

# St. Albert of Jerusalem School



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## April 2006 Newsletter

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### Masses

Saturday, 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,

12:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Monday, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 7:15 p.m.

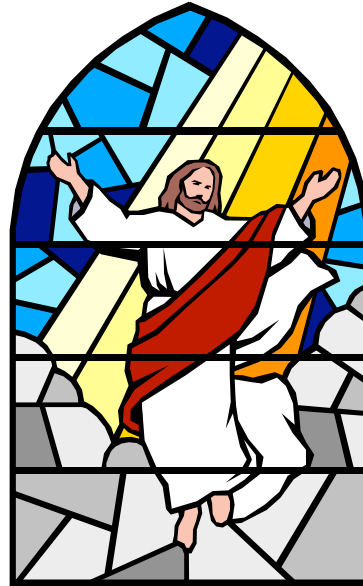
Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

Friday – 9:00 a.m.

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Next Early Dismissal Day:

Wednesday, April 26, 2006



*Dear God*

*During this season of Lent,  
may You help us to thank You  
for the new life You gave to our spirits.*

*To find Your presence around us  
in the sparkle of the sunshine,  
a word given in encouragement,  
a smile shared in passing.*

*To open our hearts to Your call.*

*To serve one another with Your loving compassion.*

*To have the courage to ask for help as we journey  
and to know when we have gone off the path.*

*To remember what lent is all about*

*and to turn our lives toward*

*You.*

*Amen*

***St. John of the Cross Parish***

Passion (Palm) Sunday (Blessing of the Palms)

April 8 – 5:00 p.m. April 9 – 8:30, 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 5:00 p.m.

April 10 – Mass 9:00 a.m. - Parish Reconciliation 7 – 10 p.m.

April 11 – Mass 9 a.m. April 12 – Mass 7:15 p.m.

April 13 – Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper – 8:00 p.m.

April 14 – Good Friday – Family Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion – 10:00 a.m.

Solemn Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion – 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

April 15 – Holy Saturday – Solemn Easter Vigil – 8:30 p.m.

April 16 – Easter Sunday – Church only – 8:30, 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 5:00 p.m.

April 17 – Easter Monday – Mass 9:00 a.m.

***Stations of the Cross***

On Holy Thursday, St. Albert students will be hosting a special liturgy for Holy week. The grade 7 students will be partaking in a solemn celebration of the Stations of the Cross. There will be 2 presentations, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. All parents are welcome as we celebrate the most important season of our Catholic faith.

***Catholic Education Week \* April 30 – May 5, 2006  
“And God Saw That It Was Good”***

The 2006 theme – *And God Saw That It Was Good* – reminds us that we affirm both the sacredness of creation and the sacred mystery that is God’s ongoing creation. It is particularly relevant in reflecting Catholic education’s commitment to help student cultivate an appreciation for God’s gift of creation and develop a deep sense of moral purpose in fulfilling humanity’s responsibility as stewards of creation. Five sub-themes, one for each of the five days of Catholic Education Week 2006, help students to understand the rich meaning of this year’s theme:

Day 1: *Creation charged with the grandeur of God*

Day 2: *At home in the web of Creation*

Day 3: *Celebrating the goodness of Creation*

Day 4: *Living God’s dream for Creation*

Day 5: *At peace with all of Creation*

*God’s dream for Creation*, coming to life in the *grandeur of creation*, fills us with awe and reverence for this ancient planet and this even more ancient universe in which we dwell. The sacramental universe itself reveals the divine presence in the person of God, the Creator of heaven and earth, in whose image and likeness we are formed and in whom we live and

breathe and have our being. Furthermore, this year’s theme reminds us of the intrinsic value and interdependence of life in all its forms. The universe and all that exists within it is bursting with significance and purpose for those who have eyes to see it as God sees it and as God would have us see it.

***Construction News***

The addition to our St. Albert of Jerusalem School Rosehurst site is well underway. The administration team has met with the Board’s planning team and representatives from the construction company regarding the status of the addition. Everything is going well and on schedule. The shell of the extension is complete. The structure will be enclosed shortly and trim / fixtures and finishing materials construction will be underway. It will be ready for September 5<sup>th</sup> 2006. The staff is in the process of planning our move back to the old site. We will keep you informed as we receive new information.

***Grade 3 & 6 EQAO Provincial Assessment***

Each year, Grade 3 and 6 students in Ontario are assessed in reading, writing and mathematics for a period of 5 days in May (dates to be advised). The Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO) has developed the assessment that is used in all schools. Kindly avoid booking dental, doctor or other appointments during the test period, in order to support maximum participation by all students.

***Lunch Moms***

If your child is absent, and you have ordered Lunch Mom’s for that day, please call them at 905 461-KIDS (5437) before 8:00 a.m., and your account will be credited towards the next month.

### ***Bus Reminder***

Due to the many nut allergies in our community, absolutely no eating is allowed on the school buses.

### ***Easter Special Needs Drive***

The St. Albert of Jerusalem School Community has been asked once again to give generously to our special needs drive. The student council is collecting personal hygiene items for the needy of our community. We ask that you help out in this important community outreach activity by sending in new / unused items such as soaps, shampoo, toothpaste etc.

### ***The Mississauga North Chess Tournament***

This year St. Albert of Jerusalem School has the pleasure of hosting the Mississauga North Chess Tournament on Thursday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006. We look forward to the arrival of teams from the many schools in our family. St. Albert will also be hosting the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board wide tournament on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

### ***Battle of the Books***

The Mississauga North Battle of the Books takes place Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at St Albert of Jerusalem. Participants in this whole day event are required to read as many books as possible from a list of 96 books of various genres and answer timed, book specific questions. A total of 14 teams will be participating in this years Battle. Please encourage and cheer on our school!

### ***Early Release Day***

You are reminded that April 26<sup>th</sup> is the next Early Release Day. There will be no school for children in the afternoon. Busses will be at the school at 11:30 am to bring children home. Please make sure you have made arrangements for your children to ensure pick up at their bus stops. Teachers will be engaged in Professional Development activities to enrich and enhance their teaching practices in order to provide optimum education for your children.

### ***Junior Boys basketball***

The Junior Boys Basketball season is in full swing under the coaching expertise of Mr. LeBrun. The team practices three times a week and have played two games. Our current record is 1-1. More to come as the season progresses.

### ***Junior Girls Basketball***

The St. Albert junior girls basketball team has started their season! The girls played their highly competitive first game against St. Teresa of Avila. The Angels won their second game against St Richard. There are two

more games scheduled in April. Congratulations to our enthusiastic players: Nana, Bernadette, Riley, Ciara, Danielle G., Chenillo, Danielle R., Gabby, Amanda and Mattea. These girls have kept up a grueling schedule of practices. Their proud coaches are Mlle. Bradford, Mrs. MacIntosh and Ms Hayhow, assisted by Grade 7 students, Krista & Isabelle.

### ***St. Albert Hockey team***

This year, St. Albert of Jerusalem School competed in its first ever ice hockey season and tournament. It was a fun and exciting season, which was capped with a full day tournament at Ice Lands Arena. Team members included:

Forwards: Ryan S., Brad S., Roger H., Nick P., Jaclyn S., Evan M., Daniel C., Anthony B., Kevin G., Chris K.

Defense: Chris D., Colin H., Tyler C., Matt N., Eric L., Andrew M., Anthony G., Stefano M.

Goalies: Matt L., David B., Brandon W.

### ***Looking Ahead***

Although it is only April, preparations are being made to ensure that our school is organized for the 2006 – 2007 school year. As such, in the coming months, teachers will be working hard on student class placements. As you can appreciate, many hours of meetings and consultations go into the class building process, to ensure the appropriate placement of all students. When creating a class, teachers look at the follow criteria to develop heterogeneous groupings:

- balance of ability (academic skills)
- balance according to gender
- learning style (how the learner learns)
- teaching style (how the teacher teaches)
- social blending (who get along with whom)
- parental input (re: learning style of student only)

Please note that parental input is important to us but must be weighted with the other criteria. Specific teacher requests cannot be considered. Rather, if necessary, **parental input in the form of a letter to the principal, should focus on learning style of the student and the type of environment he/she best learns in. Letters must be submitted to Mr. Baswick by May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Please remember that as a staff, many discussions and reflections are put into the class building process. We will have approximately 1,000 students in September. We do our very best to develop classes that will be formed in order to maximize opportunities for each

child to learn and be successful.

***Dates to Remember***  
***– please refer to the attached calendar.***