

## LITURICAL YEAR AT A GLANCE

DATE	CELEBRATION
September 12 @ 3:00 & September 14, 2010 7:00 pm	Parent's Meeting for First Reconciliation (at church)
September 16, 2010 9:00 am and 10:15 am	Feast Day Mass (school)
September 26 <sup>th</sup> or 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2010 7:30 p.m. in Church	Parent's Meeting for Confirmation
October 8, 2010	Thanksgiving Liturgy (school)
for dates visit: <a href="http://www.saintjohnofthecross.com">www.saintjohnofthecross.com</a>	Rite of Enrolment, Confirmation
for dates visit: <a href="http://www.saintjohnofthecross.com">www.saintjohnofthecross.com</a>	Sacrament of Reconciliation, Grade 2 and up
November 11, 2011	Remembrance Day Liturgy
November 28, 2010	Advent Season Begins
Dec. 1, 7:00 p.m.	Family Advent Mass
Dec. 15, 2010 9:00 and 10:15 am	School Advent Mass
January 16 3:00 p.m. or January 18 7 p.m.	First Communion parent meetings (at church)
for dates visit: <a href="http://www.saintjohnofthecross.com">www.saintjohnofthecross.com</a>	First Communion Enrolment
February 14, 2011	Friendship Liturgy (school)
March 9, 2011 9:00 am and 1:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Liturgy (school)
March 31, 2011 9:00 and 10:15 am	Lenten Mass
April 21, 2011	Stations of the Cross(school)
<b>April 24, 2011</b>	<b>Easter</b>
April 29, 2011	Mass of New Life(school)
for dates visit: <a href="http://www.saintjohnofthecross.com">www.saintjohnofthecross.com</a>	First Communion and Confirmation
May 6, 2011	Crowning of Mary (school)
June 15, 2011	End of Year Mass (school)
June 27, 2011 5:30 p.m.	Graduation Mass / Awards

## VIRTUES INITIATIVE

A Catholic Faith Community is rooted in a set of common beliefs which are inspired by the life, mission and teaching of Jesus. As a Catholic Community we are called to learn, to grow and to become more like Jesus in the way we see and treat others. Our Catholic faith plays an important role in helping us shape schools that are safe, caring and inclusive. Catholic School education provides us the opportunity to integrate virtue formation into all areas of our school life within the context of our faith. St. Albert of Jerusalem School will again focus our attention on the *Catholic Virtues*. This program is designed to help us nurture virtue and character development in the lives of our students. Each month, the entire school will focus on a different virtue. Classroom activities, school wide activities and assemblies will all focus on the nurturing of a specific virtue. We would appreciate your support in discussing these virtues with your child and encouraging behaviours that demonstrate these virtues. Here is a list of the virtues we will be nurturing this school year.

<b>September</b>	<b>Faith</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>Empathy</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>Conscience</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Hope</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>Self Control</b>
<b>February</b>	<b>Respect</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>Kindness</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>Love</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>Acceptance</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>Fairness</b>



# St. Albert of Jerusalem Pastoral Plan 2010-2011



## Faith in Education

### MISSION STATEMENT

*We God's people, staff of St. Albert of Jerusalem School, strive daily to meet all aspects of our vocation, i.e. to teach and learn from each other and our students. We believe that literacy and numeracy are fundamental life skills. We endeavour to teach these essential processes in our classrooms.*

## SCHOOL PRAYER

### *Faith in Education*

*Grant Lord,  
To all who study and those who teach,  
The grace to love that which is worth loving,  
To know that which is worth knowing,  
To value what is most precious to You,  
And to reject whatever is evil in Your eyes.*

*Heavenly Creator,  
Give us a true sense of judgment,  
And the wisdom  
To see beneath the surface of things.  
Above all, may we search out and do  
What is pleasing to You.*

*Help us by providing Christian opportunities,  
To make our own contribution to our community,  
To learn to be good students and educators,  
To be model citizens and good neighbours.  
May we serve each other through respect and love.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

## BELIEF STATEMENTS

*We believe that:*

*...Our school is based on our faith and the gospel teachings of Jesus Christ;*

*...The Church, family, school and community are active partners in the Catholic education of our children;*

*...Our school is a safe, caring and harmonious environment in which to learn and grow academically, socially and morally;*

*...Each person, as a child of God, deserves respect and dignity;*

*...Each individual is encouraged to respect self, others and the environment;*

*...All students are encouraged to develop their gifts and talents to the fullest; and*

*...In developing and instilling in each child a love of learning, we are committed to a cooperative and inviting school.*

## A COMMUNITY GROWING IN FAITH

The triad of home, school and parish working together to support one another in educating the whole child is what makes Catholic education distinct. Now more than ever, our challenge is to instill Catholic values within our students. We are called to live the gospel teachings, to be disciples of the Good News and to be Samaritans to those in need. Our mission statement and beliefs establish a strong foundation in which to create a positive and challenging learning environment for our school community. Our pastoral plan is an example of how we can learn and work together as followers of Jesus.

Susan Steer  
Principal

*"The Catholic Education system is distinct in the way it prepares its students. We prepare our youth in stewardship. We prepare them to be persons for the world rather than just preparing them academically for the future." - Our Catholic Schools, Ontario Catholic Trustee's Association 2000*

### **Parish & Home Connections**

St. Albert of Jerusalem School is very fortunate to have Father Leo Huard as our spiritual leader. He, along with Father Joseph and Father Abraham, visit our school community. They each add greatly to the development and celebration of our faith.

The School Council parish liaison representative provides an important communication link with St. John of the Cross Parish and assists us in achieving our spiritual goals. We continue to invite and seek guidance of the parents on our School Council in the faith formation of our students.

Ongoing and effective communication between home and school is essential for supporting our students' faith formation and creating successful learning experiences. Parents are welcome to attend school liturgies, sacramental preparations, and to support our efforts in creating a strong sense of stewardship among our students by supporting school outreach projects and community charities.

## SCHOOL PASTORAL PLAN

As we continue with our journey of faith, our Pastoral Plan will be centered on the faith formation of the students we serve.

### **Prayer**

Prayer, a reflection or reading from Scripture, and O Canada are part of every student's opening exercises. Prayer helps to bring us together as a community of faith and is extended throughout the school day through liturgies, sacramental preparation and classroom activities.

### **Special Liturgical Celebrations**

As Catholics, we praise God every day and we are thankful for our many blessings. We use special times of the year to highlight our thanks to God for all the blessings bestowed upon us. Our special liturgical celebrations include: Opening, Feast Day Mass, Thanksgiving Liturgy, Virtues Celebrations, Remembrance Day Liturgy, Advent Mass, Celebration of Friendship, Ash Wednesday Liturgy, Lenten Liturgy, Easter Mass, Crowning of Mary, Education Week Liturgies, School Graduation Mass, and our Year End Mass.

### **Community Service & Outreach Projects**

As a community of faith, we show our compassion and generosity by giving to those in need. We will continue to look for opportunities to demonstrate our commitment to Jesus and His ministry through community service projects. By reaching out to others, students are encouraged to become thoughtful and caring members of the community and to appreciate the importance of social justice and stewardship.

### **Sacramental Preparation**

Sacramental preparation of students is central to the faith formation of each and every student. At St. Albert of Jerusalem, our grade two and grade eight teachers work to support the parish team at St. John of the Cross Church in preparing students for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Sacramental dates and parent meetings will be provided through the parish.