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will renew their strength*

– Isaiah 40:31

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK DAILY PRAYERS

LITURGY | Monday, May 10, 2021



INTRODUCTION

Every year Catholics across the globe, through the celebration of Catholic Education Week, give thanks for the gift of Catholic education which has served nations for centuries through teaching students in their faith. This year, the theme of Catholic Education Week in Alberta is: Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength from Isaiah 40.31. In the province of Alberta, we acknowledge with deep gratitude and embrace with unwavering resolve the gift of publically funded Catholic education. We are grateful for the opportunity to provide faith-based education to more than 180,000 students in Alberta and for the teachers, administrators, parents, students, priests, and parishioners who are committed to Catholic education. While the Alberta Bishops' commitment to Catholic education is resolute as they actively work to ensure the future of Catholic education, everyone has a role to play in sustaining the future of Catholic education. Religion and the Catholic faith are integral values in the education and formation of students.

GREETING

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

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Loving God, teach us your ways, make them known to us, and help us to live according to your truth. Direct our hearts and minds to pray for our Catholic schools. Help us to lead in faithfulness, wisdom and charity, to create welcoming and inclusive schools, to commit to the vital work of prayer, dialogue, and action, and to inspire and sustain us to make love our way of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

READING

Leader: *Romans 5: 1-5* **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

CLOSING PRAYER

Leader: 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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READING

Leader: *Romans 12: 1-12* **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness. Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

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READING

Leader: *Romans 15: 5-7* **A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans:**

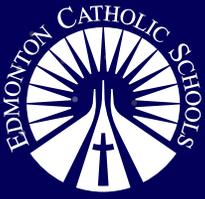
May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

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READING

Leader: *Isaiah 40: 3-11, 28-31* A reading from the Prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep. Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint."

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READING

Leader: *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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