

PASTORAL PLAN

School Name: St. Andrew Catholic Elementary School

School Mission Statement:

We believe that each member of the St. Andrew School Community is unique and special and has a positive contribution to make to society.

We aspire to be living examples of Christ's message of love, serving as role models in the Christian formation of all members of the community.

We endeavor to "touch the hearts and minds of those with whom we work", and in co-operation with parents and parish priest, we will assist children in their own personal development of faith and their appreciation and understanding of the Gospel values.

Together, we will provide a friendly and caring environment, which inspires academic excellence, fosters self-esteem, and promotes respect for others.

We believe that education is a life-long process, involving physical, intellectual, emotional, social, and spiritual development. To this end, we will strive to promote the full development of children in the image of Christ.

School Motto: Together Everyone Achieves More
Our Parish: St. Timothy Catholic Church

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. Andrew 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.

God Bless,

Fr Luis Calleja

Message from the Catholic School Council:

St. Andrew's Catholic School Council is an integral part of the school-parish-home connection at St. Andrew. Through collaborative practices, we support many faith forming and community building initiatives and events, which develop the whole child and contribute to improved student achievement and wellbeing. We look forward to continuing demonstrating our united commitment to Catholic Education.

Catholic Education Week – May 5th – May 10th, 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**

St. Andrew School Community will highlight Catholic Education Week with various activities for our students including a series of charitable events around the school to support Catholic charities, such as ShareLife. Welcome to Kindergarten Night for parents of new Junior Kindergarten students to meet the teachers and introduce them to the Full Day Kindergarten experience.

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.

School activities that support both adult and student faith formation include:

- Promote successful partnerships through Pastoral Planning
- Celebration of Mass and liturgical events within the community.
- Morning prayer reflections and liturgies throughout the year
- Students participate in classroom prayer at many times throughout the day, including the addition of Christian meditation. Youth Faith Ambassadors will lead students in Christian Meditation.
- Classrooms have a sacred space for individual prayer opportunities, focus for class celebrations
- Peace Garden serves as places of gathering and reflection
- Daily Religion and Family Life Education
- Informal living and teaching of our faith occurs throughout our day in our treatment and respect of others
- Virtues Program – classes will be invited to share a presentation and/or school-wide activity
- Adult and Youth Faith Ambassador Initiatives
- Student and staff led community projects (e.g., Terry Fox)
- Staff focus on faith life of the school at monthly staff meetings
- Sacramental preparation for grade 2 and 7 students and working with St. Timothy's church to help in their formation

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	TBA-2024	TBA- 2024
First Communion	TBA-2024	
Confirmation	TBA-2024	
Preparation of Sacrament	Parish Flyer Info (October Registration)	Parish Flyer Info (October Registration)

Liturgical Celebrations:

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

School Name	Date	Time	Location	Priest/Guest	Theme
St. Andrew School	Wednesday December 6, 2023	11:00am	St. Andrew School	Guest Priest	Advent Season
St. Andrew School	Wednesday February 14, 2024	11:00am	St. Andrew School	Guest Priest	ASH WEDNESDAY
St. Andrew School	Wednesday April 24, 2024	11:00am	St. Andrew School	Guest Priest	Easter Season

Celebration	Date
Thanksgiving Liturgy	Thursday October 5 th , 2023
All Saints/All Souls Day Liturgy	Wednesday November 1 st , 2023
Advent Mass	Wednesday December 6, 2023
Ash Wednesday	February 14, 2024
Holy Week Liturgy	Thursday March 28, 2024.
Easter Mass	Wednesday April 24, 2024
Catholic Education Week	Recording Cardinal Francis Leo

End of Year Mass	June 2024 (TBD)
Graduation Liturgy of the Word	Wednesday June 26, 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.

Our school participates in ShareLife....

- Participate in the ShareLife Poster contest
- Staff payroll deductions and Dress Down Days
- Advent/Lenten food drives St. Vincent De Paul
- ShareLife Fundraiser: Donations accepted via School Cash Online
- Elevate student voice in leadership through Youth Faith Ambassadors
- We will participate in the Dr. Simone Candy drive
- We will organize a Christmas Tree of Hope fundraiser, collecting gift cards for families on our community in need

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....

- Place our faith at the center of all learning
- Develop a strong bond between home, school and parish
- Embed the OCSGE into all the learning that takes place
- Post visible signs of the OCSGE around the school and classrooms
- Celebrate mass/virtues as a school community
- Promote Eco-stewardship within the school

- Focus on respecting the thoughts and opinions of others
- Foster and celebrate God given gifts and talents of all
- Care about our school, parish, community, and the world around us
- Celebrate our gifts given to us by God

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 have monthly assemblies....

- Monthly assemblies are held celebrating the virtues (virtual assemblies if required)
- Virtues Certificates are awarded to students who have displayed the virtues and values of the Catholic Church
- Modelling living the virtues every day
- Daily prayers and school newsletters/twitter promoting the monthly virtues.
- Teachers use virtues as the foundation of their teaching and learning experiences.
- Signage in the school indicating monthly virtue

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.

We have ...Crosses, Bibles, Prayer Tables, community service

- Crosses, Bibles, and Prayer Tables are present in classroom and all key areas of the school.
- We also have a Mother Mary statue and Virtue posters visible in the school.
- Our altar, located in our main foyer, welcomes all visitors to our school community and is decorated to reflect the liturgical season.
- Prayer Garden serves as a sacred space where staff and students are encouraged to gather, discuss, and reflect on our faith.
- *Throughout the school, there are also liturgical season symbols, (e.g. advent wreath, nativity scene, individual and collective student work on liturgical seasons and sacramental themes.*

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

- Fully Alive Program/Family Life
- Adaptive Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation Kits
- Religious Education Program
- Ontario Catholic School Graduation Expectations
- Virtues Program
- Pastoral/Liturgical Teams
- OAPCE Parent Representative

St. Andrew's Prayer

*O Glorious St. Andrew, you
were the first to recognize and
follow the Lamb of God.
With your friend St. John you
remained with Jesus for that first
day, for your entire life, and
now throughout eternity.
As you led your brother St. Peter
to Christ, and many others after
him, draw us also to Him.
Teach us to lead others to Christ
solely out of love for Him, and
dedication in His service.
Help us to learn the lesson of
the Cross and to carry our daily
crosses without complaint so
that they may carry us to Jesus.
Amen.*

Signature Page

Pastor: : Rev. Luis Calleja



Faith Ambassador(s) (as applicable)

Teacher(s)

L. H. Schmidt

Chair of Catholic School Council: Sarah Lodeserto



Vice Principal(s): Sabrina Piacente



Principal: Sandi Tuzi



Superintendent

Sue Steer