

April 9, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are just wrapping up our second week of online learning and we are continuing to learn a great deal. One of the blessings we have as a Catholic school, is our ability to come together as a faith community and celebrate the various events of our faith during the liturgical year. During Lent and Holy Week, our students have learned about and have continued their spiritual preparations for the Easter Season in their religion classes. As a school, we would be hosting Liturgies of the Word in our school gym during the Lenten season and Easter Seasons (after the Easter weekend) if we were all back in the school building.

As we continue on with Holy Week and in our spiritual preparations for Easter, I have included information for families who may be interested in taking part in church services over the long weekend. *I recognize that families have a great deal to manage right now and I am wanting to present these as opportunities to explore should you wish to do so.* These online masses are offered through the Archdiocese of Edmonton. Beginning on Holy Thursday there are a series of masses to celebrate Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday), and Easter Sunday:

- April 9 Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday) Mass of the Lord's Supper will be livestreamed from St. Joseph's Basilica at 7 p.m. via YouTube at https://youtu.be/FsBDs0x7bKk
- April 10 Good Friday will be livestreamed from St. Joseph's Basilica at 3 p.m. to celebrate the Passion of the Lord via YouTube at <u>https://youtu.be/PRrRUW80SEQ</u>
- April 11 Holy Saturday will be livestreamed from St. Joseph's Basilica at 8 p.m. via YouTube at <u>https://youtu.be/5odPApLtnPY</u>
- April 12 Easter Sunday will be livestreamed from St. Joseph's Basilica at 10:30 a.m. to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord via YouTube at <u>https://youtu.be/DNkRtH4JKHI</u>

If you are wishing to participate, but are unable to join the livestreaming of the Mass, recorded videos of these Masses can be accessed from the <u>Archdiocese of Edmonton YouTube channel</u>.

May God bless you and your family as we remember and celebrate the great mysteries of our faith this weekend. Have a blessed Easter season and we look forward to welcoming students back to their online classrooms on Tuesday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Yours in education,

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