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**PRINCE ALBERT LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: No services until further notice**

Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!

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<https://www.skeparchy.org/wordpress/liturgy-live-in-our-parishes-of-the-eparchy-of-saskatoon/>

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## Feast days: May 26<sup>th</sup>, St Carpus: one of the seventy disciples of Jesus.

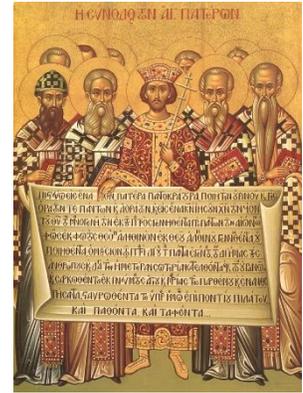
- Carpus was one of the seventy disciples that Jesus sent forth to spread the message while he was still alive (as we read in Luke 10:1-3)
  - Interesting note: Jesus gave the following instructions to these 70 disciples:
    - Go in pairs
    - Carry no money or sandals
    - When entering a house say, Peace to this household.
    - Eat and drink what is set before you.
    - Preach the kingdom of God is near.
- After the resurrection, Carpus was a disciple of Paul, as Paul mentions the name Carpus, at the house of whom he left a phelon and books (II Tim. 4:13). (A phelon is an outer garment....presently priests wear a phelon as part of their vestments.)

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## May 24<sup>th</sup> commemorates the Holy Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council

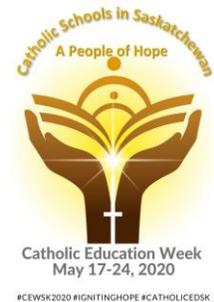
- On the seventh Sunday of Pascha, we commemorate the Fathers of the First Ecumenical Council.
- In the early Church, there were people who walked with Jesus so they knew his words and actions, and this guided people how to act. As time went on, there were fewer people that were with Jesus, so sometimes the ideas of worship began to drift because the new worshippers did not have a memory of what Jesus would have said and done. It was the job of the First Ecumenical Council, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to clarify any teachings about the faith.
- In the year 325, bishops and clergy representing Christian Churches (about 318) from various lands gathered together at Nicea to discuss among other things, the divine nature of Christ.
- The bishops worked on the statements of the faith, called the Nicene Creed. This statement of faith was completed in 381 and called the Nicene-Constantinople Creed. This is the creed that we say at Divine Liturgies.



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## Catholic Education Week – May 17-24

This year the theme of Catholic Education Week, which will be held from May 17-24, is “Igniting Hope”. So during this week, let us give thanks to God for the gift of Catholic Education. Let us not forget how important it is for our children and grandchildren to go to a school where our Faith and the words of Jesus Christ are shared.



## Pentecost is approaching!

The ‘green holidays’ are almost here (more about Pentecost next week)  
Here are a few things about Pentecost as we get ready for this major feast:

- Pentecost occurs 50 days after Easter. Because Easter is a moveable feast it can fall anywhere between May 10 and June 13.
- Pentecost concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church.
- Pentecost is the celebration of the person of the Holy Spirit coming upon the Apostles, Mary, and the first followers of Jesus to help them with their mission.

- Peter, the first Pope, preaches for the first time and converts thousands of new believers
- The Holy Spirit continues to give gifts and fruits necessary to fulfill the great commission: To go out and preach the Gospel to all nations.
- Happy Birthday, Church! Pentecost is considered the birthday of the Church!

## Who are the Saints that our Catholic Schools are named after?

As a way to celebrate Catholic Education we will explore the question, “Who are the Saints that have a school named after them in our Catholic School Division?” A different school will be highlighted in the coming week. Remember, as a Catholic community, these are our schools, let’s celebrate them!

### This Week: • **École St. Mary High School**

- École St. Mary School is named after Mary, the mother of Jesus. In the bible we hear the story of Mary’s conversation with the angel Gabriel. The angel tells her that God has chosen her to be the mother of the Messiah. Her response was “Here I am, the servant of the Lord, let it be with me according to your word”.
- St. Mary is a great model of our faith and a companion of all believers. She accompanies us on our faith journey and guides us through the ups and downs of life by pointing to her son, Jesus.
- At École St. Mary School, we strive to be like Mary in our faith and we place our trust in her. St. Mary’s feast day is December 8th and we celebrate that day with a Eucharistic celebration.



## Epistle reading for May 24<sup>th</sup>: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36

- In the Epistle we hear that Paul wanted to be in Jerusalem for feast of Pentecost, so he bypassed Ephesus, however he wanted to send them a message.
- In the message he encouraged the people to take care of the Church and to keep in mind the words of Jesus which will help and guide them.
- In verse 35 Paul reminds the Church in Ephesus “ In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”

## Gospel for May 24<sup>th</sup>: John 17: 1-13

- In the Gospel reading we hear of Jesus praying for his disciples. Here is a portion of the prayer...
  - “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.
  - ...<sup>12</sup> While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. <sup>13</sup> But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

## Reflection

- The reading today is a part of a longer prayer, which continues until the end of that chapter. This prayer is often referred to as the High Priestly Prayer and is the only long, continuous prayer of Jesus recorded in the Gospels. The sentences are simple, but the ideas are deep, moving, and meaningful.
- The context of this prayer is also very important. This prayer is right after the last supper. Then we have Jesus going out to the Garden of Gethsemane where he will be arrested, then face trial and the cross. And yet even though he is going to face tremendous suffering, he prays for his disciples. This is truly another aspect of the love God has for us.
- The key themes of the prayer are the glorification of the Father and petitions for the unity of the disciples through love.
- This prayer is an amazing insight into the life of the Trinity. Here we have Jesus praying to his Father and pledging total obedience to the will of the Father.
- Jesus prays to the Father that his followers "may all be one as we are one" and that "the love with which you love me may be in them, and I in them".
- May we follow the example set out by Jesus.



**Prayer for  
Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus,  
I believe that You  
are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.  
I love You above all things,  
and I desire to receive  
You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this  
moment receive You  
sacramentally, come at least  
spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were  
already there and unite  
myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be  
separated from You.

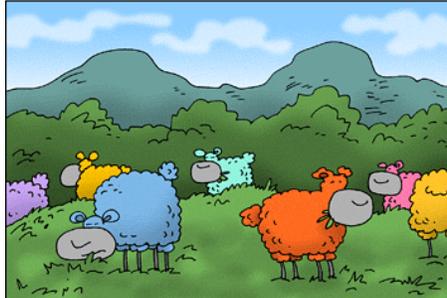
Amen.

**And some humour for the week:**



In Genesis 37, we read that Joseph received a coat of many colours from his father. Now we know where the yarn for that coat came from.

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Thanks to Richard Germain (See Genesis 37:3-36) 09-13-2010  
**WHERE JOSEPH'S COAT CAME FROM**

**Have a safe and blessed week!!!**