

Principal's Message



As we enter the quiet, transformative season of Lent, our school community finds itself at a beautiful crossroads of reflection and celebration. This year, our journey is guided by the Holy Spirit School Division's Faith Plan: Open Wide the Doors, specifically focusing on the call to Know God.

In the busyness of school runs, lunches, and extracurriculars, "knowing" God can sometimes feel like another item on a to-do list. But as we saw on stage during our recent school musical, *Back to the Beginning*, knowing God isn't about a set of facts, it's about a relationship.

Our students reminded us through song and story that everything starts with God's intentional love. *Back to the Beginning* wasn't just a title; it was an invitation to strip away the noise of our modern lives and refresh our relationship with God.

Knowing God requires us to open the doors of our hearts, even the messy parts. It means inviting Him into the chaotic breakfasts, the difficult conversations about grades, and the quiet moments before bed. When we open these doors, we show our children that God is not a distant figure from a musical script, but a living presence in our lives.

Heavenly Father,

As we journey through these forty days, help us to return to the beginning of our faith. Open wide the doors of our homes and our hearts. May we truly come to know You, not just as a concept, but as the loving Father who walks with us. Bless our school community and guide our children closer to Your light.

Amen.

April dates to note:

April 16th- Running Club starts and runs every Tues, Thurs, Fri morning until the culminating Little Souls Run on May 27th. The Little Souls event is separate from the school running and parents will need to register individually for this event through RunnerSoul.

April 30th- Parent-Teacher conferences from 4:30-8:00 Conference Manager will be open for bookings on April 24th

April 27th- Grade 5/6 choir music festival performance at 11:30

April 28th- Grade 3/4 choir music festival performance at 9:30

April 30th- Grade 2 choir music festival performance at 9:00

IMPORTANT DATES

April 2

Autism Awareness
Stations of the Cross

April 3-12

No School – Easter Break

April 13

First day back
Grade 6 Retreat
School Council Mtg

April 16

"Me in the Future"-Dress Up

April 20

Spring Photo Day & Kinder Grad

April 23

ELP at Learning Centre

April 27

5-6 Choir Festival

April 28

3-4 Choir Festival

April 29

Spirit Team Color Day

April 30

Grade 2 Choir Festival
Parent Teacher Interviews



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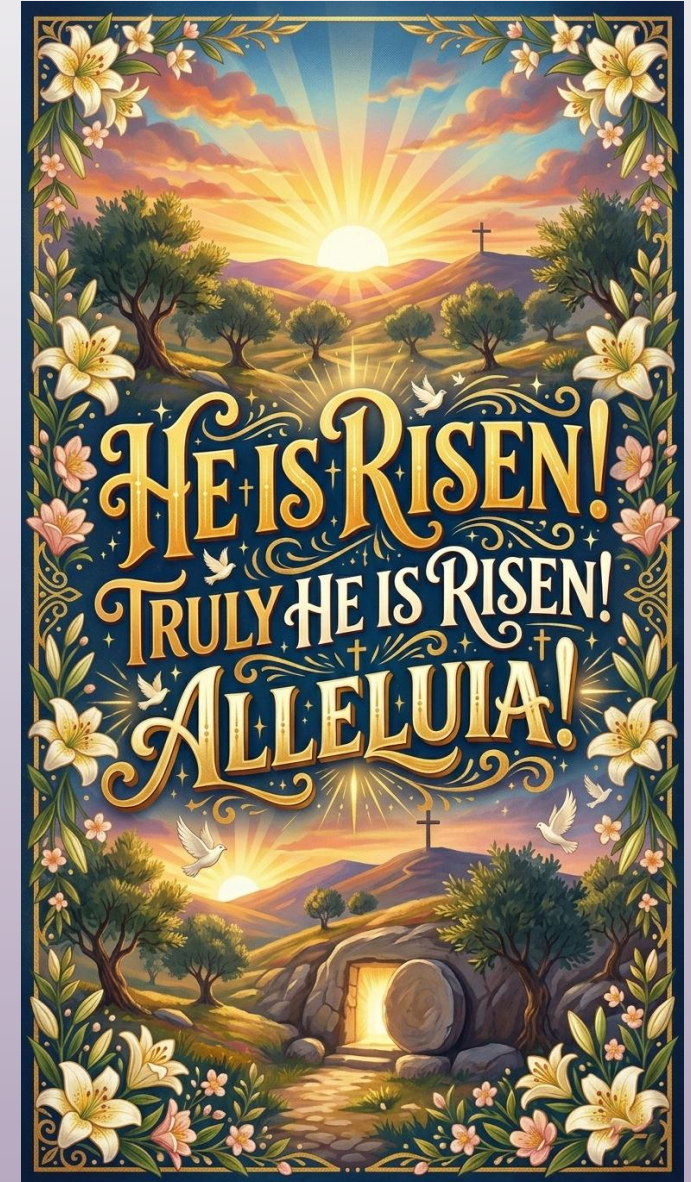
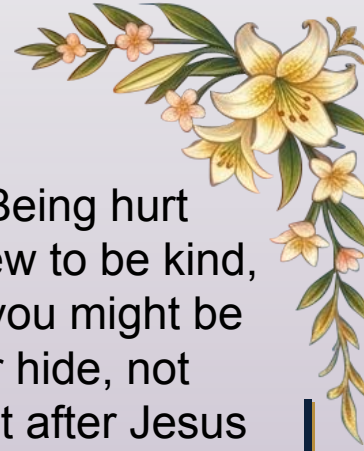
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Autism Awareness Stations of the Cross Science Sizzle 	3 	4
5 	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 John 20: 19-31	13 First Day back Grade 6 Retreat School Council Mtg 6:30	14	15 Panago Pizza by the Slice	16 Me In The Future-dress as your future career Science Sizzle	17	18
19 Luke 24:13-35	20 Spring Photo Day & Kinder Grad Photos	21	22 Taco Time Hot Lunch	23 Pastel Day ELP at Learning Centre	24	25
26 John 10: 1-10	27 Choir Festival Grades 5-6	28 Choir Festival Grades 3-4	29 Spirit Team Colour Day & Assembly Edo Hot Lunch	30 Parent Teacher Interviews Choir Festival Grade 2		

Running Club starts April 16 at 8:00 am
We run every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

“...they saw and believed.” — John 20:8

Can you imagine someone you know being wrongly accused? Being hurt very badly and then killed? If that person was someone you knew to be kind, peaceful, and full of love and you saw them treated so horribly you might be angry, scared, and worried. You might even want to run away or hide, not knowing what would happen to you. This is how the apostles felt after Jesus was killed. They were hiding, hoping no one would find them. They were full of all sorts of feelings. But then they heard with news of hope and wonder — that Jesus was no longer dead, HE IS RISEN!!! How could this be? So they ran to the tomb, and when they arrived, his body wasn't there anymore. They saw. They believed. And soon Jesus came to them in person, showing he was truly risen from the dead.



Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

“Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.” — John 20:22-23

Now Jesus comes to his disciples. They have been hiding, afraid, lacking faith, thinking only of themselves. Jesus tells of a gift they will receive: the Holy Spirit. How often we act like the apostles by questioning and running. We are human just like they were. But in Jesus' great mercy, he wanted his forgiveness to continue to be spread. He gave the disciples the power to forgive sins so that people would know God loves them so much he wants to give them the chance to start over again. Thank you Lord for your infinite mercy.

Prayer:

Father in heaven, thank you for giving all of us the opportunity to be forgiven as often as we fall, as well as the chance to forgive others when they fall.

Reflection:

Have you ever found it hard to forgive anyone? That's normal. Even if you don't feel like you want to forgive them, you can pray to have greater understanding and compassion for them, and you can pray for them and yourself to be able to come through the hurt.



Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-35

“Then, beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures...and it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them.” — Luke 24:27, 30

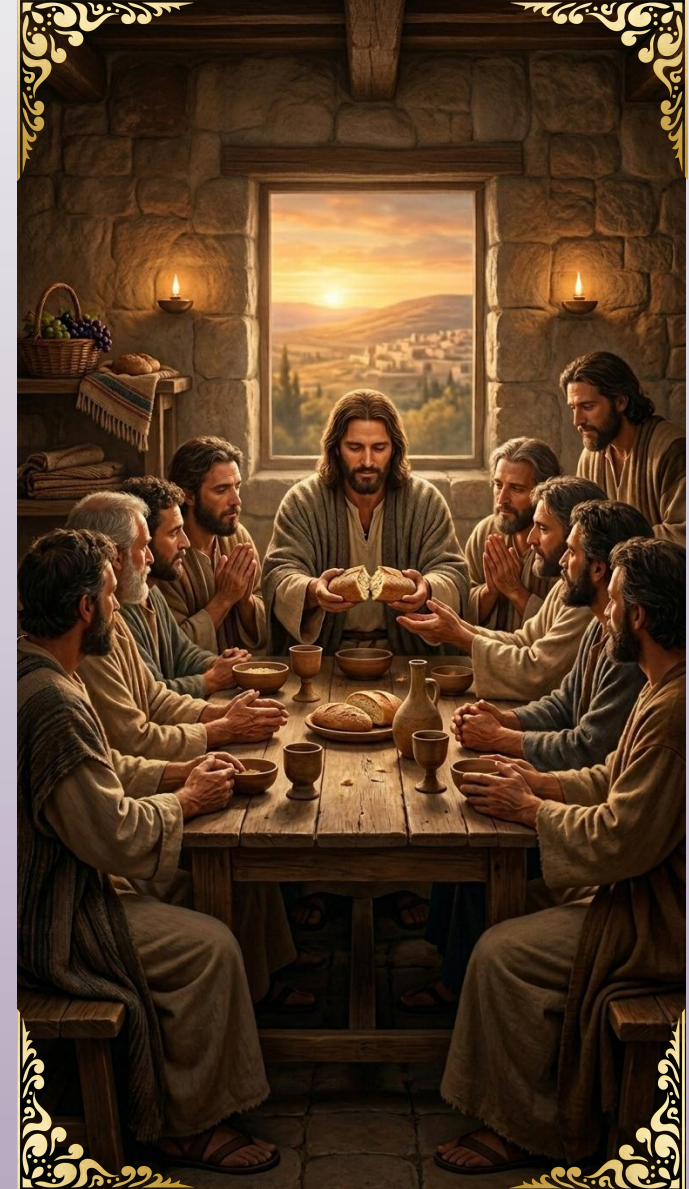
In today's Gospel, we hear the story of two disciples who walk alongside Jesus without recognizing him. Until Jesus helped them understand the scriptures more fully and broke bread with them, they did not know it was him. In this Gospel reading, we are reminded that Jesus is always with us — even though many times we don't recognize him. Looking back, the disciples realized their hearts were burning within them as they talked to the person they thought was a stranger. Their burning hearts were a clue that something more was going on than they recognized at the time. It wasn't until Jesus broke bread with them at the table, as he had before, that they realized it was him.

Prayer:

Dear Lord, continue to open our eyes to how you are with us at all times so we can better recognize you.

Reflection:

When has your heart told you something really important was happening, even if maybe you didn't understand it all at the time?



Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

“I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. Whoever enters through me will be saved.”

— John 10:7-9

Sheep are the kind of animals that will only follow the voice of their shepherd because they know they can trust him. They feel safe with the shepherd and know they won't get harmed. Jesus wants us to follow his voice, which is telling us that we can trust him because he always wants what is best and most life-giving for us.

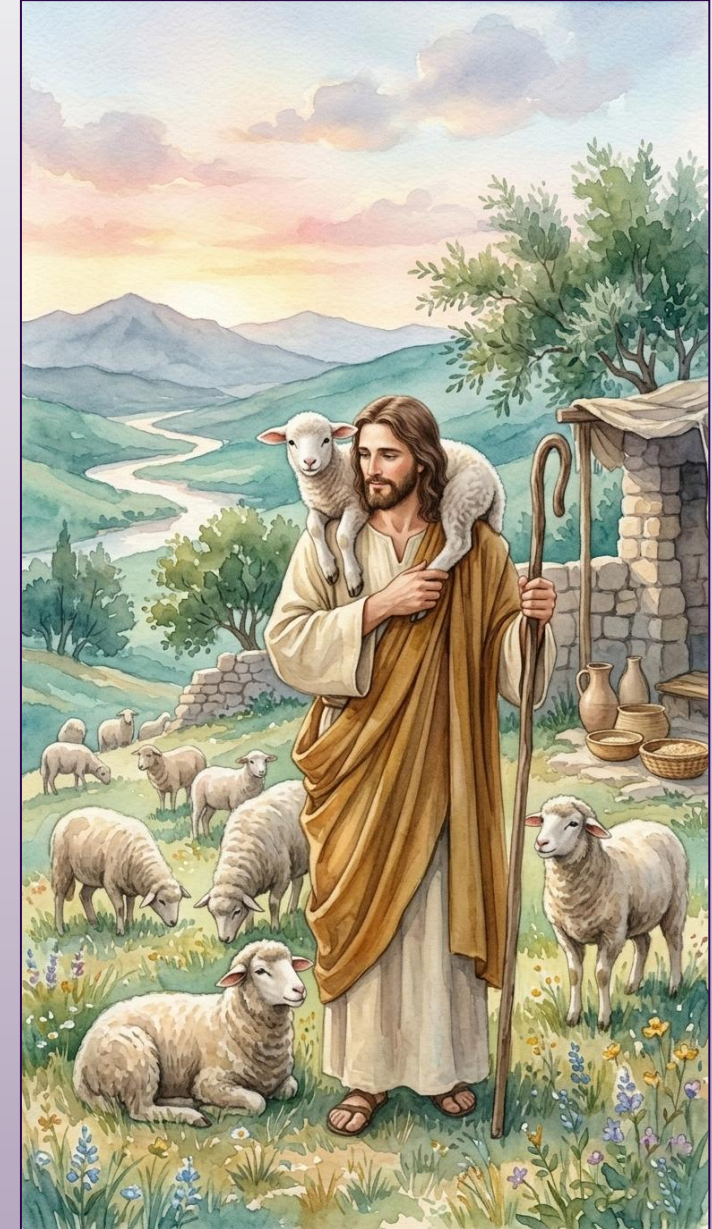
If someone was merely hired to watch the sheep, when danger came that person might run off to protect himself instead of the sheep. Jesus is saying that he will never abandon us, just like he didn't abandon his disciples.

Prayer:

Dear Good Shepherd, help us to trust you, listen to your voice, and know in our hearts you will never abandon us.

Reflection:

What are some ways Jesus shepherds you?



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