

PASTORAL PLAN

School Name: Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School

School Mission Statement:

The Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School community exemplifies and is committed to fulfilling Jesus' message of faith, hope and love. Together with our parish and community partners, we provide a safe, caring, and welcoming environment that promotes teamwork, friendship, and the virtue of respect in light of our academic achievements. The students will be encouraged to model their faith and leadership, rooted in the traditions of Catholic Education.

School Motto: Our Learners, Our Leaders

Our Parish: St. Patrick (Brampton)

Pastor: Msgr Owen Keenan

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

Message from the Pastor:

"Dear Our Lady of Lourdes, Students, Parents, Staff and Community,
On behalf of Fr Fraser, our new Associate Pastor at St Patrick's Parish, and in my own name, I am pleased to offer of the assurance of my prayers and blessings to each of you and your loved ones as another school year begins. With academics, sports, arts and spiritual and community events, this promises to be another busy and productive year for us all. Please take time - quality time - to spend with one another, above all our beautiful children, who look to us for love, attention, guidance and goodness. Amid the numerous demands on your time, please do take the time to bring your family Mass each Sunday; time given to God is never time wasted, but in truth is the most important thing we can do: for ourselves, our families, our school and our community. St Patrick's Parish welcomes each of you, and we are here to help each of you, especially parents, who are the primary educators of your children in the Faith. Feel free to reach out and let us know how we can serve you.
With prayers and friendship,
Msgr Owen"

Message from the Catholic School Council:

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School Council actively promotes parental and community involvement through a variety of initiatives throughout the year. We, the Council, strive to create a caring partnership of students, educators, the parish, parents, and members of the community, built on faith and love.

Catholic Education Week – May 4th – May 9th, 2025

Catholic Education: Pilgrims of Hope
L'éducation catholique: Pèlerins de l'espérance

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.

The quote for Catholic Education Week 2025 is:

"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us."
 (Letter on the Jubilee Year of Hope, February 11, 2022)

"Nous devons garder allumée la flamme de l'espérance qui nous a été donnée."
 (Lettre sur le Jubilé de l'espérance; 11 février 2022)

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2025 are:

- Monday: **By honouring human dignity / Honorent la dignité humaine**
- Tuesday: **By caring for creation / Prennent soin de la création**
- Wednesday: **By responding to the poverties in our world / Luttent contre les pauvretés**
- Thursday: **By serving in solidarity / Servent en solidarité**
- Friday: **By living as peacemakers / Vivent en artisans de paix**

Monday :	Morning Prayer – By honouring human dignity
Tuesday :	Morning Prayer – By caring for creation
Wednesday :	Morning Prayer – By responding to the poverties in our world Wellness Activity Day 1 – X-Movement
Thursday :	Morning Prayer – By serving in solidarity Mass 9 :20

Wellness Activity Day 2 – X-Movement
 Parent Engagement Evening
 J.K. Journey Into Learning Evening
Friday : Morning Prayer – By living as peacemakers
 Faith Play Day

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.

At Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School, we strive to increase student knowledge, understanding and application of Scripture, Sacramental life, and Catholic social teachings. This is accomplished by providing faith opportunities and resources to develop students' understanding of Scripture as well as its connection to the Sacraments and by connecting Catholic social teachings to the students' daily lives.

Staff and students participate in all the liturgical celebrations that occur throughout the year. School liturgical events include Masses, Monthly Virtue Liturgies, Remembrance Day Liturgy, and Stations of the Cross. Staff events include Advent and Lenten Retreats, Advent and Lenten weekly prayer services and faith formation at our monthly staff meetings.

Opportunities for student faith development are also supported throughout the year with our Google Classroom platform, and student involvement in various outreach programs, such as food drives and ShareLife initiatives. Youth Faith Ambassadors are involved in numerous school activities throughout the year.

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
Celebration of First Confessions	April 21-April 25, 2025	
Celebrations of First Communion	May 14, 2025	

Confessions for Confirmandi	April 21-April 25, 2025
Celebration of Confirmation	April 29, 2025

Liturgical Celebrations:

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

Celebration	Date
Virtue of Faith Liturgy	September 30, 2024
Opening Mass	October 17, 2024
Virtue of Empathy Liturgy	October 29, 2024
Remembrance Day Prayer Service	November 11, 2024
Virtue of Conscience Liturgy	November 29, 2024
Advent Mass	December 19, 2024
Virtue of Hope Liturgy	December 20, 2024
Virtue of Self-Control Liturgy	January 31, 2025
Virtue of Respect Liturgy	February 27, 2025
Lenten Confessions	March 20, 2025
Virtue of Kindness Liturgy	March 31, 2025
Lenten Mass	April 10, 2025
Virtue of Love Liturgy	April 29, 2025
Catholic Education Week Mass	May 8, 2025
Virtue of Acceptance Liturgy	May 30, 2025
Virtue of Fairness Liturgy	June 27, 2025

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 contributes through monetary donations and acts of service to various organizations. Throughout the school year, Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School supports a variety of different organizations including: The Terry Fox Foundation, ShareLife, St. Patrick's Parish, and The Knights' Table. For ShareLife, we will have a ShareLife Spirit Week and ShareLife Spirit Days. We will provide The Knights' Table and St. Patrick's Parish

with the donations from our Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter food drives. During Advent, we will be working in partnership with St Patrick's Parish to identify and provide food, gifts and gift cards to help families and children in need have a beautiful Christmas. Donations will be joined to those of the parish and forwarded to those who ask, to maximize our impact and demonstrate the care of the Catholic 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.

- ✚ Our Adult Faith Ambassador Team leads the school in becoming **discerning believers**.
- ✚ Our students are **effective communicators** who participate in the daily prayer life of the school.
- ✚ Our Youth Faith Ambassadors are **responsible citizens** who contribute to the common good of the community by developing and promoting initiatives that give witness to Catholic social teaching.
- ✚ Our staff and students are **collaborative contributors** who highlight the expectations at each of our monthly virtues' assemblies.
- ✚ All students strive to be **self-directed, responsible, lifelong learners** by engaging in daily learning.
- ✚ We are part of a community of **caring family members** who support and participate in the life of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Elementary School.
- ✚ We strive to nurture students who are **reflective, creative and holistic thinkers** through our instruction and assessment.
- ✚ Each month, our school newsletters highlight a section of the **OCSGE**.

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.

Each month we highlight the virtue of the month in a school-wide assembly, in the classrooms, and on the morning announcements. Our display case in the entrance of the school is also used to highlight the virtue of the month, as are the school newsletter, staff Weekly Forecast and the school website.

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.

When you walk into our school, you are greeted by two large Crosses and an altar presented in the colours of the Liturgical Season. We have symbols of our faith in each classroom and throughout the school, such as liturgical cloths, Crosses, Bibles, sacred spaces, altar, Advent wreaths, candles and books that speak of our Catholic Faith in child friendly language. Our school also has a Peace Garden with a statue of Mary and a mural of Mary with biblical passages written on the walls. Our Lady of Lourdes is a Catholic School, and through our words and actions, we are committed to Catholic Education and our Catholic Faith.

Resource List for Parents/Guardians:

- General Roman 2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar - [2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- Religious Education Curriculum - [Ontario Religious Education Curriculum](#)
- New Family Life Curriculum 2023 - [Ontario Family Life Curriculum 2023](#)
- New Family Life Education Curriculum and Support Resources – [Institute for Catholic Education](#)
- Fully Alive Program information - [Ontario Bishops' information on Fully Alive](#)
- [Encyclical Letters](#) : 'Laudato Si', 'Laudato Deum' and 'Christus vivit'
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- Catholic Education Week 2025 – [Catholic Education Week 2025](#)
- Jubilee Year 2025 – [Pilgrims of Hope](#)

Resource List for Schools:

Board

- General Roman 2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar - [2024-2025 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- Multi-Year Strategic Plan - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2023-2027](#)
- Renewing the Promise – [A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education](#)
- [Encyclical Letters](#) : ‘Laudato Si’, ‘Laudato Deum’ and ‘Christus vivit’
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- Catholic Education Week 2025 – [Catholic Education Week 2025](#)

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Signature Page

Pastor



Faith Ambassador(s) (as applicable) NA

Teacher(s) *Jessica Drepaul, Vera Sasso*

Chair of Catholic School Council *Momdlun*

Vice Principal(s) NA

Principal *Michele Moncur*

Superintendent