

St. Francis Xavier School

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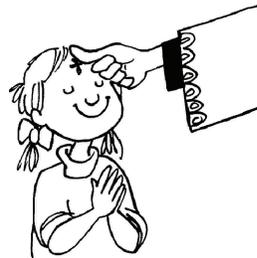
News from 5C

Theme for 2016-2017: Care For Our Common Home



Lenten Journey

Each year, the whole Catholic church goes on retreat for 40 days to prepare for the celebration of our most fundamental belief—Jesus, Son of God, was crucified and rose from the dead to give us eternal life. Ash Wednesday on March 1st marks the beginning of this Lenten season of preparation. In class, we will discuss how we can do this through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer. Those of us over the age of 16 do not eat meat on Fridays. This is called abstaining. We do this because we are following a custom started by the very first Christians, all the way back in the first century.



In addition, Jesus died on a Friday, so we do something a little hard to honour his sacrifice for us. We can also take this opportunity to do special forms of charity and being especially generous (almsgiving).

Lent has a special meaning when we share the journey as a family and as a parish. Look for resources at your parish on how to make the journey of Lent a family affair with all the members participating each in their own way!

A Fraction of Math

In Math we are finishing our unit on fractions. We explored how fractions can be applied in any situation where we have a total and equal parts—not just in dividing pies and pizzas! The Big Idea in our Grade 5 curriculum that we investigated is “Parts of wholes can be represented by equivalent fractions.” We also learned how to compare and order fractions with similar and different denominators. Some important benchmarks we use to check and estimate our answers are zero, half and whole.

Source and Summit of Our Faith

In Grade 5 Religion, one of our major areas of focus is learning about the liturgical celebration of the Mass. We have been exploring the many aspects of this sacrament starting with the Liturgy of the Word and now we are studying the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Next we will learn that the Holy Spirit strengthens the whole community and forms us as an assembly. In worship and daily living, we show that through the Eucharist Christ lives in us and we live in Christ.

As a summative project, we will show what we have learned by creating a Mass booklet for the Grade 2Z class as a gift for their First Holy Communion.

Mark Your Calendars!

Upcoming events:

- ♦ *Wednesday, March 1st: Ash Wednesday School Mass and Lenten season begins*
- ♦ *Thursday, March 9th: Term 2 Report Cards sent home*
- ♦ *Friday, March 10th: Student-led Conference*
- ♦ *Sunday, March 12th: Daylight Saving Time Begins*
- ♦ *Monday, March 13th to Friday March 24th: Spring Break*
- ♦ *Friday, March 17th: Happy Saint Patrick's Day!*
- ♦ *Monday, March 27th: School Reopens*
- ♦ *Sunday, April 9th: Palm Sunday and beginning of Holy Week*

