



EDMONTON
CATHOLIC
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CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2020



UNITED IN PRAYER AND GRATEFUL FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.....

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GREETING We begin in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit (+). **Amen.**

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READING **Colossians 4: 1-6** – A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians,

Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, for you know that you also have a Master in heaven. Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. At the same time pray for us as well that God will open to us a door for the word, that we may declare the mystery of Christ, for which I am in prison, so that I may reveal it clearly, as I should. Conduct yourselves wisely toward outsiders, making the most of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING PRAYER Loving God, as we give thanks for your Word, help us to be faithful to you and your Church and give us the strength to live as joyful disciples, following in the footsteps of your Son. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. . **Amen.**



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020



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READING **Colossians 1: 3-8** – A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians,

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING PRAYER..... Loving God, as we give thanks for your Word, help us to be faithful to you and your Church and give us the strength to live as joyful disciples, following in the footsteps of your Son. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

WORLD CATHOLIC EDUCATION DAY



THURSDAY, MAY 21, 2020

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READING **Colossians 3: 1-4** – A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians,

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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GOSPEL..... **Colossians 3: 12-17** – A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians,

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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