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Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you in good health and spirits as we start another exciting school year. It is with great joy that I extend a warm and heartfelt welcome back to our students and staff as well as a thank you to our parents and guardians for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. We value the partnership between school and home, and we look forward to working closely with you throughout the year to ensure your child's success.

As we continue to grow, you will notice many new faces in the building, including Mr. Magierowski and myself, and we hope that our new students, staff, and families will soon feel like St. Teresa of Calcutta School is their home away from home.

I look forward to the many wonderful moments, achievements, and memories that the upcoming school year will bring. Together we'll make it a year filled with growth, discovery and success.

Here is a little information about your new admin team.

Patti Pilsner

Tell us a little about your family or your life outside of work

I am married with two daughters who are 13 and 14 and they keep me busy with their active athletic schedule. When I get some spare time I love to travel and spend time with family.

What is your work history?

I have had a wonderful career being part of several school communities. I have had the pleasure to teach at St. Francis Jr High School, Waimokoia School (New Zealand), St. Joseph School, and Father Leonard Van Tighem School. I am excited to be part of the St. Teresa of Calcutta community this fall.

What St. Teresa of Calcutta quote inspires you the most?

"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."

Travis Magierowski

Tell us a little about your family or your life outside of work

I have been married for 15 years to Kristin and we have a son named Paxton (Grade 8) and a daughter named Hayden (Grade 7). We spend a lot of time Wake Surfing and Skiing as a family.

What is your work history?

I have been teaching for 15 years in multiple schools across 2 divisions, and have served in School Administration for 12 years.

What St. Teresa of Calcutta quote inspires you the most?

"Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it."

A few upcoming events that I would like to draw your attention to are:

School Council Meeting – A great opportunity to be involved and informed! The mission of our School Council is to "Build Community that Loves Community". The first meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00pm. Dates for the future meetings will be determined at that time. Come join School Council and be Partner Parents with our school community.

Opening Mass – Thursday, September 28th at St. Basil's Church at 9:30am, all are welcome.

Blessing of Families and Meet the Staff Night at our school, on **Thursday, September 28th beginning at 5:30pm.** All students and their immediate family members are invited.

We will be inviting the students to bring a **Toonie for Terry** from September 18th to September 22nd. WE will be hosting our own mini **Terry Fox Run** and assembly during that time.

We kindly request that all parents/caregivers pick their children up after school in the Gathering Space instead of the hallways outside the classrooms. With our hallways being used for flexible learning spaces, adding more people to the mix at the end of the day can lead to a lot of congestion which can be a safety issue. Also, we would like to promote independence in the students. By packing their own backpacks at the end of the day, it will help build strong habits of responsibility and accountability. If your child does forget anything or you need to touch base briefly with the teacher, you are invited to do that after the majority of the students have left the building. Thank you so much for your support.



September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	First Day of Classes First day to order Pizza Hot Lunch	6 Parent Orientation for Kindergarten	7 Parent Orientation for Kindergarten	8 Parent Orientation for Kindergarten	9
10	11 First Day for ELP Staggered Entry for Kindergarten	12 Staggered Entry for Kindergarten	13 Staggered Entry for Kindergarten	14 Last day to order Pizza Staggered Entry for Kindergarten	15	16
17	18 First Day for Kindergarten	19 School Council Mtg 7pm	20 Pizza Lunch	21	22 Terry Fox Run in Spirit Teams	23
COLLECTING TOONIES FOR TERRY FOX ALL WEEK						
24	25 No School for Students	26	27 	28 Opening Mass 9:30 @ St Basil's Team Colour Day Family Blessing and Open House	29 Orange Shirt Day 	30

September

Build! Pilgrims of Hope



“...if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.”

Isaiah 58:10

St. Vincent de Paul 1581-1660 (Feast Day: September 27)

St. Vincent de Paul was born in France in 1581, and lived in the countryside with his family until the age of 15, when he entered the seminary to train as a priest. He didn't start out intending to become a great saint; in fact, it took him quite a while to figure out how to really live out his vocation. Over time, his heart was changed and became more compassionate towards the poor. Once he began working simply to respond to the basic needs of those around him from a Christian stance, his work blossomed. He worked with the *Daughters of Charity*, a group of lay women who worked extensively with the poor and sick. They collected donations for distribution that created homes for abandoned children, a hospice for the elderly, and freed galley slaves.

He can be a great model for us in our daily lives then, if we are struggling to determine our vocation or to find ways to contribute to the common good. In all of his endeavours, St. Vincent de Paul started by recognizing and promoting the dignity of those around him. This legacy lives on today, in the *Society of St. Vincent de Paul*, founded in 1833 by his followers. This Catholic society is open to all who want to love and serve their neighbour. In Canada the [Society of St. Vincent de Paul](#) serves more than 350,000 people each year.



“Building” In Our Schools

This year, the call in our Holy Spirit Catholic School Division Faith Plan is to *Build!* Last year, there were so many ways in which students and staff in our schools showed how to *Arise* in our faith, and we are looking forward to sharing the different ideas that schools have around “building” over the course of this year.

One project that we are all contributing to this year is raising funds to assist in the building of St. Odilia's School in Zambia. You can find out more about this school [here](#); please consider how you might be able to help us with this project!

Corporal Works of Mercy

— Shelter the Homeless —

Speaking in Washington, D.C. in 2015, Pope Francis said:

I can imagine Joseph, with his wife about to have a child, with no shelter, no home, no place to stay. The Son of God came into this world as a homeless person. The Son of God knew what it was to start life without a roof over his head. We can imagine what Joseph must have been thinking. How is it that the Son of God has no home? Why are we homeless, why don't we have housing? These are questions which many of you may ask, and do ask, every day. Like Saint Joseph, you may ask: Why are we homeless, without a place to live? And those of us who do have a home, a roof over our heads, would also do well to ask: Why do these, our brothers and sisters, have no place to live? Why are these brothers and sisters of ours homeless?

People experience homelessness for many different reasons. Our faith encourages us to reach out and encounter those without the stability of a home, affirming their human dignity, and assisting them in seeking solutions to the challenges they face.

What might some practical suggestions be?

- help elderly neighbours care for their homes and do repairs
- support and/or volunteer at a homeless shelter
- support and/or volunteer for charitable agencies who care for the homeless, build homes, and provide support in the wake of natural disasters
- consider becoming a foster parent

Dignity of the Human Person

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

All of the Catholic Social Teachings are rooted in the inherent dignity of the human person, created in the image and likeness of God. Our belief in the sanctity of human life and inherent dignity are the foundation of our moral vision for society. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes:

“Being in the image of God the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something, but someone.”

Consider the following questions in your reflection:

- How strong is your belief in your own human dignity?
- When you interact with family members and friends, can you honour and reverence the dignity of each person?
- Are there some people whose dignity you find challenging to uphold? How could you pray about overcoming these obstacles?

Learn more through one or more of these videos:

Catholic Social Teaching 101 - [Life and Dignity of the Human Person](#)

Duquesne University - [Human Dignity in the Catholic Tradition](#)

Caritas Australia - [Dignity of the Human Person](#)

FORMED - Symbolon Episode 9: [Building a Civilization of Love](#)

FORMED - Symbolon Episode 10:

[Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person](#)

“If we are faithful to God, we will lack nothing.”

- St. Vincent de Paul



Gospel Readings

September 3, 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27

“...You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do.” — Matthew 16:23

If you had to leave your house in a hurry, what five things would you take? What if you only had time to take just one of them? What would be the most important thing to save? In our Gospel today, St. Peter tries to stop Jesus from going into danger. He has decided that Jesus' life is the most important thing to save. But Jesus knows that saving his own life isn't the most important thing. He knows that eventually some people will kill him for speaking the truth, speaking out against injustice, and loving everyone, even those whom others don't think are worthy of love. But Jesus is willing to die rather than change the way he lives, and he knows that God can make new life come out of death.

Have you ever experienced a difficult situation only to find out later that God had a plan to use that for your good?

*For where your
treasure is,
there your heart will
be also.*

- Matthew 6:21

Prayer:

Lord, when I am struggling, help me to trust that you know what's best and you will use all things for my good, even those that are painful right now.

September 10, 2023

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

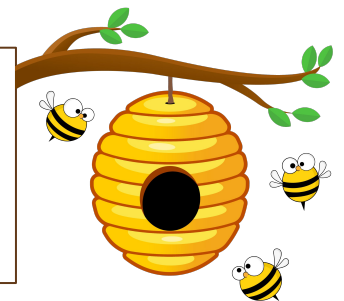
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” — Matthew 18:20

When we discover someone is doing something wrong, how do we respond? Do we go to him and try to help him improve? Do we talk about him behind his back? Do we just ignore what he's doing and let him get into deeper trouble?

In our Gospel today, Jesus shows us that we have a responsibility to help each other improve. That's hard to do because our good intentions might be seen as butting in when it's not our business. But Jesus reminds us that he will be with us and wants us to care enough to make a difference in other people's lives. If we ask for his help, he will give us the right words to use. We must always speak the truth in love.

Discuss together what loving words you can use to help someone get back on the path to God. Consider times when you were corrected by someone and how you felt.



Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.
Proverbs 16:24

Prayer:

Please, dear Jesus, increase in me your gifts of courage and humility so that I may give and take constructive criticism with an open and loving heart.

Download this month's [Saint Prayer Card](#) - St. Vincent de Paul



Gospel Readings

September 17, 2023

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

“Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive him?” — Matthew 18:21

When someone hurts us, it's very common to want revenge. We often feel it's unfair if that person does not experience the same hurt inflicted on us.

In our Gospel today, Jesus tells us that his way is different. Instead of looking for ways to get back at someone, we should remember that Jesus forgave us even when we didn't deserve it. Just before Jesus died on the cross, he said to his Father “Forgive them, for they know not what they are doing.” What an example He gave us! Even in the midst of suffering like a criminal, even though he was completely innocent, he forgave not only those who inflicted the pain that day but all people throughout the ages—even us. So, are we to forgive only once in a while? Jesus said there is no limit to the amount of times we should forgive others. For surely he didn't limit his forgiveness of us!

Pray today for people in prison and those who have been hurt by their crimes.



Matthew 18:21-22

Prayer:

Lord, it's hard to forgive when I experience injustice. Only with your help can I imitate your great love. Come to me when I need to forgive someone, dear Jesus.

September 24, 2023

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

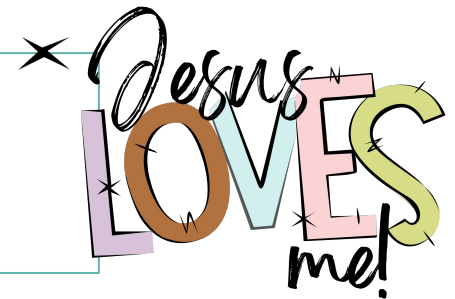
Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

“Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” — Matthew 20:16

In the Gospel today, we hear a parable about a landowner who pays all his workers the same amount of money, even though they did not all work the same amount of time. We may wonder why Jesus seems to be okay with that—isn't it unfair?

I remember when my son made the basketball team in junior high. Every day after school he and his teammates practiced for two hours. One day, a new student came to his school. The coach wanted him to feel welcome so he made him the starter for the next game. Without doing all the work the rest of the team had done, he received the same reward. Do you think that was fair? The team DID NOT! The following year my son started high school and his art and music teachers gave him opportunities to shine. He had natural talent in these areas, but so did other students. Was it fair? Perhaps the Gospel message is that instead of measuring our blessings against what others get, we should appreciate the many ways we are blessed.

Have you ever been jealous of someone else's success? Remember, God loves us all... in different ways!



Prayer:

Lord, please help me to appreciate your gifts, even if things seem unfair at times. Give me the patience to wait and see what generous ways you love me.

Sources:

[St. Vincent de Paul](#)

[Human Dignity: The Cornerstone of Catholic Social Teaching](#)

Image: [Beehive Hanging On A Tree Branch](#)

Division Parishes

“...not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

Hebrews 10:25

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

HOLY SPIRIT EL/JH LETHBRIDGE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

AUGUST '23

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Aug 30 First day for staff
Aug 30 Opening Mass

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SEPTEMBER '23

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Sept 4 Labour Day
Sept 5 First day for students
Sept 25 School PD Day
Sept 27 Div. Board Meeting
Sept 30 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

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OCTOBER '23

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Oct 9 Thanksgiving Day
Oct 23 Div. PD Day
Oct 25 Div. Board Meeting

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NOVEMBER '23

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Nov 10 Day in lieu of Nov 11
Nov 11 Remembrance Day
Nov 13 Non-operational day
Nov 22 Div. Board Meeting

O – 20 (63)
I – 20 (58)

DECEMBER '23

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Dec 4 School PD Day
Dec 20 Div. Board Meeting
Dec 22 Last day before break
Dec 23-31 Christmas break
Dec 25 Christmas Day
Dec 26 Boxing Day

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I – 15 (73)

JANUARY '24

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Jan 1 New Year's Day
Jan 2-7 Christmas break
Jan 8 First day after break
Jan 24 Div. Board Meeting
Jan 31 Semester 2 begins

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I – 18 (91)

FEBRUARY '24

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Feb 2 School PD Day
Feb 19 Family Day
Feb 20 Day in lieu of Sept 30 for support staff
Feb 20 & 21 Unassigned time for teachers
Feb 22 & 23 SWATCA
Feb 28 Div. Board Meeting

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I – 15 (106)

MARCH '24

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Mar 11 Div. Collab. Day
Mar 27 Div. Board Meeting
Mar 28 Last day before Easter break
Mar 29 Good Friday
Mar 31 Easter Sunday

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I – 19 (125)

APRIL '24

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Apr 1-7 Easter break
Apr 8 First day after break
Apr 24 Div. Board Meeting

O – 17 (154)
I – 17 (142)

MAY '24

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May 20 Victoria Day
May 21 School PD Day
May 22 Div. Board Meeting
May 27 Spiritual Dev. Day

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I – 20 (162)

JUNE '24

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Jun 17 School PD Day
Jun 26 Div. Board Meeting
Jun 27 Last day students
Jun 28 Last day for teachers

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I – 18 (180)

JULY '24

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No students
Stat Holidays
School PD/Div. PD/Spiritual Dev./Collab. Days
Div. Board Meetings
First and last days for students
First and last days for teachers



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Contact one of the clubs in the Lethbridge District

Green Acres Dairy 4-H Club – greenacresdairy4h@gmail.com – Toby Kleinsasser
Project: dairy

Lethbridge Coaldale 4-H Beef – 1daniels@telus.net or call/text 403-308-7191 – Kim Daniels
Project: beef

Lethbridge Northern 4-H Beef - treenavh@gmx.com – Treena Van Hierden
Project: beef

Readymade 4-H Multi Club - readymade4hclub@gmail.com – David Hodge
Projects: beef, sheep, arts, crafts, cats, shooting sports

TNT 4-H Multi Club – melanie.daniels84@gmail.com or 403-635-0564 – Melanie Daniels
Projects: pheasants, crafts, foods, wood turning, shooting sports, fishing & more

Turin 4-H Club – turinalberta4H@gmail.com or 403-360-4808 – Chelsea Nieboer
Projects: sheep, beef, sewing

Wild n Woolly 4-H – wvw.sheep@gmail.com or 403-634-7297 – Marina Grant
Project: sheep




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