **five (5)** by **December 31, 2024** he/she is eligible to enter Kindergarten in September of this year.
- ⇒ If your child turns **six (6)** by **December 31, 2024** he/she can register for Grade 1.

Registrations will be taken online only this year. For new registrations you can visit our website at: <https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/schools/registration> to get started! To ensure your registration is complete, please have a pdf copy of your child's birth certificate ready to upload.



**2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**



## Registrations Updates:

An email was recently sent to all parents/guardians providing details on the Registration Updates for the 2024/2025 School Year.

Alberta Education requires that this information be provided annually. It allows you to review and update the information currently on file for your child, renew any legal declaration, and update your preferences/consents. This update also allows our school to plan for the upcoming school year.

To start, you can log in to your Power School Parent Portal at: <https://holyspirit.powerschool.com/public/>

Once logged in, you will select SchoolEngage in the menu the incomplete forms for your student will be on the main page.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you do not remember your Username or Password, please call the office and we can assist you with that. 403-328-0611

Thank you all for taking the time to complete these Registration Updates!

## Running Club

Monday/Wednesday

After School

3:45–4:15pm

Starting Monday, April 8—Thursday, May 23.  
Permission forms available in the office; deadline Monday, April 15. All runs can be put towards the entries for the Little Souls Marathon, hosted by Runners Soul on Wednesday May 29, 2024. For more information or to register see their link:

<https://runnersoul.com/event/little-souls-kids-marathon/>



## STAYING CONNECTED

We have many ways for you to stay connected with us. Please check out our school website at [www.holyspirit.ab.ca/stpaul](http://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/stpaul)

You will notice on our home page it is easy to stay connected with Facebook or Twitter. Please give it a try!



Next School Council Meeting:

April 16, 2024 @ 6:30pm



# MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

**SAVE THE DATE!**

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**THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024**

St. Paul School Gymnasium  
1212 12 Ave N  
5:30 – 7:30 PM

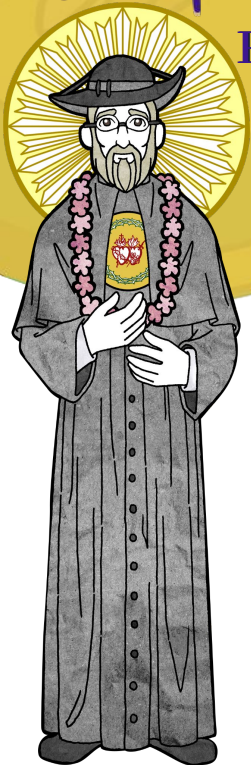
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*On Monday April 8 the school will be sending out registration forms for any families wanting to participate in sharing their culture. Participants will create a display of pictures, clothing, food, artifacts, maps, games, dancing and more!*

Families are encouraged to collaborate with other families of the same culture/ ethnicity.

# April Build!

## Pilgrims of Hope



*“He stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, ‘I do choose. Be made clean!’ Immediately his leprosy was cleansed.”*

- Matthew 8:3

### St. Damien of Molokai 1840-1889 (Feast Day: May 10)

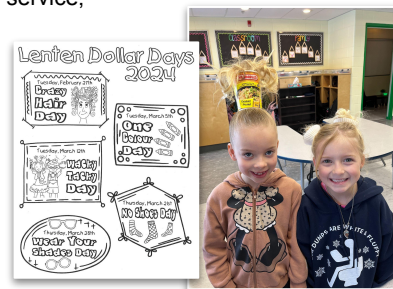
Joseph de Veuser was born into a farming family in Belgium in 1840. His family was very religious; he had an older brother who was also a priest and two sisters who entered religious life. He left school at the age of 13 in order to work on the family farm, but eventually joined the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary at the age of 20. This order was a missionary society that served the Pacific Islands, including Hawaii (which was not a part of the United States at this time). Taking the religious name of Damien, he took the place of his older brother on a mission to Hawaii in 1864.

At this time, Hawaii was struggling with a major health crisis, as newcomers to the islands had brought with them many diseases for which the people had no natural immunity. These included smallpox, cholera, and leprosy. In 1865, the Hawaiian King passed a law which mandated that those with leprosy were to be sent to the island of Molokai. About 8,000 people were eventually sent there over the next five years, but their lives were very challenging there.

It was during this period that Father Damien volunteered to attend to the people who had been sent to Molokai. He worked to build a church, and to improve the state and standard of living for the people there. He saw in each of the people their own human dignity, and served their spiritual needs as well. It was inevitable that by spending so much time in contact with leprosy, that Fr. Damien would also contract the disease. In 1889, after 16 years of service, he died amongst the people for whom he cared so deeply.

### “Building” In Our Schools

At St. Patrick School in Taber, students raised funds during their Lenten Dollar Days. Students donated a dollar to participate in dress-up days, like Crazy Hair Day seen here, with the proceeds going to the Chalice/St. Odilia project.



### Corporal Works of Mercy – Visit the Imprisoned –

Each year on Holy Thursday, as we begin the Triduum, one moving moment in the Mass of the Lord's Supper is where members of the congregation have their feet washed by the parish priest. This recalls Christ washing the feet of his disciples in John 13. In Pope Francis' tenure, he has each year done this as part of celebrating Mass at a local prison. In this, he is demonstrating to them that they are not forgotten, and that they are loved by God. To us, he is showing the importance of visiting those who are imprisoned. People may be imprisoned for many reasons, and without dismissing the suffering caused by those who commit crimes, all people retain their dignity as created in the image and likeness of God.

While it may not always be possible for us to visit actual prisons, we can ensure that we support the prison ministries of our own parishes, to pray for those who are imprisoned, or to write cards or letters that could be sent along to them. We might also stretch our own thinking, and ponder how we can support those who might be imprisoned by isolation, loneliness, fear, anxiety, depression, or hopelessness.

#### Pope's Prayer Intentions - For the Role of Women

Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world.

**For more Information:** [Works of Mercy](#)  
[6th Corporal Works of Mercy: Visit the Imprisoned](#)

### Catholic Social Teaching – Rights and Responsibilities –

Through the course of this year, we will look each month at one of the Catholic Social Teachings. The aim of Catholic Social Teaching is to shine the light of the Gospel on our contemporary world, allowing us as disciples of Christ to look at the world around us with new eyes, and to take action.

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities--to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

Learn more by watching this [video](#).



# Gospel Readings

April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday

## Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

“Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” — John 20:19

Today in the Church we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a day to remember that God is constantly pouring out his mercy to us at every moment of our lives. He isn't always happy with some of the choices we make, or the ways we turn away from him. But he keeps showering us with his love, forgiveness, and mercy, all the time. Today's Gospel reminds us of that mercy. Jesus could have been very upset with the apostles for abandoning and denying him. Instead, he gives them peace. He showers them with love and forgiveness...mercy. We are blessed to have a God who loves us so much!

What are some ways we can show mercy to others?



### Prayer:

*Dear Lord, thank you for loving us more than we can ever understand. Please give us the grace we need to live a life worthy of your gift of mercy.*

April 14, 2024

3rd Sunday of Easter

## Gospel Reading: Luke 24:35-48

“Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.” — Luke 24:38-39

When we feel alone or unable to handle problems, we often rely on our own strength. But Jesus wants us to return to him with all our heart and find the strength we need in HIM. The wounds he shows us in today's gospel remind us that he would do anything to help us. It's hard to let go because we want to be in control and do things our way. Sometimes we must be quiet to hear Jesus answer us and give us the love that will build our trust in him.

Are there times when you've turned to God and found comfort?  
Share these times with your family.

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### Prayer:

*Dear Lord, sometimes when I am troubled, it is easier to feel sorry for myself and turn to comforts instead of you. Please give me the desire I need to turn to you in those times to receive your great love and compassion.*

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



# Gospel Readings

April 21, 2024

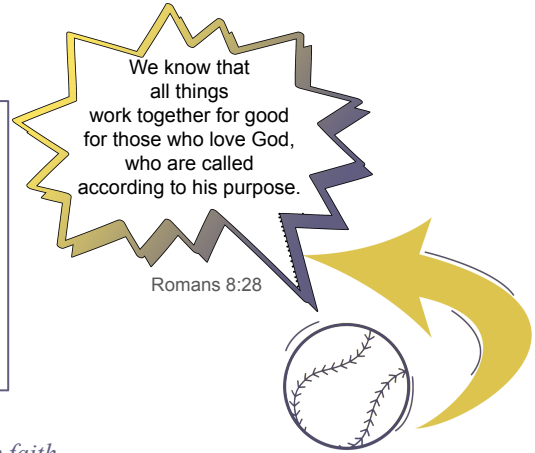
4th Sunday of Easter

## Gospel Reading: John 10:11-18

“He is the stone rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone.” — Acts 4:11

Life has a way of throwing us many curve balls. We think one thing is going to happen, and in the next moment it has gone exactly the opposite way. When we walk with the Lord these things can happen, too. Things look one way on the surface, but underneath God’s plan is bigger than what our own eyes can see. He often takes bad things and makes good out of them, if we allow him to. Jesus was a great example of this. His life looked like a failure. He came to spread love and forgiveness and was killed for it. But his death and resurrection became the foundation of the Church we are a part of over 2000 years later. Our God is amazing!

Can you remember a time when something seemed to turn out wrong, but later you realized that God’s plan was even better than what you had in mind?



### Prayer:

*Lord, thank you for always having the “big picture,” beyond what our eyes can see. Give us the faith to always trust in your plan for our lives.*

April 28, 2024

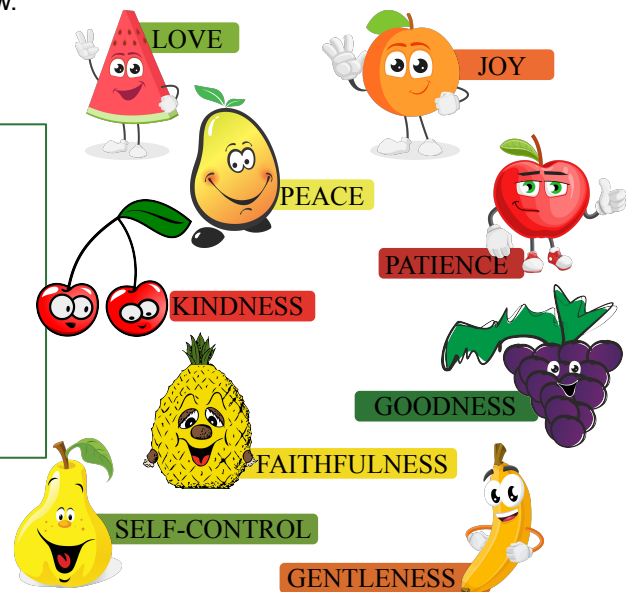
5th Sunday of Easter

## Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

“By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.” — John 15:8

Grapes grew all over Israel, so the people around Jesus knew all about grapevines. But for us, it may need a little explanation. When Jesus calls himself a vine, he is telling us that we are connected to him. Sometimes, vines need to be pruned so they will bear fruit. In the same way, Jesus needs to help us so we will grow and be able to produce more fruit. The kinds of “Holy Spirit” fruit Jesus helps us grow include love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Jesus shows us through our parents and teachers how to stay close to him and grow.

Pick one of the “Holy Spirit” fruits in the list above to work on this week. How can you grow some of that kind of fruit?



### Prayer:

*Lord, help me grow in the knowledge of how to live, so I can be filled with more love, joy, and peace. Help me to accept the guidance you give me.*

### Sources:

[Saint Damien of Molokai](#)  
[Stories of Saints : Leper Priest |](#)  
[St. Damien of Molokai](#)  
[St. Damien of Molokai | Catholic Saints \(FORMED\)](#)

[The Fruit of the Spirit Poster \(Children\)](#)  
[The Fruit of the Spirit Poster](#)  
[Growing Up Catholic Mass Transit Cards 2023-2024](#)



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



April

St. Damien of Molokai

Feast Day: May 10

“Turn all your thoughts and aspirations to heaven.  
Work hard to secure for yourself  
a place there for ever.”

St. Damien of Molokai, Pray for Us!

Come out & join the Boulet Family  
for the annual **FREE**  
**GREEN SHIRT DAY**  
**FAMILY SKATE**

CANADIAN TRANSPLANT ASSOCIATION

**GREEN SHIRT DAY**

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