



## **SEEDS OF FAITH: MASS 2018-2019 RESOURCE PACKAGE**

### **SEPTEMBER- Seeds of Faith**

God plants seeds of faith in every moment of every day, although often those seeds go unnoticed, falling on rocky ground or among the thorns. As a Catholic School community, we are blessed to learn and grow in an environment which allows seeds of faith to take root and together we can work to nurture and support those seeds as they grow.

Sometimes the seeds of faith that are planted are small, and to some may seem unworthy of attention, but as Jesus reminds us, even with faith as small as a mustard seed, nothing is impossible. When we cultivate that faith, actively tending to the needs of our spiritual lives, our roots grow deeper and our faith stronger.

### **OCTOBER- Eucharist: Source and Summit**

The Eucharist, “the source and summit of the Christian Life” (Lumen Gentium, 11), is the seed of faith which encompasses all that we are and believe as Catholics. It is the Word made flesh (John 1:14), Christ Himself, that nourishes the soul and allows Christians to become the soil which sustains the whole world (Synod of Bishops, The Eucharist: The Source and Summit of the Christian Life and Mission of the Church, 2). The gift of Christ, made present in the Eucharist, is the summit of our faith as it unites us as members of the one Body of Christ. It is also the source through which we are nourished and sustained to live out the life and mission of the Church.

Throughout this month of October, may our exploration and focus on the Mass, and in particular the Eucharist, remind us of its importance in our lives and in the life of the whole Church.

### **NOVEMBER- Liturgy of the Word: Prayers**

In the Liturgy of the Word we come together to hear the Word of God in the Scriptures. It is a celebration not simply of what God has said, but of what God is saying to us today, speaking to our hearts and souls.

It is a conversation and we are called to respond in prayer. The words and gestures we say and do at Mass are an expression to God of our belief in and our love for Him.

In the month of November, may we grow in our awareness of the words we say at Mass, taking time to reflect on what they mean and why we say them!

## **DECEMBER- Liturgy of the Word: Scripture**

Through the Scriptures, we are guided and instructed in faith and in how to live in right relationship with God, others, ourselves, and creation.

The Bible isn't meant to remain as words on a page; it is there for us to read, to reflect upon, and to live out in our daily lives. When we listen to the Scriptures at Mass, we are given the opportunity to listen to the words they contain and to reflect upon what they mean for us today as followers of Jesus.

The YouCat (Youth Catechism) describes the Bible as “a long letter written by God to each one of us.” As such, it is important that we read and reflect upon all of Scripture as a whole. It wouldn't make sense to read the first and last few sentences of a letter and assume that we got the whole message. When we attend Mass regularly, we are given the opportunity to take in the meaning and the message of the scriptures little by little, building upon what we heard the week before. In the month of December, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ, may we also take some time to renew and expand our knowledge of the scriptures, the story of our faith, and the message of God for the whole world, made present through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

## **JANUARY- Liturgy of the Word: Music**

In the month of January, we will explore the importance of music in liturgy. Sacred music is the beauty that invites prayer, it sets the stage for an encounter with Christ in the depths of our hearts. Music in the liturgy is intended to foster the full, conscious and active participation of all the faithful in the Church's public prayer. By joining our hearts and minds together, music calls us into greater unity with God and with one another as we sing and praise God with one voice.

Throughout the month of January, may we learn to use our voices and our instruments to praise God with joy in song.

## **FEBRUARY- Liturgy of the Eucharist: The Last Supper**

Jesus and his disciples ate a Passover meal together before His passion and death. The accounts of this meal, known as the Last Supper, provide the words and actions of Christ, when he instituted the Eucharist offering His Body and Blood under the species of bread and wine. When Jesus offered this Gift to His Apostles to eat and drink, he also commanded them to “do this in memory of me.”

Throughout the month of February, we will reflect on the words and actions of Jesus at the Last

Supper and His call to the Apostles, and in turn each one of us, to remember Him and His sacrifice every time we receive the Eucharist.

## **MARCH- Liturgy of the Eucharist: Consecration**

During the Liturgy of the Eucharist, the priest, acting in the person of Christ (*persona Christi*) proclaims the very words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper saying:

*“Take this, all of you, and eat of it, for this is my body, which will be given up for you” and “Take this, all of you, and drink from it, for this is the chalice of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in memory of me.”*

When the priest says these words, he is consecrating the bread and wine, and it is thereby truly transformed into the Body and Blood of Christ.

During the month of March, we will reflect upon this great mystery of our faith, and the profound words of Christ when He instituted the Eucharist.

## **APRIL- Liturgy of the Eucharist: True Presence & Adoration**

As Catholics, we believe in the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, that when the priest consecrates the bread and wine that they truly become the Body and Blood of Christ. Though they may still appear as bread and wine, with the eyes of faith we are called to believe that when Jesus said, “This **is** my body” and “This **is** my blood,” He meant it!

Throughout the month of April, may we reflect upon the incredible gift we have present in our Churches, the real and true presence of Christ with us and among us, and may we take the opportunity to spend time with Him in adoration!

## **MAY- Liturgy of the Eucharist: Communion & Community**

In the month of May, we will explore our call to be in communion with Christ and one another through the celebration of Holy Mass. When we come together to celebrate Mass, we are there not only to receive Christ in the Eucharist and to strengthen our relationship with Him, but also to grow and support one another as a community of believers. Together with the Communion of Saints, may we continue to build up the Kingdom of God in Heaven and on Earth.

## **June- The Church: The Body of Christ**

Through the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Eucharist, an inseparable union is shared between Jesus and all Christians. This union is so strong that it joins Christ and us like the head and members of the human body, and makes us one.

The leg is not a hand, and the eye is not an ear, but they are all members of the same body. In the same way we are all members of the Body of Christ that is the Church. With Christ as the head, we make up the Body of Christ using our own gifts and talents in our different roles to support and build up the Church. Let us always remember that the gifts and talents God has given us are for glorifying Him and serving our neighbour as members of the Mystical Body of Christ.

## DAILY PRAYERS

<b>TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 4</b>	Loving God, thank you for the gift of this school year. Bless all of the students and staff of _____ school and help us to always appreciate the opportunity to learn. Help us this year to nurture the seeds of faith that have been entrusted to each one of us and may we help one another to grow in our love and service to God and one another! Amen.
<b>WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 5</b>	Lord Jesus, You said to your disciples, “Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you.” Thank you for the gift of peace. Help us to work for peace in our daily lives, and help us to find peace by giving ourselves completely to you. Show us how to be people of peace. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, Amen.
<b>THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6</b>	Loving God, Thank you for our custodial staff, _____. They worked hard this summer to make our school a beautiful place for us to learn. May you continue to bless them for the work they do, and may you help us remember to always show them our appreciation. Amen.
<b>FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 7</b>	Dear Jesus, Thank you for our school secretary, _____. We know that all the members of our school community have different roles to play and our secretary helps to keep us all organized. Grant her/him patience, wisdom, and understanding throughout this school year, and remind us to thank her/him for all she/he does. In Your Name we pray, Amen.

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 10</b>	<p>Loving God, you are the best friend we can have. We ask today that you help us to be good friends to one another. Help us to be fair, kind, and unselfish. We pray in the name of Jesus, Amen.</p>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 11</b>	<p><i>Let us have a moment of silence to remember the anniversary of all those who suffered in the tragedy of 9/11. Today will be marked by many prayer services and vigils all over the world. We pray for those who still suffer from this event, for those who died, especially those who died helping others.</i></p> <p>Lord Jesus,  You said to your disciples, “Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you.” Thank you for the gift of peace. Help us to work for peace in our daily lives, and help us to find peace by giving ourselves completely to you. Show us how to be people of peace.  We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, Amen.</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 12</b>	<p>Dear God,  Help us to begin this school year with a renewed spirit of love and faith. When life’s challenges seem to overwhelm us, may we rely on your friendship and love. When our studies cause pressure and stress, may we feel the sense of calm that faith brings. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 13</b> <b>St. John</b> <b>Chrysostom</b>	<p>Holy Spirit, in Jesus we have the example of love and fellowship to follow as we create a community here at _____. Help each of us to follow Jesus’ example with faithfulness, determination, and joy. Amen.</p> <p>St. John Chrysostom...pray for us!</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 14</b> <b>Exaltation of</b> <b>the Holy Cross</b>	<p><i>Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We remember in a special way the sacrifice Christ made for us when he died on the cross.</i></p> <p>Let us take a moment now to pray in silence for all those who sick and suffering... (PAUSE)</p> <p>We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.  Amen.</p>

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 17</b>	Dear Jesus Help me tend to the goodness of my heart. Let my words reflect my heart's goodness in building other people up- not tearing them down. Let me be careful in choosing my words so that they serve only to honour you. Amen.
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 18</b>	Dear God, Let us remember today all leaders, especially those who guide the church and our schools. May you strengthen them, lead them, and give them wisdom and understanding as they work lead towards greater worship of you, our God. Amen.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 19</b>	Dear God, What great love you have given us. May we love as you would have us love. Teach us to be kind to each other, patient and gentle with one another. Help us to bear all things together, to see in our love, your love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 20</b> <b>St. Andrew Kim</b> <b>Tae-Gon and Paul</b> <b>Chong Ha-Sang</b>	Dear Jesus, may we take the time to remember all the things in our lives that we are grateful for. May we also make the time to especially thank the people in our lives who help us every day. And may we worship You with Thanks and praise. Amen St. Andrew Kim... pray for us!
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 21</b> <b>St. Matthew</b>	Loving God, may your presence in me create a ripple effect that touches the hearts of all my friends. May I be an instrument of your hands leading others closer to you through my words and actions. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen. St. Matthew... pray for us!

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 24</b></p>	<p>Loving God, Today we thank you for the gift of librarians. As members of our school community, librarians help us as we strive to learn and excel in our studies. Bless them, and grant them patience, understanding, and faithfulness as they serve our school community throughout this school year. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 25</b> <b>Sts. Cosmas and Damian</b></p>	<p>Lord, May all that we do this day, from morning until night, begin with your inspiration and continue with your powerful help. May our work this day be rooted in love and mercy, that we might love you, and love our neighbors, as perfectly as you love us. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. Saints Cosmas and Damian... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 26</b> <b>St. John De Brebeuf, St. Gabriel Lalemant and St. Isaac Jogues (Canadian Martyrs)</b></p>	<p><i>Today the Church honours the eight Canadian Martyrs who died between 1642 and 1649. All came from Europe in response to the call for missionaries to preach the Gospel to the aboriginal peoples and all showed great courage in life and in facing death. Six men were Jesuit priests and two were lay assistants. The Martyrs Shrine in Midland, Ontario was erected in their memory and is visited by thousands of pilgrims annually.</i></p> <p>Dear God, We are faced with many difficult challenges in our lives. Grant us sensitive ears that we may hear the quiet voice of your spirit guiding us. By the example of the Canadian Martyrs, may we be courageous and faithful members of your kingdom. Amen. Canadian Martyrs...pray for us!</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 27</b> <b>St. Vincent de Paul</b></p>	<p>Tender God, refuge of the poor, You filled Vincent de Paul with the strength of the apostles to work for the salvation of the poor. May we who follow the example of his life be driven by unceasing charity to continue the mission of Your Son in the world. Amen. St. Vincent de Paul... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 28</b></p>	<p>God our Father, You guide everything in wisdom and love. Accept the prayers we offer for our city, our province, and our country. In your goodness, watch over those in authority so that people everywhere may enjoy freedom, security and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>



<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 1</b> <b>St. Therese of Lisieux</b></p>	<p>God of all creation, as we begin our second month of school, we give you thanks for clouds and rain which help things grow. Thank you for rainbows, a sign of your never-ending Love. May we always honor you as our creator and loving God. Amen. St. Therese...pray for us!</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 2</b> <b>Guardian Angels</b></p>	<p>God of all creation, you've given us a world filled with beauty and hearts to see the depth of your love for us. We give you thanks for the sun and moon and stars. Teach us to worship You by giving thanks for all of creation. Amen Guardian Angels... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 3</b></p>	<p>Good and loving God, help us never take these gifts for granted. Help us stop and thank you each day for what we have. Help us be generous when we share our blessings, as generous as you are with us. Amen.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 4</b> <b>St. Francis of Assisi</b></p>	<p>Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; Where there is injury, pardon; Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope; Where there is darkness, light; Where there is sadness, joy.</p> <p>O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love; For it is in giving that we receive; It is in pardoning that we are pardoned; It is in dying to self that we are born to eternal life. St. Francis...pray for us!</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 5</b></p>	<p><b>PA DAY</b></p>

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 8</b>	<b>THANKSGIVING MONDAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 9</b> <b>St. Denis</b>	<p>Dear Jesus, you taught us to give what can't be bought or sold- gifts of the heart. Help us always give thanks for your gifts of compassion, kindness, forgiveness, mercy and grace. Amen.</p> <p>St. Denis...pray for us!</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 10</b>	<p>Dear God, you loved us so much that you gave us special people to love and care for us on Earth. Thank you for family members; for our parents and grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins and even our pets. May we always be thankful for our families who love us. Amen.</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 11</b> <b>St. John XXIII</b>	<p>Dear Jesus, you taught us to give what can't be bought or sold- gifts of the heart. Help us always give thanks for your gifts of compassion, kindness, forgiveness, mercy and grace. Amen</p> <p>St. John XXIII...pray for us!</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 12</b>	<p>God our Father, your truth is made known in your Word.  Guide us to seek the truth and teach us the way to love as you love.  Jesus, you embody Love and Truth.  Help us to recognize your face in the poor.  Enable us to live out our vocation to bring love and justice to your people.  Holy Spirit, you inspire us to transform our world.  Empower us to seek the common good for all persons.  Give us a spirit of solidarity and make us one human family.  We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen</p>

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 15</b> <b>St. Teresa of Avila</b></p>	<p>Dear Jesus, Thank you for teaching us that even though others hurt, by forgiving them we can let go of our anger and resentment. Your healing power can mend the hurt that is often left behind. Please strengthen us and give us a forgiving heart like yours. Amen St. Teresa of Avila... pray for us. Amen.</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 16</b> <b>St. Marguerite d'Youville</b></p>	<p>Loving God, Today is here. Help us not to worry about what happened yesterday or what will happen tomorrow, but to make the most of today. Help us to live one day at a time and not become so caught up in the past or the future that we cannot enjoy today. In your name we pray. Amen. St. Marguerite d'Youville... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 17</b> <b>St. Ignatius of Antioch</b></p>	<p>Merciful God, thank you for always being there to cheer us on. Help us be strong like Jesus. When temptation comes our way, help us turn away from sin and turn to you, our all-loving and all-forgiving Father. Amen. Ignatius of Antioch... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 18</b> <b>St. Luke</b></p>	<p>Dear God, help us teach others about Jesus in all we say and do. As St. Luke taught us through his actions, may we reach out to the poor and oppressed. Help each of us to be a voice for all those who have no voice. May our actions show the love, mercy, and forgiveness that you offer to all your people. Amen. St. Luke... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 19</b></p>	<p>Jesus, give me the conviction to believe in myself, to love myself, and to give of myself. I have many good qualities, so help me not to envy the qualities of other people or friends. Instead, help me to admire and respect those qualities, as I respect my own. Jesus, give me the confidence I need to be the best I can be to myself and to others.</p>

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 22</b></p>	<p><i>This Sunday is the Feast day of Saint Pope John Paul II who was our Pope for 25 years. His life was a constant prayer that lovingly embraced all peoples of the world, created in the image of God and therefore worthy of the greatest respect.</i></p> <p>O Blessed Trinity, We thank You for having graced the Church with Pope John Paul II and for the glory of the cross of Christ, to Shine through him. He has given us a living image of Jesus the Good Shepherd, and has shown us that holiness is possible. Grant that through the intercession of Pope John Paul II, we too may serve your Church as witnesses of Christ.</p> <p>We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.</p> <p>St. John Paul II... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 23</b></p>	<p>Dear God, help us to see today the wonderful gifts with which we have been blessed. Help us discover the hidden talents and skills we possess. May we recognize our potential and never underestimate all we can achieve. Help us continue to dream and explore and never give up! We ask this through Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 24</b></p>	<p>God of Light and Truth, thank you for giving me a mind that can know and a heart that can love. Help me to keep learning every day of my life, for all knowledge leads to you. Let me be aware of your presence in all things and at all times. Encourage me when work is difficult and when I am tempted to give up; encourage me when my brain seems slow and the way forward is difficult. Grant me the grace to put my mind to use exploring the world you have created, confident that in you there a wisdom that is real. Amen.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 25</b></p>	<p>Dear Jesus, Forgiveness feels good! It fills us with your grace and makes us more like you. Because we have been hurt, it is sometimes hard to forgive. We do things we're ashamed of and it's hard to forgive ourselves. Yet, you always forgive us. Help us to learn from our mistakes and forgive ourselves. Amen.</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 26</b></p>	<p>God, grant us the strength we need to overcome the difficulties we face each day. Let our disappointments become opportunities for growth. Through evil help us seek good and, through you, we may find eternal peace. Amen.</p>

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 29</b></p>	<p>Lord, we pray for the power to be gentle; the strength to be forgiving; the patience to be understanding; and will to always seek peace with one another. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 30</b></p>	<p>Dear Jesus, how can we better serve you today? How can we make your Word known to all whom we meet each day? May we gladly take every opportunity to bring your love and your peace to all people. Amen.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 31</b></p>	<p>Loving God, Today we will celebrate Halloween, the eve of All Saints Day. Help us to enjoy the fun of Halloween as a sign of your playful Spirit. May you watch over us and keep us safe. Amen.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 1</b> <b>All Saints</b></p>	<p><i>November is devoted to the souls in Purgatory. As we pray this month, we remember those who have departed.</i></p> <p>Dear Jesus, we have learned that Saints show us how to live. By following their lives in faith, we too can become saints on Earth. Help us to learn more about these special role models of faith so we may be inspired in our own lives as we strive to become all that You have called us to be. Amen. All saints in heaven... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 2</b> <b>All Souls</b></p>	<p><i>Today the Church celebrates All Soul's Day where we remember all the Faithful who have died. At the end of this morning's prayer you will recite an old and beautiful prayer said all Catholic funeral services. Each class is encouraged to memorize it and pray it for All Souls this month.</i></p> <p>Eternal God, You call all people to life with you after death. Today we remember the people we know who have died, especially the members of our (school name) family and pray that they are with you in heaven.</p> <p>Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen</p>

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 5</b></p>	<p>Most holy and loving God, the saints in heaven rejoice and praise You. Grant that we open our hearts to receive the graces we need to imitate these holy men, women and children as witnesses of Christ's peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 6</b></p>	<p>Loving God, you inspire us with love for all persons and concern for the well-being of all creation. Give us today the strength and courage to transform the compassion of our hearts into acts of peace, mercy, and justice. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 7</b></p>	<p>Loving God, We pray for all mothers and fathers who await the birth of their child, that you might fill their hearts with an ever-deepening love each day; We pray in your name. Amen.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 8</b></p>	<p>Lord and giver of all life, Help us to value each person, created in love by You. In Your mercy, guide and assist our efforts to promote dignity and value of all human life, born and unborn. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 9</b> <b>Dedication of the</b> <b>Latern Basilica</b></p>	<p>Jesus, We thank you for our grandparents and all our elders, those living and those with you in Heaven. May you give them strength of heart and mind as they journey closer to you. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.</p>

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 12</b>	God of Peace and Justice, guide our hands and hearts to make our world full of peaceful places, homes of hope and warmth, schools of safety and caring and a world where humans take their rightful place as nature's guardians. We pray in the name of Jesus, Prince of Peace. Amen
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 13</b>	Dear Jesus, even the littlest actions can help. Mother Teresa said we can do small things with great love. May we do so with her help and the help of You, our friend, through whom we make this prayer. Amen.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 14</b>	Heavenly Father, Look down and bless all of the parents and guardians of (School Name). Keep them in your loving care. Amen.
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 15</b>	Loving God, What great love you have given us. May we learn to love as you would have us love. Teach us to be kind to one another, patient and gentle with each other. Help us to bear all things together, and help us to grow in community in Christ our Lord. Amen.
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 16</b>	Dear God, The saints didn't give up faith in you even when life was hard or when sickness, poverty or hardship came their way. Instead they continued to love and worship you when problems came. Help us to become saints who never give up on you. Amen.

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 19</b>	Loving God, May we find strength through our faith to stand up for our beliefs and dedicate ourselves to showing love and mercy to others. Amen.
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 20</b>	Dear Jesus, you promise us the kingdom of heaven if we believe in you and follow your ways. Sometimes we're not good at doing this. Remind us to look to the saints as examples of how we can change be more faith filled followers of You, our friend and Lord. Amen
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 21</b> <b>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	Dear Father, thank you for the gift of the saints, true witness of peace. Help us live our faith just as they did. Help us use our hearts, minds and bodies to love and serve you and one another. Amen.  Blessed Virgin Mary... pray for us!
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 22</b> <b>St. Cecilia</b>	Dear Jesus, we look to the lives of the saints in learning how to worship You with love and service. Many of the saints had difficult lives and they were not always perfect, but they trusted in God and were rewarded for their faithful service. Amen.  St. Cecilia... pray for us!
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 23</b>	Dear God, we pray today to always listen to the Spirit. May our journey of faith move us towards a deeper and more committed relationship with You. May we avoid all those temptations that turn us away from you, and seek whatever brings us closer to You. Amen.



<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 26</b></p>	<p><i>Yesterday was the Feast of Christ the King. This week, we make an effort to glorify the King of kings by our actions.</i></p> <p>Christ be in our eyes and in our looking,  Christ be in our ears and in our listening,  Christ be in our hands and in our making,  Christ be in our minds and in our understanding,  Christ be in our hearts and in our loving.  Christ be in each one of us. Amen.</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 27</b></p>	<p>Dear Lord, we must put ourselves in Your hands. Help us have faith to know that You will always be with us and listen to our prayers. When we place our trust completely in You, we realize Your love for us. Fill us with faith in You. Amen</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 28</b></p>	<p>Dear God,  Thank you for the gift of Your word through the Bible.  May we be inspired as we read the Bible to study, to pray and to live out our call to be faithful followers of Your Son, Jesus. Amen.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 29</b></p>	<p>Almighty God,  You are the Light of the World grant us Your heavenly blessing. May the radiance of Your Light illuminate our hearts and brighten our home with the spirit of faith and love. Let the Light of Your Presence guide us.  Bless us also with Your Spirit, that happiness and peace may ever abide in us all  Amen.</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 30</b> <b>St. Andrew</b></p>	<p><i>On Sunday the Church begins a season of Advent- a time of waiting and preparing our hearts for the joyous season of Christmas, when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>Dear God,  People waited thousands of years for the Saviour. Sometimes it feels that long when we wait for something. Help us to wait patiently this Advent for the gift of your Son. Thank you for sending baby Jesus to light our world. May we be a light to others this Advent. We ask this through Jesus, the light of the world. Amen.  St. Andrew... pray for us!</p>

## FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 3</b> <b>St. Francis</b> <b>Xavier</b>	<p><i>December is devoted to Advent. Yesterday was the first Sunday of Advent, so as we begin to prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ, think about some of the ways that you are ready for Christ but also think about what God may be challenging you to strengthen or change.</i></p> <p>Dear Jesus, Whenever life pushes us down, help us to remember that hope can always be found, even in the most difficult of situations. Help us to be beacons of hope to one another as we begin our journey through advent. Amen. St. Francis Xavier... pray for us!</p>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 4</b>	<p>Lord Jesus, in this Advent season we wait eagerly for your arrival. Come fill us with your hope, your peace, your love, and your joy. Come, Lord Jesus, come! Amen.</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 5</b>	<p>Loving and gracious God, Through the prophets you told your people the wonderful things you have prepared for us when Jesus comes. Help us to be joyful people, lights in the darkness of our world. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 6</b>	<p>Most holy and loving God, in Advent we prepare for the coming of Jesus, our Saviour. Help us to prepare our hearts so that we may be faithful and holy followers of Jesus. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 7</b> <b>St. Ambrose</b>	<p><i>Tomorrow, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary, which highlights the Church's teaching that Mary was conceived without original sin.</i></p> <p>Dear Lord, your mother, Mary, had a long wait for You. She was unsure of what was in store, but from the moment of her conception she placed her trust in You. When we must wait, help us to wait as Mary did, with complete trust in You. And when our waiting is done, help us to accept the outcome with grace, just as Mary did. We ask this in Your Holy Name, Amen.</p> <p>St. Ambrose... pray for us!</p>

## SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 10</b></p>	<p>Life giving God, As we celebrate the light of Advent, we remember that it is Your Gift of Jesus to us that saved the world. Help us to continue to witness to Jesus' love by serving others, so that all may come to know of Your great love and forgiveness. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 11</b></p>	<p>Loving God, Grant us the light of Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is truth; and the all of Christmas, which is Christ! We ask this in the name of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 12</b> <b>Our Lady of</b> <b>Guadalupe</b></p>	<p>Loving God, Christmas is a time of giving, but sometimes we think it's more about receiving. Full us with your love this Christmas so we remember that this day isn't about toys or presents, but about <i>you</i>. Help us to realize that <i>Christ</i> is the most important part of Christmas. Bless us with the gift of giving. We ask this through your Son Jesus, the greatest gift ever given. Amen. Our Lady of Guadalupe... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 13</b> <b>St. Lucy</b></p>	<p>Dear Jesus, If I could look into that manger in Bethlehem, what would I see? Would I recognize the Son of God, or would I see only a child, given birth in stable. Help me, Lord Jesus, to see you for who you really are, and never to miss the extraordinary work of your divine hand in the midst of the ordinary. We ask this in your name. Amen. St. Lucy... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>DECEMBER 14</b> <b>St. John of the</b> <b>Cross</b></p>	<p>Holy God, it is time for us to have a break from school. We are excited and ready to spend time with our families and friends. Just as Mary and Joseph journeyed to Bethlehem for your Son's birth, many of us will be travelling too. Keep all of us safe. May we remember, in the midst of the gifts and special meals, that it is your Son's birth that we celebrate. Bring us back to school refreshed and ready for another term. We ask this in the name of Jesus, Emmanuel. Amen. St. John of the Cross... pray for us!</p>

### THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

<b>MONDAY DECEMBER 17</b>	God our Father, As we seek to know you more deeply through the Bible, grant us open eyes to see your word and will hearts to receive it. In your name we pray. Amen.
<b>TUESDAY DECEMBER 18</b>	Dear God, you've given the beautiful gift of faith to each of us. Help us welcome that gift and trust in you. When we're troubled, when we're afraid, when we're uncertain, or when we're worried, help us trust in Your word to guide us. Amen
<b>WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 19</b>	Dear Jesus, With St. Joseph as my loving Protector praying for me, strengthen my faith and give me peace that I might accept God's will for me no matter what the outcome. Amen.
<b>THURSDAY DECEMBER 20</b>	God of love, Father of all, The darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your Word that we may bring your life and joy to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen
<b>FRIDAY DECEMBER 21</b>	O gentle Jesus, grant that we may share with all our hearts in the mystery of your birth. Put into the hearts of all people the peace that we seek. Help us to live as one family, children of the same Father. Fill our hearts with love and gratitude for your infinite goodness, and bless us with Your peace. We ask this in your name, Amen.

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 7</b> <b>St. André Bessette</b></p>	<p><i>January is the month devoted to the Holy Name of Jesus.</i></p> <p>Lord, Thank You for a new day. Please go before me and clear the way. Thank You for protecting me. Thank You for guiding me. Thank You for loving me. Amen. St. André Bessette... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 8</b></p>	<p>Dear Lord, Help us see all our blessings, and help us bring hope to others. Guide us as we share Your Word and message of love, faith and hope with all we meet today. Amen.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 9</b></p>	<p>Dear Lord, help us to see Your presence everywhere in the gifts You have given us – in the air we breathe, the food we eat, the families we love, and the friends who support us. We pray through Jesus, our Lord. Amen</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 10</b></p>	<p>Dear Lord, we read in the Bible that throughout all the ages, people have turned from You and put faith in false things. When we are wrapped up in ourselves, help us to be faithful to You. Amen.</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 11</b></p>	<p>Loving God, give us the kindness to forgive others who wrong us. May we be humble and faithful in our service to you. May we try to act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with you always. Amen</p>

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 14</b>	<p>Dear Lord,  when we make things more important than you,  help us to be faithful to you.  When we doubt your presence,  help us to be faithful to you.  You alone have the words of eternal life. Amen.</p>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 15</b>	<p>Dear Lord,  When we have trouble in our families, we look for You. When those we love become ill, we look for You. When our friends leave us, we look for You. During all these times, we can find You through prayer, Sacred Scripture, and most especially in the Gift of Your Son in the Holy Eucharist. Amen.</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 16</b>	<p>Heavenly Father, you're the source of all hope.  With our lives centered in your Word, we look forward to walking a life of faith with Your son, Jesus. Guide us to live lives filled with the goodness you call us to live in. Amen.</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 17</b> <b>St. Anthony</b>	<p>Dear God, give us the strength to remain children of hope.  When things go wrong, make us strong. Fill us with the hope that comes only through Your Son. We ask this in the Most Holy Name of Jesus. Amen.  St. Anthony...pray for us!</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 18</b>	<b>PA DAY</b>

<p><b>MONDAY</b>  <b>JANUARY 21</b>  <b>St. Agnes</b></p>	<p>Dear God, you created a world reach enough to feed everyone. May I always be generous of heard and feed those who are hungry. May I always be willing to share what I have to help those around me. Amen.  St. Agnes... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b>  <b>JANUARY 22</b></p>	<p>God, fill us with Your Holy Spirit, Who gives life to the Church, so that we may live more perfectly as members of the Body of Christ. We ask this through Jesus, our Lord. Amen.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b>  <b>JANUARY 23</b></p>	<p>Dear Jesus, you know what it's like to be tempted. Sometimes peer pressure, TV and movies convince us to make bad decisions. Inspire us to turn to You and listen to Your word to guide us to make good choices in our lives. Amen.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b>  <b>JANUARY 24</b>  <b>St. Francis De Sales</b></p>	<p>Dear God,  From the story of Creation to the resurrection of Jesus, even to the present times, You have shown us Your amazing love for all of us. May we never fail to call upon You to seek Your will in our lives. Amen.  St. Francis de Sales... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b>  <b>JANUARY 25</b>  <b>Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul</b></p>	<p>Dear Jesus, You taught us that each of us is unique, yet equal in dignity, because we are all made in the image and likeness of God. Throughout Your earthly life, You gave us a perfect example of love and mercy. May we be like You and love others with goodness and forgiveness. Amen.   St. Paul...pray for us!</p>

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 28</b> <b>St. Thomas</b> <b>Aquinas</b></p>	<p>Loving God, help us remember that when we love others, we are one with You. May our love be a reflection of Your great care and compassion for us. We ask this through Jesus, our brother, who showed us how to love completely. Amen St. Thomas Aquinas... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 29</b></p>	<p>Dear Lord, how can we begin to know Your love? Perhaps the best way is to see the beauty of the world You created just for us. Thank you for the mountains and oceans, the sunsets and sunrises, the trees and flowers and all that reveals Your great love for us. Help us always care for Your creation as a sign of our love for You. Amen.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 30</b></p>	<p>May we always feel your presence and love, God of goodness. As we move through the day may we know that you are there for us and with us, every step of the way. We journey with you always at our side. We know that we can always turn to you and there is never need to hide. You offer forgiveness for all that we have done, and give us love and support. Amen.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>JANUARY 31</b> <b>St. John Bosco</b></p>	<p><i>February is the month devoted to the Holy Family. As we look to Jesus, Mary and Joseph a model, we call to mind our own families and pray for strength and healing.</i></p> <p>Dear Father, we are part of Your family of love. Help us know that the more love we give away, the more love we receive. When we love freely, we worship You and praise Your Holy Name. Amen.</p> <p>St. John Bosco... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 1</b></p>	<p><i>Tomorrow we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, when we commemorate the presentation of the infant Jesus in the Temple by Mary and Joseph 40 days after His birth. On this occasion, Simeon, whom the Holy Family encounters in the Temple, prophesied about Jesus, and the sorrow Mary would experience because of the suffering Jesus would go through later in His life.</i></p> <p>Almighty God, Mary's love for Jesus, even in the face of great sorrow, reminds us that love involves sacrifice, and often, suffering. Help us to be willing to make sacrifices for others and for You, so that we can grow in love and holiness all the days of our life. Amen.</p>



<b>MONDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 4</b>	<p>Dear God, sometimes we find love in the most surprising places and at the most surprising times. Help us to recognize those blessed moments when your love shines through the kindness of a classmate, the concern of a teacher; All moments of Your love. Amen.</p>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 5</b> <b>St. Agatha</b>	<p>Father, help us to be agents of Your love. Let Your love shine through us. We ask this through Jesus, Your Son, Who with You and the Holy Spirit, is Love. Amen.</p> <p>St. Agatha... pray for us!</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 6</b> <b>St. Paul Miki and Companions</b>	<p>Loving Father, help us to see Jesus in every person we meet, and help us to share the love of Christ by serving others, especially those who are most in need. Amen.</p> <p>St. Paul Miki and Companions... pray for us!</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 7</b>	<p>Jesus, you taught us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. This is not always easy, so we ask that You remind us to open our eyes to see You in each other; to know that You want us to love all that You love. Amen.</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 8</b>	<p>Dear Jesus, we pray for your help as we face challenges. Give us the strength to turn to you in prayer. May we never lose sight of your love for us. Amen.</p>

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 11</b>	<p>Dear Jesus, your light shines through those who serve You. Help us shine! Sometimes we want to do our will instead of Yours. Help us put our lives in Your hands so we can truly worship You through our work. Amen.</p>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 12</b>	<p>Loving Father, we thank you for the gift of our families who love us and care for us. May our families worship together as witnesses of You, our loving Father. Amen</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 13</b>	<p>Dear Jesus,  Lead me to make choices that bring you glory and allow me to experience the life you intended for me to live.  In your name we pray. Amen.</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 14</b>	<p>Lord, today it is our prayer that if we see someone in need, that we do the right thing, and give that person our time. We pray that we do this not just today, but every day. Amen.</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 15</b>	<b>PA DAY</b>

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 18</b>	<b>FAMILY DAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 19</b>	Loving God, When others are difficult to love, help us to see them through Your eyes. When we're difficult to love, help others to see You in us. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 20</b>	Dear Jesus, You called your disciples to leave everything behind and go forth to teach about You. That was very hard to do, but they did it because they believed in You and loved You. May our actions tell others that we are Your disciples. Amen
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 21</b>	Almighty God, from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed, kindle in the hearts of all the true love of peace. Guide with Your pure and peaceable wisdom those who make decisions for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility Your kingdom may go forward, till the earth be filled with the knowledge of Your love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whom we place all hope. Amen.
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 22</b> <b>Chair of St. Peter</b>	Dear Jesus, to be a true disciple means to humble ourselves and serve others with love. Jesus, you say we achieve greatness only through serving our neighbour. Help us do what we can to help others. Open our eyes to everyone around us so we might be called Your disciples. Amen. St. Peter...pray for us!

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 25</b>	<p>Jesus calls each of us to pick up our crosses and follow Him. So together let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us. Our Father...Amen.</p>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 26</b>	<p>Dear Father, teach us to love more completely by putting others needs before our own. Help us love our friends even when it might be hard. Teach us true charity, to love You above all things, and to love our neighbour for Your sake. Amen</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 27</b>	<p>Dear Jesus, You showed us Your limitless love through Your death on the cross, and You continue to show us Your love in the Gift of the Eucharist. Help us to respond to Your love by offering prayers and actions of love and adoration to you throughout our day. Help us to grow in love of, and in faith in Your Holy presence in the Eucharist. Amen.</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 28</b>	<p>Heavenly father, I am your humble servant,  I come before you today in need of hope.  There are times when I feel helpless; there are times when I feel weak. I pray for hope.  I hope for a better future. I hope for a better life.  I hope for love and kindness and I pray to be filled with your light from head to toe.  To know that all is right in the world, as you have planned, and as you want it to be. Help me to walk in your light, and live my life in faith and glory.  In your name I pray. Amen.</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>MARCH 1</b>	<p><i>March is the month devoted to St. Joseph who is a model father through his obedience to God and faithfulness to the Holy Family.</i></p> <p>Dear Jesus,  We make a special effort to pray every day. When we pray, we speak to God: we praise, worship and thank God for our many blessings. We also ask for forgiveness for any wrongs we have done. We know that as children of God we are specially loved, and we pray that we may continue to love like You as we seek to become stronger witnesses of our faith. Amen.  St. Joseph...pray for us!</p>

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>MARCH 4</b>	<p>Gracious God, strengthen us through your Spirit. Help us to do your work through our hands. Ground us with love through the gift of your grace. May Christ dwell in our hearts through our living a life of service. Amen.</p>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>MARCH 5</b>	<p>Loving God, show us the way of truth and light this Lent. May we approach the trials in our lives with strength of heart, open minds, fresh energy, and trust in your truth. Help us to find peace in your presence, clarity in your love and faith in your glory. We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, our teacher and guide. Amen.</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>MARCH 6</b>	<p><i>Today we observe Ash Wednesday, the first day of the season of Lent, during which we prepare ourselves for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord through Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving.</i></p> <p>Let us pray:</p> <p>God, during Lent we will sacrifice and give something up or take some on. Help us to discern our sacrifice as a challenge to grow spiritually over the 40 days of Lent. Amen.</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>MARCH 7</b>	<p>Dear God, in this season of Lent, allow Your light to shine on all of us, especially those who are feeling lost. May the light you shine on them help them to find their way back to You. May they use the light that You shine on them to bring others back to You as well. Amen</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>MARCH 8</b>	<p>Dear God, during these weeks of Lent, allow us to pay more attention to You and what you call us to do. Give us the strength to spend more time in worship, to succeed in our fasting, and to participate in almsgiving. Please make our hearts ready for Easter. Amen.</p>

**\*MARCH BREAK 11-15\*\***

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>MARCH 18</b></p>	<p>God of Light and Truth, thank you for giving me a mind that can know and a heart that can love. Help me to keep learning every day of my life, for all knowledge leads to you. Let me be aware of your presence in all things and at all times. Encourage me when work is difficult and when I am tempted to give up. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>MARCH 19</b> <b>St. Joseph,</b> <b>Husband of the</b> <b>Blessed Virgin</b> <b>Mary</b></p>	<p>Lord, we can't do anything on our own. We need Your help especially during Lent. Lord, allow us to rely not on our own understanding, but in Your ability to lead us. Help us to see You as our Shepherd and ourselves as Your sheep. May remembering You as our Shepherd help us to worship You throughout Lent. Amen.</p> <p>St. Joseph... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>MARCH 20</b></p>	<p>Holy Spirit, you promise a world where those who now weep shall laugh; Those who are hungry shall feast; Those who are poor now, and excluded, Shall have your kingdom for their own. I want this world too. I will act for change. Guide our hands and feet to do you will. Amen.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>MARCH 21</b></p>	<p>Dear God, When I stand at the beginning of a new day, bless me with vision to see the best of things to come; Wisdom to make good decisions; and most of all, faith that You are walking with me every step of the way. Amen.</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>MARCH 22</b></p>	<p>Thank You God for supporting me throughout the day. Grant that I may always turn to You in times of need and in times of thanksgiving. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.</p>

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>MARCH 25</b> <b>Annunciation of the Lord</b></p>	<p>God of goodness, God of surprises, Send angels of inspiration to guide and enlighten as you did Mary. Awaken us again to our true calling, our true mission: to walk with you on the paths laid out to us. Teach us to listen for you in every corner of our lives and to await your messengers in the most unexpected situations and conditions. We ask this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>MARCH 26</b></p>	<p><i>As Catholics we place all our hope in God, and we trust that he will keep all of his promises. This hope is what allows us to proclaim our creed as the people of God.</i></p> <p>Let us pray together the Apostles' Creed...</p> <p>I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>MARCH 27</b></p>	<p>Christ Jesus, We pray for world leaders; that they may use the power they have in the service of the poor; that they may seek opportunities to support workers, and create policies which show that they believe people to be more important than profit. Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. Amen.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>MARCH 28</b></p>	<p>Lord Jesus, continue to prepare our hearts during this week so that we will be ready to worship you at Easter. Keep us mindful that when Easter arrives, we should not just be thankful for the chocolates that we receive, but also for You giving Your life for us and rising from the dead. Amen.</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>MARCH 29</b></p>	<p>Lord, I know how much you love me. It's hard for me to feel it sometimes, but I know your love is always with me. Help me to use your love as a way to persevere in my Lenten intentions. I am weak, but I know with your help, I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you.</p>

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>APRIL 1</b></p>	<p>God who created me, You offer me new life through your Son and through the gift of your sacraments. While I see new life all around me, I don't always recognize the new life you offer me. Help me to grow this Lent in an awareness of the gifts you place in my life and in a greater appreciation for your care. Give me the courage to ask for help. Amen.</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>APRIL 2</b></p>	<p>Loving God, I hear your invitation, "Come back to me" and I am filled with such a longing to return to you. Show me the way to return. Lead me this day in good works I do in your name and send your Spirit to guide me and strengthen my faith. I ask only to feel your love in my life today. Amen.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>APRIL 3</b></p>	<p>Loving and merciful God, I am so aware of my sins and weaknesses. But as painfully aware of my faults as I am, Let me also remember your tender love, your gentle and limitless forgiveness. I come before you filled with pain and guilt but look into your eyes and see the forgiving love I so long for in my life. Help me to forgive the same way. Teach me to love as you love.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>APRIL 4</b></p>	<p>Merciful Father, I know that the sacrifices I make this Lent are small, but help me to make my whole life one of following your Son, Jesus. I am filled with your love. Let your love shine out from within me and guide my life in this sacred journey toward the Easter joy you offer me. Amen.</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>APRIL 5</b></p>	<p>My loving Lord, it's so hard to love the world sometimes and to love it the way Jesus did seems impossible. Help me to be inspired by his love and guided by his example. Amen.</p>



<b>MONDAY</b> <b>APRIL 8</b>	Loving Father, thank you for loving us so completely. You teach us that love is patient and kind, generous and compassionate, and that it is never rude or boastful. When it is hard to love like this, God, give us the courage and strength to be more loving. Amen.
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>APRIL 9</b>	<i>Our prayer this morning is simple. It is one that if prayed often will help  lead each of us to be greater witnesses of hope.</i>  Jesus I trust in you! Amen.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>APRIL 10</b>	Loving God, Help me to be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and ever faithful in prayer! Amen.
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>APRIL 11</b>	Dear Jesus, Help me to walk in your light, and live my life in faith, hope and love! Amen.
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>APRIL 12</b>	Loving God, When I am tired, you give me strength to go on. When I am discouraged, you give me hope. When I am afraid, you are my peace! Help me to always place my hope in you, my rock, my shield, my comfort. Amen.

## HOLY WEEK

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>APRIL 15</b>	As we continue to Journey through this season of Lent we remember the great sacrifice that Jesus made for each of us. He offered himself to show his love for us, so that we could be people of joy, knowing that we have the promise of eternal life. For this we give great thanks to God and prepare for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Amen.
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>APRIL 16</b>	Healing God, stretch out your hand and heal us. Shine your light on the darkness of sin in our world. Just as you brought Lazarus back to life, may your Word bring us new life. Amen.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>APRIL 17</b>	Dear God, in your plan of salvation your Son, Jesus, accepted the cross and freed us from sin. May we accept our crosses and help one another carry them. May our actions show love for our neighbor and love for God. And may we come to share in the glory of Jesus' resurrection. Amen.
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>APRIL 18</b> <b>Holy Thursday</b>	Jesus, You ask us to do many things for others and for ourselves, but only one thing for You – to participate in Mass. “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me” (Luke 22:19). May we make a special effort to celebrate Your presence at Mass. For this we pray, Amen.
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>APRIL 19</b> <b>Good Friday</b>	<b>Good Friday</b>

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>APRIL 22</b></p>	<p><b>EASTER MONDAY</b></p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>APRIL 23</b></p>	<p>May the celebration of resurrected life bring new hope to your being. May the victory over earthly death turn your eyes to the promises of heaven. May the empty tomb help you to leave your sorrows at the foot of the cross. So that God's hope, promises and forgiveness reign in your life forever. Alleluia! Alleluia! In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>APRIL 24</b></p>	<p>God made you and God made me, He made the world for us to see. God loves you and long ago, He sent his Son to tell us so. Jesus showed us many things, To love and share and dance and sing. To learn and pray, to help and care, He promised he'd always be there. He died but then came back to life, Let's celebrate for he's alive! Alleluia! Alleluia! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>APRIL 25</b></p>	<p>O Lord, Risen, alive, and full of grace. You paid such a price that we may live in freedom today. We worship your holy name and give thanks for your redeeming grace. Alleluia! Alleluia! In His name we pray, Amen.</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>APRIL 26</b></p>	<p>Holy Spirit, We welcome you to blow through our every word, action and thought. Come transform us on the inside so that each day we become more like our risen Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!</p>

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>APRIL 29</b> <b>St. Catherine of Siena</b></p>	<p>Loving God, I am grateful for all that you have done for me. Let people see by my faith that I have confidence in You. Help me to not be boastful or arrogant; let pride be far from me, and let humility be my witness. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.</p> <p>St. Catherine of Siena... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>APRIL 30</b> St. Marie de l'Incarnation</p>	<p><i>Sometimes when people are asked if they pray, they might respond by saying they don't have time. Making time for Jesus is very important because He gladly takes time to listen to us and wants to listen to us. Today we pray that we make time for Jesus.</i></p> <p>God, please help us to make time for You. When we spend time with You in prayer, may it help us to grow in our faith. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.</p> <p>St. Marie de l'Incarnation...pray for us!</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>MAY 1</b></p>	<p><i>The month of May is devoted to Mary. She is a role model to all of us because of her purity, love for her Son, and devotion to God's will.</i></p> <p>God, today we lift up all the prayers we hold in our hearts to you. Please help us to be patient in our prayers, to remember that you hear each one of our prayers and will respond to them the way you see best. Hail Mary... Amen.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>MAY 2</b></p>	<p><i>Did you know you can pray without speaking? We can actually pray by our actions. Anything we do in the name of Jesus is a prayer. If we help someone today because we think it would make Jesus happy, then it's a prayer. Today we pray that our actions can be a prayer given to Jesus.</i></p> <p>God, help each one of us to pray by our actions. May those around us see Jesus in how we act, and may this inspire them to pray in their own actions. Amen.</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>MAY 3</b> <b>Sts. Philip and James</b></p>	<p>God of Mercy, You have taught us that where two or three are gathered in Your name, You are here with us. You call us to grow in our knowledge of You, into relationship with those around us and with the world You have created. Deepen our faith as we walk together in understanding and hope. Lead us to a future that realizes Your kingdom of peace. May Your love continue to light the path we walk. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus, our brother and guide. Amen. St. Phil &amp; St. James... pray for us!</p>

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>MAY 6</b></p> <p><b>CEW Sub-Theme:</b> <i>Rooted in Prayer</i></p>	<p>(Please refer to this year's Catholic Education Week Resource Kit for this morning's prayer.)</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>MAY 7</b></p> <p><b>CEW Sub-Theme:</b> <i>Living in Community</i></p>	<p>(Please refer to this year's Catholic Education Week Resource Kit for this morning's prayer.)</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>MAY 8</b></p> <p><b>CEW Sub-Theme:</b> <i>Doing Justice and Creating Hope</i></p>	<p>(Please refer to this year's Catholic Education Week Resource Kit for this morning's prayer.)</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>MAY 9</b></p> <p><b>CEW Sub-Theme:</b> <i>Journeying Together in Faith</i></p>	<p>(Please refer to this year's Catholic Education Week Resource Kit for this morning's prayer.)</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>MAY 10</b></p> <p><b>CEW Sub-Theme:</b> <i>Sharing the Good News</i></p>	<p>(Please refer to this year's Catholic Education Week Resource Kit for this morning's prayer.)</p>

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>MAY 13</b>	<p><i>How did you celebrate your mothers, stepmother, grandmothers, aunts, godmothers and other special ladies who care for you and love you unconditionally?</i></p> <p>Dear Jesus, thank You for sharing Your wonderful mother, Mary, with all of us. Thank You for giving us a heavenly mother to help us with our problems. All we must do is ask for help. We ask this through You, who loved Your Mother with all Your being.</p> <p>Together let us pray, Hail Mary...</p>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>MAY 14</b> <b>St. Matthias</b>	<p>Lord, please help all of us to find a quiet time and place today where we can think about, and pray to You, and how we shared Your love today, with Your help. In this quiet time, please allow us to feel Your presence. Amen.</p> <p>St. Matthias... pray for us!</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>MAY 15</b>	<p>Dear Jesus, we know that all of us have the ability to pray and that You want to give us the gift of prayer. Please help us all to accept the beautiful gift of prayer and guide us as we seek to be greater witnesses of patience and prayer to one another. Amen.</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>MAY 16</b>	<p>God, help us to be confident in our prayers. When we feel like our prayers are too simple and not good enough, help us to remember that You are always happy to hear our prayers. Amen.</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>MAY 17</b>	<b>PA DAY</b>

<b>MONDAY MAY 20</b>	<b>VICTORIA DAY</b>
<b>TUESDAY MAY 21</b>	<p>Lord, I thank You for my peace;          For Your loving presence in my life;          For caring and supportive family and friends;          For earthly comforts generously provided;          For my good health and zest for living.          Remind me to share with the less fortunate. And should there come a time in the future when my life is not going as well, give me the grace to look back to today and remember with gratefulness that there is always hope, for a bright new tomorrow if I put my faith and trust in You.          Amen.</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY MAY 22</b>	<p>Dear God,          I know that you have a great plan for my life. Grant me patience to hear your voice, and knowledge to know when it comes. In your name we pray. Amen.</p>
<b>THURSDAY MAY 23</b>	<p>One of the most difficult forms of prayer is that of silence - practicing the presence of God. Today let us try recognizing God's presence, listening to His words instead of speaking our own.</p> <p>Let us quiet our hearts and minds to hear the voice of God.          (moment of silence)...in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.</p>
<b>FRIDAY MAY 24</b>	<p>Dear God, we pray for everyone in our school. We pray for the staff and for all the students. May you allow all of our gifts and talents to shine today as we seek to witness of our faith to one another.          In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.</p>

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>MAY 27</b>	<p>Dear Jesus, today as we learn and go about our day, please help us to be responsible in our words and actions. Please give us the gift of responsibility and allow us to use it with the talents you have given us. Amen.</p>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>MAY 28</b>	<p>Holy Spirit,  Help me to open my mouth, in the right time and way, to share my faith with those I love. Grant me the courage to stand up for what is right, even if sometimes it feels like I am standing alone.  In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>MAY 29</b>	<p>Dear Lord, we thank you for those friends in our lives that inspire us to think of You. Please help us to be a gift to others in both our words and actions in hope that they bring worship to You. Amen.</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>MAY 30</b>	<p>For flowers that bloom about our feet,  For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet,  For song of bird, and hum of bee,  For all things fair we hear or see,  Father in heaven, we thank Thee!</p> <p>For blue of stream and blue of sky,  For pleasant shade of branches high,  For fragrant air and cooling breeze,  For beauty of the blooming trees,  Father in heaven, we thank Thee!</p> <p>God of creation be with us today. Amen.</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>MAY 31</b> <b>The Visitation of  the Blessed Virgin  Mary</b>	<p><i>Today the Church celebrates Mary's visit to her relative Elizabeth, who, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to Mary, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy" (Lk 1:42-43). May we never hesitate to turn to our Mother, Mary, who brings our prayers to her Divine Son. And, like St. John the Baptist, may our souls leap for joy in the presence of Christ.</i></p> <p>Let us now pray together the Hail Mary. Hail Mary... Amen.</p>



<b>MONDAY</b> <b>JUNE 3</b>	Lord, we thank you for every gift and talent that is present in this school. May you open our eyes to new gifts and new talents that You want us to discover. Help us to not be afraid in trying new things through You. Amen
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>JUNE 4</b>	Lord, Teach me to be patient with life, with people, and with myself. Sometimes I try to hurry to much, and I push for answers before the time is right. Teach me to trust your sense of timing rather than my own, and to surrender my will to your greater and wiser plan. Amen.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>JUNE 5</b> <b>St. Boniface</b>	Dear Jesus, today we ask You to help us be humble, modest and not to brag about the gifts that you have given us. When we brag about the gifts and talents you have given us, it is far from an act of worship. Please help us to use our gifts and talents to do only good things. Amen.  St. Boniface... pray for us!
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>JUNE 6</b>	<i>On Sunday the Church celebrates Pentecost, the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and sent them to go forth and proclaim the good news to all the nations.</i>  Come, Holy Spirit, and make us Pentecost people. Let your wisdom and right judgment guide our decisions and temper our impulses. Let knowledge and understanding increase our empathy and compassion. Let reverence and awe fill us with gratitude and respect for all of creation. Give us the courage to witness boldly to our faith in word and deed. Through and with and in Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>JUNE 7</b>	<b>PA DAY</b>

<p><b>MONDAY</b> <b>JUNE 10</b> <b>Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church</b></p>	<p>Lord, today we pray that we can use the gifts and talents you have given us to the best of our abilities. May our gifts and talents comfort those who are uncomfortable, and help those who don't know You. Amen.</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b> <b>JUNE 11</b> <b>St. Barnabas</b></p>	<p>Thank you God for the gift of our teachers! By their hard-work, patience, prayers, and encouragement we have grown academically &amp; spiritually. By their presence each day they witness for us the love you have for all of your children. Keep them safe this summer and grant them rest and renewal for the coming year. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.</p> <p>St. Barnabas ... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>JUNE 12</b></p>	<p>Holy Spirit, There are some of us who have talent in speaking and others who are unafraid to get up in front of a crowd and talk. There are also those that are shy. We ask You to bless our lips with words that will only be gifts to others as we serve as witnesses of your great love. Amen.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b> <b>JUNE 13</b> <b>St. Anthony of Padua</b></p>	<p>Dear God, Today if we see someone having a rough day, help us not to simply walk by, may we smile and give them the gift of our time. Please help every little thing we do to have a positive impact on the lives of those we meet. In your name we pray. Amen.</p> <p>St. Anthony... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b> <b>JUNE 14</b></p>	<p><i>On the weekend we will celebrate Father's Day.</i></p> <p>God, we thank you for the gift of being our heavenly father. Thanks for our dads, stepdads, grandpas, uncles, and godfathers. Help us to always view You and these people as tremendous gifts in our lives. Amen.</p>

<b>MONDAY</b> <b>JUNE 17</b>	<p>Lord, we thank You for the gift of life. We thank You for the gift of ourselves, and pray that we can be a gift back to you. Amen.</p>
<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>JUNE 18</b>	<p>Lord, we thank you for each graduating Grade 8 student. Help each one of them to use their gifts and talents daily, and to discover new ones. Through their witness may they inspire others to worship You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.  (School patron)...pray for us!</p>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>JUNE 19</b>	<p>Lord,  May you help us to contribute our gifts and talents today at school, in the classroom, in the hallways, on the playground, and outside the walls of this school as we represent our faith and school community. Amen.</p>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>JUNE 20</b>	<p>Lord, joy is a gift meant for sharing, to spread warmth and happiness around. Bless me with a cheerful heart that looks at the bright side of life. Bless me with a cheerful disposition, with a ready smile on my lips to bring new life, hope and courage to the hearts of the weary and overburdened. A smile costs nothing but creates much for it is something of no good to anyone till it is given away. Should I meet someone too tired to smile let me give him one of mine for nobody needs a smile so much as someone who has none left to give.  In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.  St. Aloysius Gonzaga...pray for us!</p>
<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>JUNE 21</b> <b>St. Aloysius</b> <b>Gonzaga</b>	<p>Loving God,  We thank you for all your gifts to us: for making us, for saving us in Christ, for calling us to be Your people.  As we come to the end of the school year, we give You thanks for all the good things You have done for us.  We thank You for all who have shared in the work of our school this year and we ask You to bless us all in Your love as we continue to serve as your witnesses!  We offer this prayer, O God, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.  St. Aloysius...pray for us!</p>

<p><b>MONDAY</b>  <b>JUNE 24</b>  <b>Nativity of St.</b>  <b>John the Baptist</b></p>	<p>Lord, thank You for friends  Who warm my life with their smiles  Who make life worthwhile  Who carry me when courage fails  And comfort me when I am sad.  May you bless them and keep them safe all summer long.  In your name we pray. Amen.  St. John the Baptist... pray for us!</p>
<p><b>TUESDAY</b>  <b>JUNE 25</b></p>	<p>Dear God,  Thank you for our teachers, our librarian, custodian, support staff, and principal. Thank you for giving them the gifts and talents they need to help each of us grow and learn. May you bless them for all they do and help me today to show them how much we appreciate them.</p> <p>Christ, our teacher, in your name we pray. Amen.</p>
<p><b>WEDNESDAY</b>  <b>JUNE 26</b></p>	<p>God of wisdom, we thank you for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year. We praise you for giving us life, for saving us in Christ, and for choosing us to be your people. Bless and keep us all summer long until we are together again.  In your name we pray. Amen.</p>
<p><b>THURSDAY</b>  <b>JUNE 27</b></p>	<p>Loving Father,  The list of blessings over this past year is endless. We thank you for all the many ways you have graced us, with friendships, with challenges, with joy and even through sorrow.</p> <p>Be with all of us through these summer months, that it may be a safe time of rest and relaxation.  Amen.</p>
<p><b>FRIDAY</b>  <b>JUNE 28</b>  <b>The Most Sacred</b>  <b>Heart of Jesus</b></p>	<p><b>PA DAY</b></p>