

## SAA Bulletin #28 - April 9/20

Take a look at some of the learning and activities that took place in the virtual school this past week!

**SERVE - ACHIEVE - ASPIRE**

Easter is soon approaching! Stella made a sock bunny and some of our Knights have met this Easter bunny while on walks, or playing outside. Have you seen this Easter bunny in your neighbourhood?



Literacy and numeracy concepts can be found in many areas of our learning! These Knights are practicing independence with some kinder cooking activities.



These Knights are WONDER driven, even at home! From edible slime, making the rainbow and staying fit. SAA Knights are having fun learning at home and being active as much as possible.





Students have been taking time to learn in many different positions and places in the house!

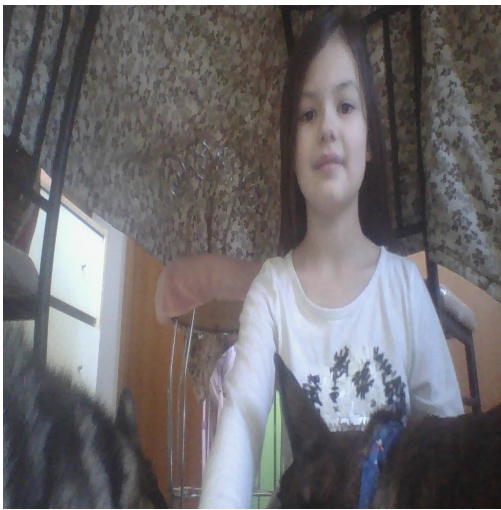


Students in 2/3 have been writing fairy tales this week. Use this [LINK](#) to check out some of their great work!

Grade 4-6 students and their families took part in an EPIC BLANKET FORT challenge!







## School News - Take a look at what's coming up next week! April 14 - 17

<b>Friday (10)</b>	<b>School Closed</b> - No Online Classes K-8 Good Friday Holiday
<b>Monday (13)</b>	<b>HAPPY EASTER - School Closed</b> - No Online Classes K-8 Easter Monday Holiday
<b>Tuesday (14)</b>	Online Classes resume K-8
<b>Wednesday(15)</b>	
<b>Thursday(16)</b>	SAA Spirit Wear and/or blue and green on this day- Send us a picture in your gear.
<b>Friday(17)</b>	

### Our School Goals

We have two primary school goals at SAA:

#### **Our Learning Goal - TO PROVIDE MULTIPLE PATHWAYS TO DEEP LEARNING**

- Fostering authentic relationships and connections with students and parents
- Differentiating instructional practices
- Learning Attribute Planning
- Leveraging Technology

#### **Our Faith Goal - TO BUILD A CULTURE OF FAITH AND SERVICE WHERE EVERY CHILD AND FAMILY FEEL WELCOMED**

- Continue to build and expand connections with parish, CSS and D&P
- Staff will build capacity to know, model and witness Jesus Christ and share this with students
- Continue to ensure that our faith is prominent within our school
- Develop further awareness of connections between our faith and spiritual beliefs/practices of Indigenous brothers and sisters

### **Greetings**

We hope Bulletin #28 reaches you and your family safe and well. Once again, thanks for the kind words we have received from parents! Keep the faith, we will get there. On behalf of all our staff we wish you all a blessed Easter. Click on a [link](#) that has a message to people of all faiths from the Pope of the Catholic Church.

### **Student Registration 20/21**

We still have a very small percentage of parents who have not completed registration for next school year. Please do this ASAP or if you will not be returning to SAA we would kindly ask that you let Mrs. Despina know this via email - [sdespins@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:sdespins@gsacrd.ab.ca).

### **School Calendar**

The [2019/20 School Calendar](#) that was adopted by the Board of Trustees is still in effect. This includes all Statutory Holidays and PD/Staff Meeting Days as well as any non-instructional days for kindergarten. As always you can check our [School Calendar](#) and our Weekly Bulletin for updates.

### **Contacting Staff**

At this time Mrs. Despina is in the school taking calls from 8:30am to 2:30 pm. Monday to Friday and we will be monitoring the General Voice Mailbox of our school on a regular basis. The best way to contact your child's teacher is via email. We will

endeavour to respond to all messages within the day or within 24 hrs. **PLEASE - if you are having some difficulties do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or school administration.**

### **Online Learning Considerations**

While students have not been at the school physically for 4 weeks, It's actually **only been 8 or 9 days** of online learning. If this was the beginning of the school year we would be saying that it's early and that teachers would still be working with students to get them into a routine. Some kids will be there, and some will not. Stay patient and we will get there. By now you or your child should have connected and completed some work provided by the teacher. We do believe that many students could be getting too much work and teachers may be required to adjust the amount of work for students in the next couple of weeks if they have not already done so. At the Gr. 4-6 and Junior High level, this may involve some "catch up weeks" where there is very considerably less assigned over a week.



### **Google Resources for Parents**

Click on the [link](#) to access some resources for online learning including a video tutorial on how parents can access a Google Classroom and a Google Meet. (video conference).

### **Read & Write for Google Chrome**

Learn how to use Read & Write for Google Chrome to support reading and writing

- Read and Write for Google Chrome is a Chrome Application that supports students with reading and writing. Our Division pays for the subscription for Read & Write for Google Chrome.
- When your child is signed into Google Chrome from his or her account, he or she has access to this tool.
- Click on the [Chrome Read and Write link](#) for more information

### **Mental Health Resources - COVID 19**

Are you looking for Mental Health Resources that will help you with anxiety and worry around COVID 19. Are you looking for ideas and support on how to talk with children about this. Click on the links below for support in regards to these topics.

[Mental Health Resources for K-6](#)

[Mental Health Resources 7- 12](#)

### **School Counselling Services**

Greater St. Albert Catholic Schools cares for our students and remains committed to supporting their well-being. We will continue to provide support during this unprecedented and evolving situation. Despite schools being closed, our School Counsellors remain accessible to all of our students and families.

If students require emotional or social support, you can reach out to our School Counsellor Mrs. Laurie McCurdy by email: [lmccurdy@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:lmccurdy@gsacrd.ab.ca). Emails will be checked and responded to during regular school hours. In the event of a crisis or emergency, please contact your local hospital, police department or call 911.

Additional support services you can also reach out to include:

Kids Help Phone - text 686868 or call 1-800-668-6868 or visit [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca)

211 Alberta – text 211, call 211 or visit [www.ab.211.ca](http://www.ab.211.ca)

Distress Line (24/7) 780-482-4357

Mental Health Helpline (24/7) 1-877-303-2642

Alberta Health Services [Help in Tough Times](#)

### **Keep Sending us Your Pictures**

Teachers will be very happy to accept pictures of your children working online, pictures of their projects, etc while learning at home. We still need photos for our weekly bulletin and for our school yearbook.

### **Thanks to the Current Sponsors of our SAA Field Trip Fund**







### **GRACE - Grateful Advocates for Catholic Education**

The Catholic school is filled with a spirit of trust, a willingness to collaborate, and a sincerity of living a life of faithful witness founded on Catholic teachings of Christ. (Arbuckle, 2013) The Catholic school is built on social justice highlighting the importance of moral values, founded on the natural law on every human conscience. (Sodano, 2004) These attributes would be felt and permeated in an online learning context as well.



### **School Council**

We are tentatively planning to have an **Online School Council Meeting using Google Meet on Wednesday April 22 at 6:30 pm.** You do not need to have a Google Account to participate. If you would like to participate in our Online School Council Meeting you need to send Mr. Lamer an email - [glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca](mailto:glamer@gsacrd.ab.ca) . A confirmation of your RSVP will be sent out to you prior to the meeting. All you will need is a laptop/tablet or desktop computer with a camera and microphone to participate. Approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of the meeting an invite link will be sent to your email account so that you can join the meeting.

### **Friends of SAA Society**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Easter Mundare Sausage Fundraiser. Many thanks to Stawnichy's Meat Products for their understanding that the school closing impacted the number of orders, yet they still honoured the fundraiser pricing! This resulted in proceeds of \$225.30 going to the Society. Happy Easter!!

### **St. Albert Parish News**

#### **A Message From Father Ignacy**

Message from our Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We begin the Holy Week today and are invited to contemplate not only the glory with which Jesus is recognized as king as he enters Jerusalem, but also the suffering he endures before his death, and which is seen in the many who suffer today around the world. This year, our celebrations of the Liturgies of Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum will be like no others.

In accordance with the requirements set out by the Chief Medical Officer for Alberta and the directives of Archbishop Smith, priests will celebrate the liturgies privately, but all the faithful are invited to join these celebrations

'virtually,' through video livestreaming (from St. Joseph's Basilica with Archbishop Smith, visit [grandinmedia.ca/livestream](http://grandinmedia.ca/livestream) to find link to the livestream events). As the Church enters into the week before Jesus' Passion and death, we are reminded that God is close to us and walks with us on our journey. Jesus is present in our many brothers and sisters who today endure sufferings like his own. We need to have confidence that God is with us and continues to reach us with His grace in ways that are best for us. Let us pray for each other and ourselves that God give us the grace of having courage and strength to carry our own cross daily, knowing, we are not alone. Have a blessed Holy Week.

With prayers,

Fr. Ignacy

Currently ALL: Masses, Sacraments, Saturday Confessions, Retreats, Parish meetings, Social gatherings and Parish related events are CANCELLED until further notice.

## **Weekly Mass Schedule**

Daily Mass intentions will still be included in Masses during the COVID-19 Isolation period. Fr. Ignacy will still offer Mass daily in solitude and will share the weekend Mass intentions with his fellow priests so please rest assured, the Mass intentions received by the Parish will still be included as per schedule.

## **SAPY Quaranteam Photo**

A Daily Photo Challenge to help: pass the time, grow in Holiness and bring your family closer together. During this time of Self Quarantine and Social Distancing.

Each day we will post a challenge on Instagram and Facebook. Complete the task either individually or as a team and send a photo or video to SAP4Youth on Instagram or Facebook (can be private messaged or posted public). SAPY points will be awarded for each challenge completed and the team with the most points at the end, will win an epic prize. If you don't collect SAPY points you can start now! Points can be used toward items in our SAPY store or toward upcoming trips. We do want to share some photos and videos so please let me know if you do not want your photos to be shared. We encourage your youth and/ or yourself to Follow us on Instagram or Like us on Facebook @SAP4Youth...the first challenge will be posted soon! You can also contact Rebecca, rebecca.sakowich@caedm.ca with any questions you may have!

Holy Week Activities for kids are found on the bulletin. Click on the link below.

## **Televised Mass**

Salt + Light TV has arranged with cable companies across Canada (Rogers, Bell, Telus, Shaw Direct, Videotron) to make their service available free of charge to all subscribers until 1 May 2020. This means that anyone who subscribes to cable TV will be able to access Salt + Light TV and therefore the Daily TV Mass and Sunday TV Mass produced by the National Catholic Broadcasting Council. Also, "La Messe du jour" that is produced and televised by Salt + Light TV six days a week from the crypt at Saint Joseph Oratory in Montreal will likewise be televised on Sundays now through arrangements with the Archdiocese of Montreal. Salt + Light TV is televising the daily Mass celebrated by Pope Francis from Casa Santa Marta. This airs every morning and will be televised in both English and French. The channel number on each cable company that carries Salt + Light TV can be found at <https://saltandlighttv.org/subscribe>. The Daily TV Mass is available on other faith-based television networks, and schedules can be found at [dailytvmass.com/about/broadcast-schedule](http://dailytvmass.com/about/broadcast-schedule).

Click on the [SAP Parish Link](#) to access the weekly bulletin for **St. Albert Catholic Parish**.

## **Holy Family Parish News**

### **STAY SPIRITUALLY INVOLVED**

In light of recent restrictions on our faith practices, here are some ideas or ways to continue your faith at home and while still respecting social distancing:

Prayer:

Continue your prayer life, first thing in the morning, mealtimes and before bed. All are easy ways to incorporate more prayer into your daily life.

Confession:

Fr. Joe has agreed to hear confessions on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm (noon) and on Thursdays and Fridays from 6:00 until 9:00 pm.

Mass:

Although currently attending Mass in person is not available, we are all strongly encouraged to attend virtually.

The Archbishop will be live streaming Sunday Masses at: <http://caedm.ca/>

Bishop Baron will also be live streaming Masses at: <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass/>

Salt and Light has Masses at: <https://saltandlighttv.org/mass/>

EWTN has Masses at: <https://www.ewtn.com/tv/shows/sunday-mass-live>

Click on the [HF Parish Link](#) to access the weekly bulletin for **Holy Family Parish**.

The 40 days of Lent are drawing to a close. The fasting will soon be a memory but the prayer and almsgiving will continue. We live in uncertain times:

- the coronavirus has become a pandemic



- gas and oil prices are at an all-time low
- massive layoffs are an everyday event
- the stock market is in turmoil.

The future is bleak but there is hope. We are not alone. We have not been abandoned. God is with us, offering hope in this time of despair. As many of the saints have said in the past: THIS, TOO, SHALL PASS. As we enter into Holy Week, let us continue to pray, including for those less fortunate in this time of uncertainty and fear. The Holy Father reminds us that prayer consists of three elements: Faith, Perseverance, and Courage. (Homily, Casa Santa Marta, March 20, 2020)

Jesus, Mary and Joseph: Pray for us.

## PRAYER

### Prayer for a Celebration of Holy Week

**Jesus, Our Redeemer and Lord, enter into my mind and heart as Holy Week unfolds and open me to the grace of this sacred time.**

**Through its symbols and stories, awaken in me an awareness of your great sacrifice, made so generously on our behalf.**

**Fill me with humility, gratitude, and reverence. From the solemn celebration of Palm Sunday to the opening of the Triduum on Holy Thursday, may my focus remain on you.**

**As I listen once again to the agonizing story of your Passion, death, and burial, may I learn what it means to say, “your will be done.” And, throughout the quiet space of Holy Saturday, may I await, dormant and expectant, for your rising to new life as Easter dawns. I ask this in your holy and blessed name.**

**Amen.**

