

# PASTORAL PLAN

**School Name:** St. Peter Catholic Elementary School

**School Mission Statement:**

At St. Peter Catholic School we celebrate our spirituality and diversity through achieving, believing and community living in an inclusive Catholic environment.

**School Motto:** Developing and Sharing our Faith

**Our Parish:** St. Timothy

**Pastor:** Rev. Luis Calleja

**Parish website:** <https://sttimothyor.archtoronto.org/>

**Message from the Pastor:**

St. Timothy RC Church assists the students, parents and staff members of St. Peter School to live their baptismal call. Through our collective efforts, we inspire our community of believers to answer the call to act justly, to love tenderly, to walk humbly, to serve generously and to live peacefully. We invite you and your family to celebrate the Sunday liturgy on: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00pm, Sunday Masses at 9:00am & 11:00am, as well as praying the Rosary before each Mass and the St. Michael Prayer after each Mass.  
God Bless, Fr Luis Calleja

**Message from the Catholic School Council:**

The St. Peter Catholic School Council is passionately dedicated to nurturing a profound sense of collaboration within the extended community, all in pursuit of fortifying the efforts of our exceptional staff and enthusiastic students in imparting an education firmly rooted in our Catholic faith. At the heart of this commitment lies the Council's genuine and heartfelt acknowledgment of the sacred bonds uniting home, school, and church

## Catholic Education Week – May 5<sup>th</sup> – May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Catholic Education: We are Called to Love**  
**L'éducation catholique: Appelés à aimer**

*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.*

*"If we love one another, God lives in us." 1 John 4:12*

*Si nous nous aimons les uns les autres, Dieu demeure en nous. (1 Jean 4, 12)*

The sub-themes for Catholic Education Week 2024 are:

Monday: **As people of hope / Dans l'espérance**  
Tuesday: **As people of faith / Dans la foi**  
Wednesday: **As people of mercy / Avec compassion**  
Thursday: **As people of justice / Dans la justice**  
Friday: **As people of joy / Dans la joie**

Educators will work to bring alive the theme of Catholic Education Week, which is "We are Called to Love" along with the daily themes every day in their classrooms permeating curriculum delivery and everything we do at St. Peter Catholic Elementary School.

In order to support the implementation of Catholic Education Week activities across our school community, we will be sharing resources, plans, and prayers with educators  
<https://www.ocsta.on.ca/project/we-are-called-to-love/>

Our Youth Faith Ambassadors will lead our school community in daily CEW prayers. Our hope is to invite our school community to join us for a dramatic production during Catholic Education Week. This production will provide an opportunity to celebrate, to share the gifts in which our students have been blessed.

## 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.*

To strengthen our Catholic identity, St. Peter Catholic School will continue to develop opportunities for faith formation of students and staff, together with our commitment to educational programs that will continue to promote our Gospel values. Through the involvement and participation of students in various committees and programs, our school continues to provide enriched learning experiences for all our students that are inclusive and rooted in our faith.

Individual classroom and online activities that support both adult and student faith formation include:

- Daily school-wide Christian Meditation led by our Youth Faith Ambassadors
- Liturgies to foster faith formation among staff
- Virtue Assemblies and Liturgies
- School Masses at St. Timothy Parish
- Video messages from Father Calleja shared with school community (Thanksgiving, All Souls, Christmas, Ash Wednesday/Lent, Holy Week, and Sacred Heart of Jesus and School Year End)
- School-wide Remembrance Day Service
- Sacramental Preparation for Grade 2 and Grade 7 students
- Celebrating the Sacraments at St. Peter Catholic School (Retreat Day)
- Staff and students begin each day with prayers on announcements
- Classrooms participate in prayer at lunch and at dismissal
- Staff will be encouraged to celebrate mass with their students at St. Timothy Church
- Sharing of Pastor Remarks: Monsignor Shiels during meetings  
<https://www.youtube.com/c/DPCDSBVideos>
- Daily Religious/Family Life instruction

## 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 First Reconciliation	April 20, 2024 & April 27, 2024	N/A
First Holy Communion	May 4, 2024 & May 11, 2024	N/A
Sacrament of Confirmation	N/A	April 20 & April 27, 2024

### Liturgical Celebrations:

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

Celebration	Date
Advent Mass	Friday, December 8, 2023 (9:15 at St. Timothy Parish)
Ash Wednesday	Wednesday, February 14, 2024 (9:15 at St. Timothy Parish)
Easter Season	Friday, April 26, 2024 (9:15 at St. Timothy Parish)
<b>Video Messages</b>	
Thanksgiving	Monday, October 9, 2023
All Souls	Wednesday, November 2, 2023
Christmas	Monday, December 25, 2023
Ash Wednesday/ Lent	Wednesday, February 14, 2024
Holy Week	Monday, March 25, 2024
Sacred Heart of Jesus & Year End	Friday, June 7, 2024

### 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.*

- Seasonal Food Drives during Thanksgiving, Advent and Lent to support the Orangeville Food Bank & St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Encourage our school community to contribute to our Christmas Tree of Hope (hats, mittens and sock donations)
- Promote and encourage staff to participate in ShareLife events and the ShareLife Employee Campaign
- Promote participation in the ShareLife Poster contest (October 2023)
- Participate in the Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research fundraiser
- Hold various in-school Sporting Events and Spirit Days to raise funds for ShareLife

- Youth Faith Ambassadors to explore establishing a connection with local community partners (e.g. long term care facility Avalon Care Centre) to explore ways that we can support the community of Orangeville

### **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.*

St. Peter's Catholic School curriculum and resource materials, at all grade levels, contribute to achieving the Catholic Graduate expectations for all students. The OCSGE are a part of our daily announcements and posted in our hallway as a mural. Teachers and resource staff continually use these resources when curriculum planning, deciding on instructional strategies, and with assessment and evaluation. We also always use these expectations as tools to help children grow through progressive discipline practices. This religious and moral education is embedded throughout our teaching. The OCSGE will also be at the core of student activities, clubs and teams, Youth Faith Ambassadors, Harmony Club, and the Evergreen Eco Team.

### **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.*

A virtue is a habit or established capability to perform good actions according to a moral standard. In other words, a virtue is a habit that shows people and God that we are good people. Each month we will look at developing one of these virtues:

•FAITH •RESPECT •EMPATHY •KINDNESS •CONSCIENCE •LOVE •HOPE •ACCEPTANCE •SELF-CONTROL  
•FAIRNESS

As a school community we:

- Celebrate the Virtue of the Month with a school liturgy
- Model living the virtues every day
- Pray together daily
- Use the school newsletters and X (formerly known as Twitter) to promote monthly virtues

- Use the virtues as the foundation for teaching and learning experiences through announcements and daily modelling

### 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.*

- Cross displayed in the foyer
- Altar that will display various symbols of our faith that align with our liturgical calendar
- Our classrooms all have crosses, prayer tables/sacred spaces and visible representations of our faith on classroom walls.
- Catholic Graduate Expectations mural displayed in our main corridor
- Virtues mural displayed in our main corridor
- Beautiful images and symbols of our faith displayed in our conference room

### Resource List for Parents/Guardians:

- General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar - [2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- 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 2024](#) – Catholic Education Week 2024
- [Synod on Synodality](#) – Synod 2021 - 2024

### Resource List for Schools:

#### Board

- **General Roman 2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar** - [2023-2024 Liturgical Calendar](#)
- **Multi-Year Strategic Plan** - [Multi-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023](#)
- **Renewing the Promise – A Pastoral Letter for Catholic Education**
- **Encyclical Letter “Fratelli Tutti”**- [Fratelli Tutti](#)
- **National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation** - [National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation](#)
- **Catholic Education Week 2024** – [Catholic Education Week 2024](#)
- **Synod on Synodality** – [Synod 2021 - 2024](#)

### **School-Based**

- Religion Textbook and Teacher’s Resource: Many Gifts & Born in the Spirit (grade 1-8)
- Family Life Textbook and Teacher’s Resource: Fully Alive (grade 1-8)
- Adaptive Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation Kits
- Adaptive Program – Finding God Kit (kindergarten)

### ***St. Peter School Prayer***

We, your brothers and sisters in Christ,

Pray to you St. Peter, who was chosen and named by Jesus

Guide us to work toward becoming the people that God wants us to be.

By using your foundation, the rock of our Church,

We ask you to help us to renew the call to become leaders within the Christian faith.

Inspire us St. Peter, to bring the Gospel of Life into our hearts and lives each day.

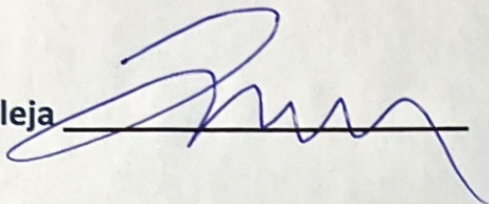
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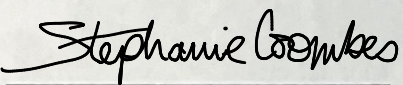
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**Father Luis Calleja**

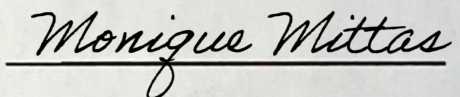


**Co-Chairs of Catholic School Council:**

**Stephanie Coombes**

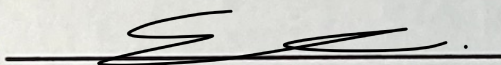


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