

PASTORAL PLAN

School Name: Our Lady of Fatima: Helping Youth Toward a Brighter Future

School Mission Statement:

Our Mission is to safeguard the needs and well-being of every community member and to set a positive tone. We must be role models who place a high value on learning for students as well as ourselves. We must promote Catholic Values and collaborative communication by carefully planning the future while savoring the precious present.

School Motto: Helping Youth Toward a Brighter Future

Our Parish: St. Anne

Pastor: *Rev, Joel Pabilona, Jr.*

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

Message from the Pastor:

Dear Parents and Families,

The school year 2023-2024 is being met with great optimism as the schools of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board opened their doors once again. St. Anne's Parish will resume to serve all the seven Catholic Schools under its pastoral care open to new and creative ways as deemed necessary.

This year, all the usual liturgical and pastoral activities are in place:

School Masses

School Confessions

Sacramental Preparations

School Visitations

There is an urgent need for school visitations most importantly to make surveys on whether everyone has received the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Holy Confirmation) accordingly. I enjoin the parents to make sure that their children are taken care of in this regard, especially those preparing their children for the Sacraments of Initiation,

I also urge everyone to keep in mind the significance of their promise at the baptism of their children to bring them up in the practice of the faith that is to love God and love others as God loves us. Incidentally, the theme of this school year coming from DPCDSB is "the call to love".

May the upcoming Advent and Christmas Seasons bring us hope, peace, and joy! My prayers and best wishes to the families.

God's continued blessings upon you all!

Fr. Joel B. Pabilona Jr.

Nota Bene: I will be leaving the parish on the 1st December for my 6-month sabbatical. Fr. Suresh Xavier will replace me as pastor. Thank you for your support and cooperation during my tenure. God bless!

Message from the Catholic School Council:

The Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School Council is an integral part of our school community. Through the active participation and collaboration of parents/guardians, we strive to ensure that all students reach their full potential in a faith-filled environment. We do this by providing financial support and opportunities for students to enrich their faith in our community setting.

Catholic Education Week – May 5th – May 10th, 2024

Catholic Education: We are Called to Love
L'éducation catholique: Appelés à aimer

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.

"If we love one another, God lives in us." 1 John 4:12

Si nous nous aimons les uns les autres, Dieu demeure en nous. (1 Jean 4, 12)

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2024 are:

- Monday: **As people of hope / Dans l'espérance**
Tuesday: **As people of faith / Dans la foi**
Wednesday: **As people of mercy / Avec compassion**
Thursday: **As people of justice / Dans la justice**
Friday: **As people of joy / Dans la joie**

During Catholic Education Week, a number of activities will take place that will highlight the many gifts and talents we nurture at Our Lady of Fatima School and encourage students to share with the community.

Classroom teachers will work to bring alive the theme of Catholic Education Week, which is We are called to love.

Through prayer, music, reflection, spiritual meditation, drama and art, students will come to deepen their understanding of this year's theme: We are called to love.

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.

Faith Ambassadors lead several events at Our Lady of Fatima School and in our Brampton West Family of Schools:

- Liturgical celebrations for Thanksgiving, Advent, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Easter and Graduation

- Staff meetings all begin with prayer and or short liturgies that will focus on the theme of We are called to love.
- Morning liturgies with staff prior to the start of the day
- Teachers evangelize through daily classroom prayer, reflections, incorporate church teachings, and gospel values into all curriculum areas. Religious Education and Family Life Education Programs are taught in all classrooms.
- Celebrate mass as a school community led by Father Joel in the gymnasium
- Triad partnership, parish, home and school work closely together to encourage a support system of a faith-based curriculum through prayer, liturgy, moral justice and scripture.
- Regular visits from Father Joel to provide guidance and support to our staff and students
- Staff, students, and parents participate in monthly student-created Virtues Assemblies
- Recognize our faith in daily prayers, sacred spaces, and religious instruction.
- Each month the Rosary Apostolate will visit the classrooms virtually/through zoom to pray the Rosary with all the students.
- Catholic School Council begin with prayers/liturgies
- Staff PD opportunities
- Using religion resources to deepen student understanding of scripture
- Integrating and expressing the Virtues program within the school community
- By fulfilling the principles of the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations (FDK – Gr. 8)
- By communicating the sacred nature of the Mass
- By implementing the safe schools policies, bullying prevention and character building/Leadership programs: Safe schools committee
- School yard pavement games to promote cooperative play
- Provide students with increased opportunities to participate in social justice initiatives that provide support and advocate for change

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	TBD	TBD
Holy Communion	TBD	TBD
Confirmation	TBD	TBD

Liturgical Celebrations:

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

Celebration	Date
Opening/Thanksgiving Mass	Thursday Oct 5 th @ 10:30
Remembrance Day	Friday Nov 10 th @ 10:45
Advent Mass	Friday Dec 21 st @ 10:30
Ash Wednesday Liturgy	Wednesday Feb 14 th @ 10:30
Lenten Mass	Thursday Mar 21 st @ 10:30
Stations of the Cross	Thursday Mar 28 th @ 10:30
Catholic Education Week Liturgy	Monday May 6 th @ 10:30
Year End Mass	Thursday June 13 th @ 10:30

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 Lady of Fatima students are encouraged to look beyond themselves to the needs of others. As a community of faith, we demonstrate empathy, compassion and generosity by supporting those in need. We will continue to look for opportunities to demonstrate our commitment to Jesus and His ministry through community service projects. As a faith community, we may be called to be involved in outreach that is not listed below.

- School participates in Share Life throughout the school year.
- Support our families at Christmas, Thanksgiving and Easter through our Food Drive and Christmas Basket program.
- Social Work Support/CYW with Mindfulness activities in the classroom for mental wellness
- Stewardship through recycling programs & Green Eco Projects
- Kindness Project service projects
- Inclusion Day students will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of workshops celebrating our differences and demonstrating the importance of being inclusive
- Orange Shirt Day recognizing and fostering the spirit of reconciliation
- Purple Day awareness and inclusion
- ShareLife activities and donations by staff, students, families (i.e. spirit days, athletic events with staff and students)
- Youth faith ambassadors
- Eco-team
- Equity leads

Participate in various fundraising efforts to support the needs within the community and the world, such as Terry Fox (whole school walked around the school, St. Louise Outreach, ShareLife and United Way, Coats for Kids, and Christmas Baskets). We also participate in the reconciliation process, Black History Month, and other special commemorative days. (Truth and Reconciliation week, Child Abuse Prevention Month, Wear pink, Down Syndrome Day)

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.

To celebrate OCSGE as a school community we at

Our Lady of Fatima staff strive to instill the values of the Catholic Graduate Expectations into students as they journey in faith to becoming well-rounded members of society.

- Reinforce the qualities outlined by the Ontario Catholic School Graduate Expectations in our religion lessons, Virtues Assemblies, and particularly in our sacramental preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation, and Grade Eight Graduation.
- Staff will share this message with the parent community at School Council meetings and School Newsletters.
- Social Committee this year will support the modelling of the Catholic School Graduate expectations as they plan and organize a variety of activities to promote school spirit and engage their peers in social outreach initiatives
- Participation in programs about digital citizenship and how to use social media in a socially responsible way
- ECO schools- planning initiatives such as Earth hour, Energy Audits and Waste Audits
- Bullying Prevention and awareness activities

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.

The program of virtue education for students is an essential part of the offerings at Our Lady of Fatima. This program helps students understand and appreciate the importance of character traits such as honesty, respect for others, self-control fairness and empathy.

- Virtue Assemblies take place each month (virtually). Students are honored with certificates when they practice God's will.

- The Daily Prayer for the virtue of the month is recited by the whole school each day from the PA System. Daily announcements often include key messages about our Virtue of the Month. We also introduce and focus on the Virtues through our daily announcements and a Nearpod or Google Meet activity at the start of each month.
- We will continue to infuse the virtues in our daily teachings to promote greater awareness of living out the virtues in our lives.
- Virtue is highlighted on our school newsletter, school website and bulletin board displays

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.

- Visible symbols of our faith are on display throughout the school.
- Each classroom has a cross and prayer table.
- Classrooms display work in hallways to reflect their learnings and connections with the Religion Curriculum as they explore and experience their faith development. Virtues full-length banners are displayed in the library.
- Front foyer has a beautiful mural and alter that is draped with a colored cloth from the liturgical season.
- School masses are actively celebrated virtually
- Regular classroom visits from Father Joel
- Our monthly newsletters highlight the monthly virtues, school faith activities and any social outreach initiatives that involve our students.
- Daily announcements include readings and scriptures
- Catholic Code of Conduct embedded in discipline and rehabilitation
- Advent preparation
- Staff liturgies and reflections
- Continued implementation of our virtues program
- Daily religion/family life formal instruction
- Informal living and teaching of our faith occurs throughout our daily interactions and respect for others

Resource List for Parents/Guardians:

- **General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar** - [2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- **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 “Fratelli Tutti”**- [Fratelli Tutti](#)
- **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation** - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- **Catholic Education Week 2024** – [Catholic Education Week 2024](#)
- **Synod on Synodality** – [Synod 2021 - 2024](#)

Resource List for Schools:**Board**

- **General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar** - [2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- **Multi-Year Strategic Plan** - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#)
- **Renewing the Promise** – [A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education](#)
- **Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”**- [Fratelli Tutti](#)
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Signature Page

Pastor

Faith Ambassador(s) (*as applicable*)

Teacher(s)

Chair of Catholic School Council

Vice Principal(s)

Principal

Superintendent