




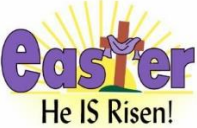




April 2022

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3  Fifth SUNDAY IN LENT	4 STEAM day Panago Pizza Night	5 Plant fundraiser begins 	6	7 Lenten Mass - 12:05 Assumption Church 	8	9
10  Palm Sunday	11	12	13 School council meeting 7:00 pm	14	15  good Friday	16
17  Easter He IS Risen!	<div style="border: 2px solid black; padding: 10px; background-color: #d8bfd8;"> <h2 style="margin: 0;">E A S T E R B R E A K</h2> </div>					23
24	25	26	27 Grade 6 retreat Assumption Church Board Meeting 6 pm	28 Career Day Assembly Hot lunch Lakeview Bakery	29	30 <div style="border: 2px solid brown; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Last day to order plants is Tuesday, May 3 </div>



E WASTE COLLECTION APRIL 25 - APRIL 28
 DROP OFF AT THE FRONT OF SCHOOL



APRIL NEWSLETTER

CALDER'S COMMENTARY

Lent has been a time of reflection and we are looking forward to the celebration of Easter; the resurrection, and the risen Lord.

It is a time to rejoice and sing praise. We celebrate all that Jesus sacrificed for us and welcome spring; new life; renewal; and joy. This is a season to continue with gratitude and grace.

We can be certain that the Resurrection is a fact that has happened: The Risen body of Jesus Christ has become present in us, the body of Christ. Nothing else could possibly explain what kept those disparate people - the first disciples - together in the days and years that followed Christ's death. It was not some idea or ideal that unified them; it was the event of Christ's presence in their midst. Even when threatened by perils and persecution, the early Church stayed together because of the undeniable fact that the risen Jesus had made himself present bodily to his followers in all their weakness, confusion and fear. He drew forth from them Holy Communion. Only the bodily resurrection can effect such a miracle of unity, courage and fidelity.

Fr. Peter John Cameron, O.P.
Jesus, Present Before Me

(From: Living Faith: LENT: Daily Catholic Devotions based on Mass Readings for Year A)

We are so thankful to be revisiting loved activities this spring. We have begun celebrating our liturgies together again as well as joining together for our monthly assemblies. What fun! I was reminded of all the joy that being together brings as we traveled to St. Francis Junior High as a whole school community to enjoy their production of Beauty and the Beast. The excitement of the young students in simply riding the school bus was amazing to see. Many of the activities we once took for granted are being done for the first time by many of our young students. The delight they clearly have is exactly why we look to provide as many learning experiences as we can.

As we approach the final months of our school year, the Easter season reminds us to renew our dedication to our students and our community. There continues to be a true sense of HOPE at OLA.

TOGETHER ON THE JOURNEY

April brings an end to the season of Lent and introduces us to the joy of the resurrection, reminding us that like Jesus, we will have pain during our time on Earth, but that we have a joyful reunion with Our Father in Heaven awaiting us at the journey's completion. May these final weeks of Lent bring holiness and blessings upon you all!

During March, we witnessed worldwide upheaval, and our students were aware of the conflict in the world around us. We heard many prayers for peace as we walked with St Patrick, reminding us that near or far, we are all one body in Christ.



people.

In April, we turn to Saint Kateri, known as Lily of the Mohawks. She has a special place in our hearts as the first Indigenous person in North America to be named a Saint. Saint Kateri is less well known than saints such as Patrick of Paul, but she serves as a model of faith, turning her back on demands that she marry or leave the path to which God was calling her without ever abandoning her culture and love of her

Saint Kateri reminds us that we can find and practice faith no matter our circumstances. The mass held a special place in her heart (later in her life, she would attend twice daily, and identified with St John Vianny's quote that "if we really understood the mass, we would die of joy"). In her youth, though, she relied on crosses made out of twigs to help her pray. She shows that God is everywhere and always reaching out to us in love and patience.



PRAYER TO ST KATERI

God of all creation, our hearts are filled with gratitude and praise for you. In beloved St. Kateri you have found gentleness and peace. In her you have heard once more "Jesus, I love you". In St. Kateri Tekakwitha you have given your Church a new maiden of the Gospel for your Son.

Kateri did not allow her youth to be an excuse for not embracing a profound personal piety and spreading the Good News. May we be similarly inspired to be so devoted, to take the Gospel message far and wide, even when burdened with our own personal suffering.

We ask this prayer in your holy name. Amen.

REGISTRATION UPDATES

Emails have been sent to all parents/guardians asking for everyone to complete the registration update form.

Alberta Education requires that this information be provided annually. This update allows us to make sure the information on file is accurate and that any legal declarations, preferences and consents are renewed. This also allows us to plan for the upcoming school year.

Please take the time to complete this form. If you are having difficulties, can't remember your user name or password, please contact us at 430-327-5028 and we will be happy to assist you.



BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE 2022-2023

With the loss of BLAST here at OLA during COVID, we have been looking into alternatives for families for before and after school care. We have been approached by the **Boys and Girls Club** and they indicated that they will likely be able to provide care for OLA families for the **2022-2023** school year. Please see the attached flier regarding information. As more information becomes available, we will share it with you. Should you have any questions or wish to share your interest, please contact Mrs. Calder via email at calderm@holyspirit.ab.ca.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1b95L0Ln9c9gypbh-vau9PW7XbHls3pX9/view?usp=sharing>

MAKER SPACE

We are looking to restock a few items in our maker space. If you have corks, paper towel rolls, toilet paper rolls, cereal boxes, shoe boxes and egg cartons in your recycling we will gladly take them off your hands.

SCIENCE FAIR

Congratulations to all 26 participants in OLA's Science Fair; a lot of time and commitment goes into putting together a project. Thank you to Mrs. Baptista and Mrs. Calder for their guidance and organizing the event. Also, thank you to Mrs. Ellefson, Father Derek and Kevin He for judging.

And the winners are:

Grade 6 –

1st: Riona & Kelsey – 'Five Second Rule; True or False'

2nd: Yumi & Queenie – 'Which gum lasts the longest?'

3rd: Hailey – 'Solar System'

Grade 5 –

1st: Olivia, Madelin & Brendan - 'How Much Fizz Will Flow?'

2nd: Juliana – 'Slime'

3rd: Akon, Princess & Brooklyn – 'Our Fake Crystals'

Grade 4 –

1st: MacKenna – 'Soap vs Sanitizer'

2nd: Lochan & Tejiri – 'Lounge Chair; fails and successes'

3rd: Katie, Abby & Lily – 'Hand-made Car'

Good luck to all who entered the 2022 Virtual Lethbridge Regional Science Fair.

E-WASTE COLLECTION APRIL 25 – 28

The grade 5 class at OLA will be collecting E-Waste from April 25-28. Bring your E-Waste to the front of OLA and drop it off in the bin. We will be collecting small appliances (irons, shavers, clocks, etc.), power tools (drill, grinder, etc.), audio visual (headphones, CD player, DVD player, etc.), printers. For a complete list go [E-Waste Recycling](#). Thank you for your support. If you have any questions email baptistac@holyspirit.ab.ca

SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER 2022

Spring is in the air and it's time to start thinking about plants! This year the Grade 6 class will be putting on the Spring Plant Fundraiser to raise money for their farewell activities, including a day trip to Calgary! We will again be using Growing Smiles as our plant provider. They provide beautiful, high quality plants with over 20 years of experience.

Order forms and information will be sent home on Tuesday, April 5th. All orders will be placed online through the OLA Growing Smiles Fundraiser website.

ORDERS ARE DUE Tuesday, May 3rd.

Pick-up is scheduled for Wednesday, May 18th right in time for the May long weekend.

Thank you in advance for your support!





“Share the Mission” Award Call for Nominations!

Nominations are now welcome for Holy Spirit Catholic School Division’s “Share the Mission Award.” This prestigious award recognizes community members, parents, students, and school staff who have:

- Offered outstanding or long term service for the benefit of our students;
- Accepted demanding challenges and set new standards for the rest of us to follow;
- Contributed, through action and deed, to the Catholic atmosphere of our schools;
- Demonstrated involvement and leadership in community / parish organizations;
- Reflected the Mission Statement of the Holy Spirit School Division in all actions:

*We are a Catholic faith community,
dedicated to providing each student
entrusted in our care with an education
rooted in the
Good News of Jesus Christ*

*Guided by the Holy Spirit, in partnership
with home, parish and society,
our schools foster the growth of responsible
citizens who will
live, celebrate, and proclaim their faith.*

*Our Catholic faith is the foundations of all
that we do.*

If you know of an individual or group deserving of the “Share the Mission Award,” please forward their name to Rhonda Kawa at kawarh@holyspirit.ab.ca by June 10, 2022.

Nomination information is accessible on the division’s website at:

https://www.holyspirit.ab.ca/board_administration/board_of_trustees/share_the_mission_award



All Saints

Roman Catholic Parish

The Paschal Triduum

The Sacred Triduum refers to the celebration at the close of Holy Week. It begins with the evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday, reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes on Easter Sunday.



We have confirmed the use of Catholic Central East for the celebration of the Easter Triduum.

CCH East campus: 405 18 Street South
Please use the south entrance on 5th Avenue.

Holy Thursday - April 14 at 7:00 p.m. at CCH East

The Altar of Repose

at Assumption with Adoration until midnight.

Good Friday - April 15 at 3:00 p.m. at CCH East

Easter Vigil - April 16 at 8:00 p.m. at CCH East

Mass at Dawn - April 17 at 7:30 a.m. at St. Basil’s

Easter Sunday - 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. at CCH East

There will be no 6:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

April

Together on the Journey

"I reckon that the sufferings of this time are not worthy to be compared with the glory to come, that shall be revealed in us."

Romans 8:18



St. Kateri Tekakwitha

School: Father Leonard Van Tighem



ST. KATERI

St. Kateri was born in 1656 in what is today the state of New York. Her mother had lived with French settlers near Trois-Rivieres, Quebec, and had become Christian. When Kateri was young, smallpox struck her village. She lost her family and was scarred as a result, with her eyesight also severely affected. Her community was visited by the Jesuits, and she would meditate often on their teachings.

At the age of 19, Kateri was baptized by a Jesuit missionary. St. Kateri prayed and fasted deeply, and had a special dedication to Mass and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Eventually, St. Kateri moved to what is today Kahnawake, Quebec. She refused marriage in order to dedicate her life to God. While there, she received her first Communion in 1677, and served her new village by teaching prayers to children, attending daily Mass, and watching over the elderly and sick. She died in 1680, just before her 24th birthday.

Many healings are attributed to Kateri's intercession. One noteworthy miracle involves a young boy from Washington state who was healed from a flesh-eating bacteria in 2012.

The Eucharist

"Take; this is my body."

Mark 14:22

The presence of Christ in the Eucharist is real, true, and substantial.



"Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love."
(St. John Paul II, Dominicae cenae, no. 3)

"It is called Eucharist, because it is an action of thanksgiving to God."
(CCC, no. 1328)

Eucharist "makes present the one sacrifice of Christ the Savior."
(CCC, no. 1330)

The Holy Eucharist is a sacrament and a sacrifice. In the Holy Eucharist, under the appearances of bread and wine, the Lord Christ is contained, offered, and received.

The word "Eucharist" means "Thanksgiving." Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper with his disciples, the night before He died. He took bread, blessed and broke it, and giving it to His disciples, said: "Take and eat; this is My body;" then He took a cup of wine, blessed it, and giving it to them, said: "All of you drink of this; for this is My blood of the new covenant which is being shed for many unto the forgiveness of sins;" finally, He gave His disciples the commission: "Do this in remembrance of Me."
(Luke 22:19)



Click [here](#) for a copy of *Adoration for Youth*.
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April

Together on the Journey



St. Kateri Tekakwitha

School: Father Leonard Van Tighem

Feast Days and Celebrations April 2022

- 3** 5th Sunday of Lent
- 10** Palm Sunday
- 14** Holy Thursday
- 15** Good Friday
- 16** Holy Saturday
- 17** Easter Sunday
- 17** Feast of St. Kateri Tekakwitha
- 18** Easter Monday
- 24** Divine Mercy Sunday

As you journey with St. Kateri this month...

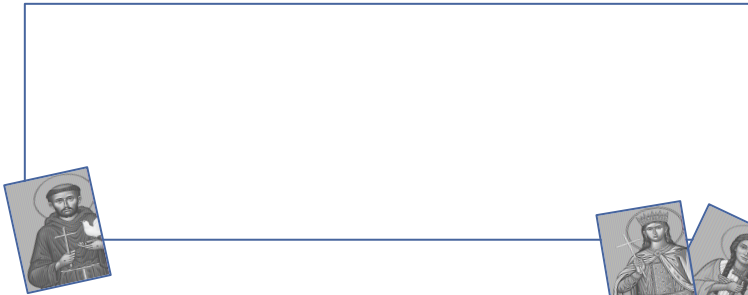
WEEK ONE

Kateri may have had fond memories of her prayerful Catholic mother and the stories of faith that her mother shared with her in early childhood. These would have remained indelibly impressed upon her mind and heart and were to give shape and direction to her life's destiny. Thank God today for the person who first showed you the love of Jesus.



WEEK TWO

At baptism, Tekakwitha took the name Kateri, after St. Catherine of Siena. Is there a saint that you identify with? Ask them (the saint chosen for you at your baptism and the saint you may have chosen at your confirmation) to pray for you. Maybe get a prayer card with that saint and pray the prayer on the back each day.



WEEK THREE

St. Kateri is sometimes known as the Lily of the Mohawks. Lilies are also associated with Easter. The Easter lily has traditional and spiritual meaning. Mentioned many times in the Bible, the white lily symbolizes purity, rebirth, new beginnings and hope and is most often associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ as observed on Easter. Take a walk today and look for the beauty of God reflected in nature as we celebrate the resurrection.



WEEK FOUR

Kateri was taken home to be with Jesus just before her 24th birthday. Her last words were, "Jesus, Mary, I love you." Fifteen minutes after her death, her smallpox scars disappeared and her face took on an incredibly beautiful appearance. The beauty of Kateri's soul shone through her body. What are the priorities in your life? Do you pay as much attention to the beauty of your soul as to the beauty of your body? Pray this prayer...

Dear God,
Please help me have the courage to let the light of Jesus shine brightly, no matter what is going on around me. I want to be a light for you, and honour you in all that I do.
Amen

Sources: *Daily Lessons from the Saints* by Fr. Brice Higginbotham
[Lily of the Mohawks, Saint Kateri Tekakwitha](#)
[Saint Kateri Tekakwitha](#)
[Q&A On the Eucharist](#)
[What is the Eucharist?](#) United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



Sunday Gospel Readings

April 3rd/5th Sunday of Lent
John 8:1-11

April 10th/Palm Sunday
Luke 22:14-23, 56

April 17th/The Resurrection of the Lord
John 20:1-18

April 24th/Divine Mercy
John 20:19-31

OLA School Council News

April 2022

Upcoming Events:

- Next hot lunch will be on April 28th provided by Lakeview Bakery .
- Proceeds will go towards school field trips (both virtual and in person), various student activities and events such as sports day and theme days.

Happy Easter!

Fundraisers:

- Panago Pizza Night, North location only, on April 4th - 15% of all pizza orders purchased that day will be donated to OLA.
- Ability Bottle Depot - North and South Locations - You can donate a portion or all of your recyclables to OLA.
- Fundraiser proceeds will go towards school field trips (both virtual and in person), various student activities and events such as sports day and theme days.

Thank You

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus #5726 for paying for and preparing the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Breakfast!!



Got a suggestion - forward to olaschoolcouncillethbridge@gmail.com

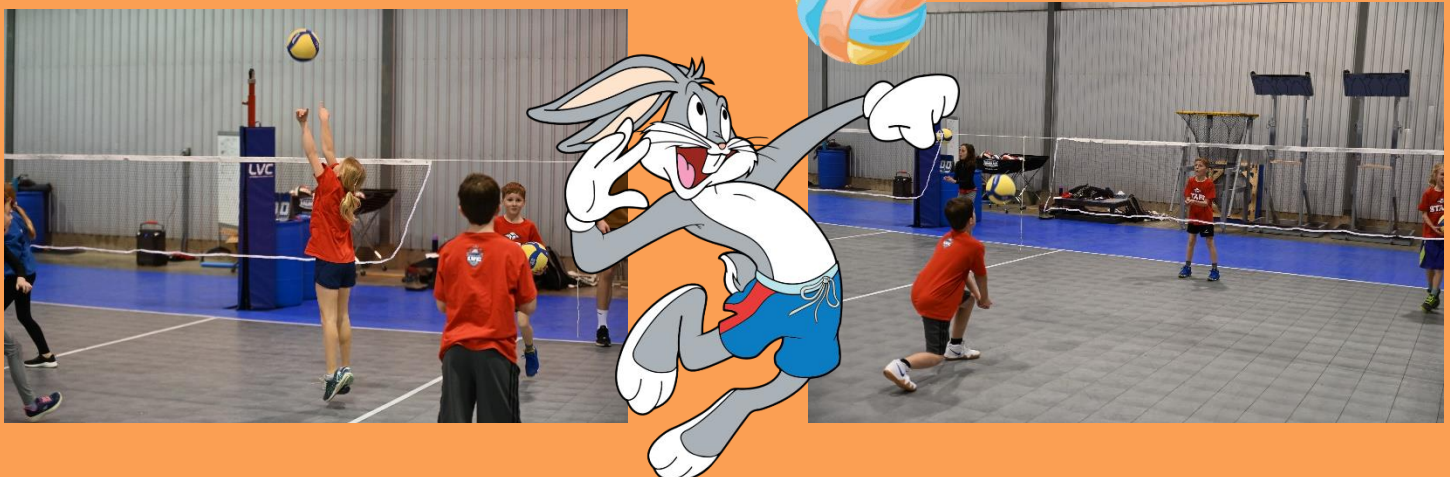
Cubs to Kodiaks

Easter Camp
April 18-22
9U & 12U INTRODUCTION TO VOLLEYBALL
REGISTER AT LETHBRIDGEVOLLEYBALLCLUB.COM



CUBS TO KODIAKS EASTER CAMP

Looking for a fun and educational experience for your child during Easter break? Here it is! Lethbridge Volleyball Club and STARS Volleyball are putting on an Easter camp for U9 and U12 age groups (birth dates falling between Jan 1, 2010 and Dec. 31, 2015). This is a great opportunity for your young athlete to learn the basic volleyball skills and movements and have fun doing it! 1-6 coach to athlete ratio!



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