

# NOVEMBER

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| Plant fundraiser<br> |                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>1</b><br>                                                                         | <b>2</b><br> |
| <b>3</b><br>         | <b>4</b>                                                                                                                                                            | <b>5</b><br>Volleyball practice<br>3:50-4:50pm                                                                                                                                | <b>6</b><br><br>4S & 4/5B office<br>hours<br>4:00 – 5:30                                                                     | <b>7</b><br>Wear <b>Red</b> today<br>Remembrance Day<br>Liturgy 10:20am<br>Volleyball practice<br>3:50-4:50pm                                                                     | <b>8</b><br>Wellness Day<br>                                                         | <b>9</b>                                                                                        |
| <b>10</b>                                                                                            | <b>11</b><br>School closed<br><br><b>REMEMBRANCE DAY</b><br><i>Let Us Forget</i> | <b>12</b><br>Collaboration Day<br>                                                         | <b>13</b><br>Plant orders due<br><br>Gr 3 Retreat 9 - 2pm<br>Assumption Church<br>Kindergarten office<br>hours 4:00 – 6:00 | <b>14</b><br>Last day to order<br>Original Joe's hot<br>lunch<br>Volleyball practice<br>3:50-4:50pm<br>Office hours<br>6G 4 – 5:30 pm<br>Kindergarten office<br>hours 4:00 – 6:00 | <b>15</b><br><b>ROCK YOUR MOCS</b><br>Volleyball Jamboree<br>Details to follow<br> | <b>16</b>                                                                                       |
| <b>17</b>                                                                                            | <b>18</b>                                                                                                                                                           | <b>19</b><br>Panago Pizza Night<br>Crazy Sock Day<br><br>School council<br>meeting 7:00 pm | <b>20</b><br>3T office hours<br>4:00 – 5:30                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>21</b><br>Original Joe's<br>Pre-ordered lunch<br>                                          | <b>22</b><br>4S & 6G<br>Mass 9:00am<br>                                            | <b>23</b>                                                                                       |
| <b>24</b>                                                                                            | <b>25</b><br>1/2B office hours<br>4:00 – 5:00                                                                                                                       | <b>26</b><br>Food Drive<br>Until Dec. 3                                                                                                                                       | <b>27</b><br>Plant delivery<br><br>1D office hours<br>4:00 – 5:30<br>Board Mtg 3 pm                                        | <b>28</b>                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>29</b>                                                                                                                                                               | <b>30</b>                                                                                       |

## NOVEMBER 2024

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We begin this month with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day. On November 1, All Saints' Day, we are called to live as saints, reminding ourselves to live as God calls us to. On November 2, All Souls' Day, we ask God's mercy for all those who have gone before us. Take some time this month to talk about friends, family, saints, and others who provided an example for us to follow and offer prayers of remembrance in their names and memories.

<https://www.catholic.org/news/hf/faith/story.php?id=65067>

November is a time to focus on peace. Peace is the harmony we have in our lives. It is something we are called to bring about in the world. Pope Francis has said that Peace takes hard work and must be built one person at a time.

November is also the time we remember those serving our country and our veterans. The virtue of Peace reminds us that each of these members risk their lives to end wars and promote peace. Peace is not just the absence of war, but a complete trust and fraternity between people.

We will honour Remembrance Day on Thursday, November 7. Please lift your prayers this month to remember those who have given their lives for peace, those who have risked or continue to risk themselves for peace, but also those around the world who seek peace for their families, homes, or countries.

### ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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

### PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes are scheduled for Wednesday, November 6. If your child was absent or you are not satisfied with your pictures, please return the proof package and new pictures will be taken.

### ROC YOUR MOCS

Founded in 2011, Rock Your Mocs is a worldwide Native American & Indigenous Peoples movement held annually during November. It is a day where all members of our communities can be proud to wear their moccasins. It's easy to participate by wearing moccasins to school, to work or wherever your day takes you. Even easier, the event takes place where you are, where you're going and where you live. We will be celebrating Rock Your Mocs at our school on Friday, November 15. So please join us by wearing your moccasins to school this day.

### FOOD DRIVE

OLA will be supporting CCH's Santa's Anonymous with a food drive from Nov. 26 through Dec. 3. More information to follow.

### CRAZY SOCK DAY

On Tuesday November 19, students are asked to wear crazy socks to help kick off our annual sock drive. This year we will be collecting **new** socks, toques, gloves, mittens and any other **new** warm winter wear.

### SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, December 5 we will host a Christmas Family Night and Scholastic Book Fair. More details to follow.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOKFAIR COMING SOON!



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our School! What a better way to promote reading to our students than by supporting this important literary event. We invite your entire family to participate by purchasing the latest and greatest in children's books. Did you know that for every \$10 you spend at the fair, up to \$5 comes directly back to our school! Your support of this event is vital in helping us obtain new books and resources for our school Library and Classrooms.

Books make great Christmas gifts! Mark your calendars  
December 4 - 3:45 to 4:30 & December 5 - 3:45 to 7:30

### DECORATE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Our Christmas Plant fundraiser is up and running. We are selling poinsettias, wreaths, indoor and outdoor planters. Please login to [Growing Smiles website](#) to place your order. All orders must be placed by noon on Wednesday, November 13. All funds raised will support student activities, field trips and OLA Hardship fund.

### SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE

#### Hot Lunch:

Our next hot lunch will be from Original Joe's and on Thursday, November 21st. **All orders are due by November 14th.** Meal Options include Mac n Cheese with a Bread Wedge, Cheese burger with Fries, Chicken Breast with sesame Rice (Gluten free & Dairy Free) or Salt & Pepper Wings (Gluten Free).

#### Fundraiser:

We will be having a **Panago Pizza Night Fundraiser** on Tuesday, November 19th. Plan to have a pizza night and help support our school! A percentage of all pizza's sold will go to OLA for school events, student activities, classroom gifts, hardship fund and the IB program.

#### School Council Meeting:

Our next school council meeting will be held online on **Tuesday, November 19th @ 7pm.** Everyone is welcome

# November

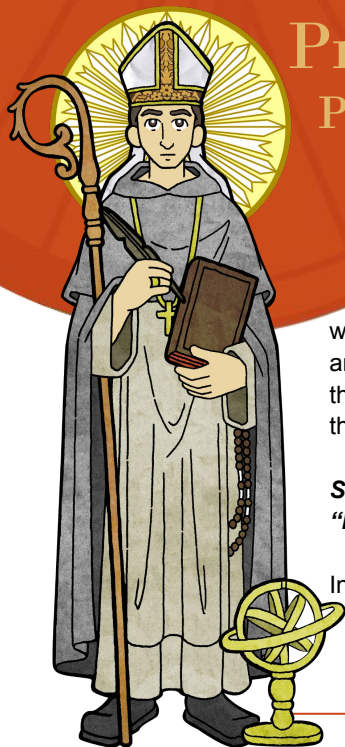
*"It is by the path of love, which is charity, that God draws near to man and man to God."*

- St. Albert the Great

## St. Albert Magnus 1200-1280 (Feast Day: November 15)

### Proclaim!

### Pilgrims of Hope



Albertus Magnus (Magnus meaning 'Great') was born in what is today Germany around the year 1200. His family was likely of the nobility, which led to him having more formal education than many people of that time. His studies, largely in theology, led him to enter the Dominican order, and in that order he traveled to various locations around Germany to instruct as a lecturer. Eventually he moved to the University of Paris, where he has among his students a young Thomas Aquinas. He returned eventually to Germany as a Bishop, but continued his academic instruction as well until his death in 1280.

St. Albert is well known for his academic prowess - he was a scientist, philosopher, theologian, spiritual writer, and diplomat in his time. He wrote a great deal, with his collected works reaching over 35 volumes. He was an expert in many fields, including law, ethics, natural sciences and minerals. One key area in which he influenced the medieval world was in the area of faith and science. St. Albert showed that faith and science were not at odds; that we can look into the mysteries of creation and in them find holiness. As Pope Benedict XVI said in 2010:

***Saint Albert shows us that faith is not opposed to reason, and that the created world can be seen as a "book" written by God and capable of being "read" in its own way by the various sciences.***

In many ways, he set the stage for others like St. Thomas Aquinas to refine and deepen Catholic theology. For these reasons, St. Albert the Great was canonized in 1931 and named Doctor of the Church.

## The Apostles' Creed

*"... and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary..."*

The second section of the Apostles' Creed shifts our focus from God to Jesus. In it, we attest to our belief in the Incarnation; the union of divinity and humanity in Jesus Christ. This simple statement belies endless complexity and questions. Many of these were questions that the early Church wrestled with. However, we know from both Scripture and from early historians such as Josephus and Tacitus that there are historical records of the existence of Jesus.

What do we profess about Christ when we proclaim the Apostles' Creed?

- We proclaim our belief in Christ as the only Son of God - one unique relationship with God, in contrast to those who suggested otherwise.
- We profess Christ as Lord - the same title often used in the era of the Old Testament to describe Yahweh with respect.

- We profess belief in the immaculate conception.

Jesus' humanity allows us to identify closely with him, who also had fears, happiness, hunger, and fatigue. And it is in his Incarnation that we too have hope that we can be children of God in his Kingdom.

As we seek to become Pilgrims of Hope this year, let us contemplate the Creed, and how our proclamation of the Creed unites us to one another and to all Christians through time and space.

FORMED - [Why did God become man?](#)

FORMED - [Was Jesus a Real Person \(or Really God\)?](#)

FORMED - [What does it mean to have a relationship with God?](#)

## "Proclaiming" In Our Schools

Every November, as Holy Spirit, we gather together to offer a Mass for our retired staff. This month, the Mass will be held on **Tuesday, November 5, 5:00 at St. Basil Catholic Education Centre**. This is an important opportunity for us to gather together with our colleagues and to also remember those colleagues who have passed away. We recall their faithful service and witness in proclaiming the Gospel message to so many of us, former students and co-workers, and the lasting impact they have had on our communities. Please consider joining us this year!



### Pope's Prayer Intentions - For Anyone Who Has Lost a Child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.



# Gospel Readings

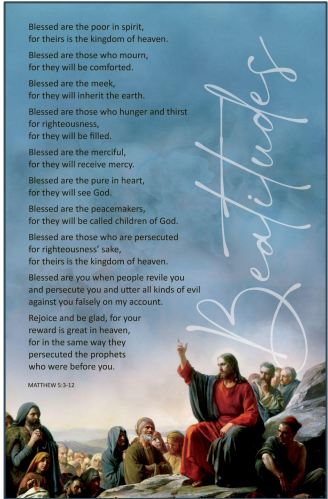


## Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12a

“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me. Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven...” — Matthew 5:11-12

When Jesus taught us the Beatitudes, he said that we are blessed when we are insulted and persecuted because of our faith in him. In his time and culture, and still in some countries today, people were and are treated terribly for being Christians. Jesus wanted them to know that they weren’t alone when this happened, and that ultimately they would be rewarded for being faithful to him. This is hard to understand because we normally think that we are blessed when we are approved and honored, not when we are insulted and persecuted. Jesus turned a lot of thinking upside down like this. We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand Jesus’ words and help us to live more like Jesus taught.

Does our family follow the Beatitudes as a way of life, giving special care and respect for the ones our society usually looks down upon? Read the Beatitudes today and focus on one or more to live out in your family.



View The Beatitudes poster [here](#)

**Prayer:**  
*Dear Holy Spirit, help us to live for Jesus and to live according to the Beatitudes.*

## Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28b-34

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...You shall love your neighbor as yourself’. There is no other commandment greater than these.” — Mark 12:30-31

The scribe asked Jesus, “Which is the greatest commandment?” Because he understood the answer, Jesus told him that he is not far from the kingdom of God.

Do I understand Jesus’ words? Do I love God with all my soul, mind and strength? When we love what is good and strive to do what is right, then we are loving God. Do I love my neighbor as myself? Is my neighbor’s well-being as important as my own? It’s not selfish to be good to ourselves, but we are asked to treat others just as well. For some people, it is harder to be as good to themselves as they are to others. Jesus asks us to try to do both. Love others AND love ourselves.

Do we care about our neighbor as much as we care about ourselves? How can we do better?



**Prayer:**  
*Dear Lord, we want to understand your words. We want to live your commandments with all our heart. Holy Spirit, please help us to know how to express our love for God, others, and ourselves.*

Download this month’s [Saint Prayer Card](#) - St. Albert the Great  
[Saint Prayer Card](#) (black and white version for colouring)



# Gospel Readings

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:38-44

“Do not be afraid...first, make a little cake and bring it to me. Then you can prepare something for yourself and your son.” — 1 Kings 17:13

The poor widow did not refuse the prophet Elijah's request, even though she barely had enough flour and oil to prepare one meal for her own family. She made a cake for Elijah, and afterwards, the Lord blessed her family with enough to eat for a full year. It must have been so hard for her to offer the last of her food to someone else when she didn't know where any more would come from. This is one of many stories in the Bible when God provides for people when they are self-less and share what they have with others. Do I trust God this much—enough to put others' needs before my own?

How can our family show our trust in God and our gratitude for all God has given us?  
This week, can our family give one item to the poor that we would rather keep for ourselves?

**Prayer:**  
*Dear Lord, please give us the faith and trust to put the needs of others before our own. Help us to see you in the poor and to care for them as we would care for our own family. Help us remember that everything we have is a gift from you for us to share. Please give us the grace we need to trust you in all things.*



Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24-32

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” — Mark 13:31-32

Jesus told us that one day everything as we know it will end and that we will not know the time when this will happen. That might seem a little bit scary. At the same time, we know that some people die suddenly every day in accidents or from heart attacks or other unforeseen occurrences. Jesus is trying to tell us that we should be living every day as if this is our last. If I were to die today, would I be satisfied with how I lived my life or would I regret doing something or not doing something? What should I take from Jesus' stories and teachings to apply to my life today?

If I knew today was my last day on earth, how would I want to spend it?  
What would I want to do or say?

**Prayer:**  
*Dear Lord, we do not know when we will meet you face to face, but we hope that when that day comes, you will be pleased with the way we tried to live our lives for you. Please give us the grace to always make choices that will lead us to you.*



Gospel Reading: John 18:33b-37

...Son of Man received dominion, glory and kingship... — Daniel 7:14 | Jesus Christ is the faithful witness...and ruler of the kings of earth. — Revelation 1:5 | “My kingdom does not belong to this world...My kingdom is not here.” — John 18:36

Jesus is the KING OF KINGS! Jesus is the KING OF HEAVEN AND EARTH! Yet Jesus isn't like earthly kings who are wealthy and powerful and can make people do whatever they want them to. Jesus wants what is good and right for everyone in the world. He doesn't want power for himself - he wants everyone to be treated with justice and to have what they need to live joyful lives. Can Jesus be the King of your heart? He wants to be. He wants to work together with us to bring about a Kingdom of love and equality.

What are some ways that I can live as though Jesus is the king of my heart? If Jesus came to visit our home today, what kind of “royal treatment” would we give him to celebrate his presence?

**Prayer:**  
*Dear Lord, thank you for being an awesome God. You are the most gentle, loving, just, kind, glorious, powerful king in all of heaven and earth. We love you and invite you into our hearts.*

**Sources:**  
[Stories of Saints | St. Albert the Great](#)  
[How St. Albert was known as “the Great” even during his life](#)

