

PASTORAL PLAN

School: St. Joseph Brampton Elementary School

School Mission Statement:

The Mission of St. Joseph Elementary School aligns with the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, in partnership with the family and church, is to provide, in a responsible manner, a Catholic education which develops spiritual, intellectual, aesthetic, emotional, social, and physical capabilities of each individual to live fully today and to meet the challenges of the future, thus enriching the community.

School Motto: Growing in Harmony, In Spirit and In Truth

Our Parish: St. Jerome

Pastor: Rev. Michael Busch

Parish website: <https://stjerome.archtoronto.org>

Message from the Pastor:

Pope Francis has declared 2021 the year of St. Joseph. As you know, St. Joseph is the patron saint of the universal church as well as the patron saint of Canada. The official prayer for the year of St. Joseph was composed by Pope Leo XIII in his 1889 encyclical, *Quamquam Pluries*. In honour of this special year, The Holy Father asked that it be added to the end of the Rosary especially during October, the month of the Holy Rosary. This prayer is enriched with a partial indulgence. Let us all pray that we will be together again soon.

Message from the Catholic School Council:

We believe that an extraordinary life begins here with a great Catholic education. We continue to support this school of faith as we celebrate in the light of Jesus, at our council meetings, while nurturing hope, and in all that we do for this community.

Catholic Education Week Theme: Nurturing Hope

Throughout Catholic Education Week, we ask you to reflect on the significance of Catholic education's presence and contribution in our Church, and in our society.

May 2 – May 7, 2021 is Catholic Education Week.

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

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2021 are as follows:

- Monday: **Preparing the Earth**
- Tuesday: **Sowing Seeds of Gratitude**
- Wednesday: **Cultivating Relationships**
- Thursday: **Harvesting New Fruit**
- Friday: **Marveling in Wonder**

- 1. We will meet parents outside passing out flyers with information about Catholic Education Week.**
- 2. Our morning reflections will highlight the daily sub-themes of Catholic Education Week.**
- 3. We will have trivia questions about Catholic Education Week for students to answer.**
- 4. We will have students create posters in their classes reflecting the various sub-themes.**
- 5. We will use twitter to tweet about the various activities in our school reflecting Catholic Education Week.**

Faith Formation:

Forming ourselves in our Catholic faith is a foundational element in helping each of us understand and live in the example of Christ.

We will start the year with a liturgy at the school on the Thursday, before Labour Day. This is the perfect way to begin our faithful journey, as we nurture hope with Christ on the altar, and place our school community into the hands of our Father. In addition, we always support Adult Faith Ambassador Gatherings.

Sacramental Preparation:

As Catholics, we understand sacraments to be "outward signs instituted by Christ to give grace." Together in partnership with our parish, we support the preparation of God's children in receiving the sacraments.

Event	Grade 2	Grade 7
Sacrament of Reconciliation	TBA	
Sacrament of Confirmation		October 22, 2020

Liturgical Celebrations:

The Liturgical calendar is marked by the gathering in community to celebrate the Eucharist and share in prayer.

Celebration	Date
Welcome	September 09, 2020
Christmas	December 25, 2020
Ash Wednesday	February 17, 2021
Feast of St. Joseph	March 19, 2021
Easter	April 04, 2021
Pentecost	May 23, 2021

Social Justice / Outreach Activities / Charities:

Catholic Social Teachings of the Church root our actions in supporting human dignity and the preferential option of the poor which calls us to serve the most vulnerable in the world.

Our school participates in ShareLife by donating individually through the CEC campaign and/or our school initiative "I dress down for ShareLife." As a form of community outreach, our school participates in a Gift Card donation drive during Advent as a means to support the needy families in our school community.

Recognizing Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations:

Framed by the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations (OCSGE), our graduates will be effective communicators, reflective thinkers, lifelong learners, collaborative contributors, caring family members, responsible citizens and discerning believers formed in the Catholic faith community.

We hope to provide opportunities for growth through prayer, community and service. We trust that God is working with us. We hope the students respond to our invitation to fullness of life and continue the journey as “self-directed, responsible, life-long learners”. (OCSGE 4)

Celebrating Virtues:

A virtue is a habit or established capacity to perform good actions according to a moral standard. When we practice these virtues, we strengthen them and thereby make the presence of God more and more visible in the world around us.

We have monthly assemblies & /or presentations highlighting & celebrating the virtues.

September: **Faith**; October: **Empathy**; November: **Conscience**; December: **Hope**
January: **Self-Control**; February: **Respect**; March: **Kindness** April: **Love**;
May: **Acceptance**; June: **Fairness**

Visible Signs of our Faith:

Through symbol and service, we are instruments of God’s love whose work within our communities stands as a witness to our faith.

We have crosses in every room and office. Each classroom has an area of faith or a table reserved as a sacred space within the classroom. Bibles, Prayer Tables, Rosary beads, and community service opportunities are all various marks and symbols of our faith that can be found throughout our school.

Resource List for Parents/Guardians:

- Religious Education Curriculum - [Ontario Religious Education Curriculum](#)
- Family Life Curriculum - [Ontario Family Life Curriculum](#)
- Fully Alive Program information - [Ontario Bishops' information on Fully Alive](#)
- Encyclical Letter “Laudato Si’” - [Laudato Si’](#)
- Truth and Reconciliation - [Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- Catholic Education Week 2020 - [Catholic Education Week 2020](#)

Resource List for Schools:

Board

- Multi-Year Strategic Plan - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#)
- Encyclical Letter “Laudato Si’” - [Laudato Si’](#)
- Renewing The Promise - [Renewing The Promise](#)
- Truth and Reconciliation - [Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- Catholic Education Week 2020 - [Catholic Education Week 2020](#)

School-Based

- Pope Francis - [Pope Francis Family Devotion](#)
- Living With Christ - [Living With Christ](#)
- The Year of Grace 2021 - [Year of Grace 2021](#)
- The Catholic Register - [Catholic Register](#)
- ORDO - Liturgical Calendar 2020 – 2021 [ORDO](#)

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