

PASTORAL PLAN

School: **St. Jacinta Marto Catholic Elementary School**

School Mission Statement:

The mission of St. Jacinta Marto School is to build a community committed to living the virtues of faith, hope and charity. We believe in a Catholic Education that fosters the development of global citizenship and innovation in teaching and learning

School Motto: Faith Hope Charity

Our Parish: St. Jerome

Pastor: *Rev. Michael Busch*

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

Message from the Pastor:

I have great respect and admiration for those who work and witness to their faith in our Catholic schools. They are passionate and caring professionals who show the face of Christ in all that they do. As people of faith we all share the responsibility and privilege to guide the children in the ways of the gospel. So let us ask the Holy Spirit to guide those in our parish, school and homes in the mission to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Even though we are 'teachers' we remain 'learners' throughout our entire lives. We are all children of God, and there is always more for us to learn about Jesus and his kingdom. May God be with us all, as we teach and learn together.

Message from the Catholic School Council:

The St. Jacinta Marto School Council is an integral part of our school community. Through active participation and collaboration of parents/guardians, staff, students and parish, we strive to ensure that all students reach their full potential in a faith filled learning environment.

Catholic Education Week - May 1 – May 6, 2022**Catholic Education: Rebuild, Restore, Renew Together**
L'éducation catholique: Rebâtir, Restaurer, Renouveler Ensemble

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.

"Behold, I make all things new." (Revelation 21:5)
«Voici que je fais toutes choses nouvelles.» (Apocalypse 21,5)

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2022 are:

Monday: **Rediscover / Redécouvrir**
Tuesday: **Rebuild / Rebâtir**
Wednesday: **Restore / Restaurer**
Thursday: **Renew / Renouveler**
Friday: **Rejoice / Se réjouir**

Students will participate in activities that highlight the distinct Catholic nature of our school. St. Jacinta Marto will celebrate Catholic Education week through school wide prayers, liturgies and activities that reflect the five subthemes. The school will use social media/google classroom to share activities with parents. Activities include classroom retreats, written personal reflections and using a quote of the day related to each theme. The week will culminate with artwork depicting the ways we rejoice for the blessings in our lives and expressions of gratitude.

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.

There are many opportunities for faith formation. Staff and students begin the day with daily prayers and scripture readings. There will be virtual school masses with Msgr. Michael Busch and Fr. Jibin Joy. Rosary Apostolates have provided videos on how to pray the rosary. There will be staff and student liturgies during the year. There is a strong partnership between school and parish. The parish and parents prepare the students for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Our Religious and Family Life program reflects our values and faith. The virtues are celebrated and an aspect of daily life. The Youth Faith Ambassadors will play an active role in leading student liturgies. Teachers often attend conferences such as When Faith Meets Pedagogy.

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
Sacrament of Reconciliation	December 4 & 11	
First Holy Communion	TBA	
Confirmation		TBA

Liturgical Celebrations:

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

Celebration	Date
Virtual school masses	Monthly
Virtual Pastor visits	TBA
Staff liturgies	Monthly
Student liturgies	Special celebrations, Advent, Lent and Easter
Feast Day of St. Jacinta Marto	February 18, 2022

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 students will participate in a variety of initiatives. There will be food drives with donations going to St. Louise Outreach Centre. Christmas drive for mitten, scarfs, gloves, and socks for families. In addition, students will participate in activities to support Share Life.

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.

To celebrate OCSGE, we as a school community we will have a monthly OCSGE focus. Students will have the opportunity demonstrate the expectation and receive a simple certificate. Focus on expectation will be done during virtual morning prayers and through classroom activities. The OCSGE are integral in all aspects of school life for example, the Eco team, Faith Ambassadors, Learning teams, Academic teams, and Coding.

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.

We celebrate the virtues in daily life and highlight them monthly through prayers and virtual assemblies. Virtue awards will be awarded to students who reflect and demonstrate the virtues. All students play and an active role in presentations about the virtues as part of our faith. Daily prayers and announcements feature the virtues.

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.

The school building has a large cross as part of the structure. There are visible signs of our faith throughout the building. An altar and cross are on display in the front foyer. We have prayer tables, crosses and bibles in classrooms. Each student has a rosary through the generous support of the Rosary Apostolates. On display are icons of St. Jacinta Marto and Our Lady of Fatima.

Resource List for Parents/Guardians:

- Religious Education Curriculum - [Ontario Religious Education Curriculum](#)
- Family Life Curriculum - [Ontario Family Life Curriculum](#)
- Fully Alive Program information - [Ontario Bishops' information on Fully Alive](#)
- Encyclical Letter "Fratelli Tutti"- [Fratelli Tutti](#)
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- Catholic Education Week 2021 Video Message – [Catholic Education Week 2021](#)

Resource List for Schools:

Board

- Multi-Year Strategic Plan - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#)
- Renewing The Promise - [Renewing The Promise](#)
- Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”- [Fratelli Tutti](#)
- National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- Catholic Education Week 2021 Video Message – [Catholic Education Week 2021](#)

School-Based

- Catholic Education Advance Kit
- Children’s Daily Prayer 2021-2022
- Words for the Journey

Signature Page

Pastor Rev. Michael Busch

Faith Ambassador(s) (*as applicable*)

Teacher(s) Michelle Rousseau

Chair of Catholic School Council Christina Cordeiro/Julie Medeiros

Vice Principal(s)

Principal Avril Metivier

Superintendent