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We come to
grow each day

En donde crecemos
cada día



Lord, we lift our hearts to you.

As the dawn breaks, may we carry the
unity we share into every moment knowing
that we are one with the risen Christ.

Lord, we lift our eyes to you. As the sun rises, may
this moment stay with us, reminding us to look for
the beautiful colors of promise in your word.

Lord, we lift our prayers to you. As the dew
air falls, may we breathe this morning in and
know that like the earth, you sustain us,
keep us and work within us always.

And so, we lift our voices to you.

We celebrate the greatest day in history,
when Jesus rose from death, defeated darkness
and bathed the world in stunning resurrection
light. May we ever live to praise you!

Amen.”

UNKNOWN



DEAR PARENTS

Just a friendly reminder..

***School starts at 8:10am**, please do not drop off your children at the school before 7:55am as there is **no supervision** for students before that time. Also, the bell at the **end of day rings at 2:50 pm**. Please have arrangements made for your children to go home **at this time**; either by bus or pick up, **we do not have supervision after school**.

If, for any reason, you are going to be late, let the office know at 780-437-6022.

***Please check your parent Power School account to ensure that your child's fees are up to date.** We only have three months left in the school year so please have your fees paid. If you are having any concerns about your child's fees call 780-437-6022.

***If you have any questions or concerns about any aspects off your child's schooling, please ensure that the classroom teacher is your first contact. Prior to entering the school, parents will need to make an appointment with the teacher or with administration.** School administration is often away at meetings or in virtual meetings so it is very likely that a question or concern will not be addressed if one tried walking into the office.

***If your child takes the bus you need to have the **BusPlanner Delays App**.** This application is the only way that you will receive notifications from Transportation regarding issues with your child's bus.



***If your child will not be taking the bus on a certain day, please let the office know before 2:30pm.** Waiting till the bell rings, or even after, is not conducive for all.

GREEN SHIRT DAY

Thursday, April 7th is Green Shirt Day. Green Shirt Day is in honour of the Logan Boulet Effect, in support of organ donor awareness/registration across Canada. Green Shirt Day was created to honour, remember, and recognize all the victims and families of that fatal crash and to continue Logan's legacy by inspiring Canadians to talk to their families and register as organ donors.



PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, April 10th is Palm Sunday. It is the first day of Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter. It commemorates, from the New Testament, the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and being greeted by people waving palm branches.

SCHOLASTICS BOOK FAIR-INSCHOOL AND VIRTUAL



Scholastic Book Fairs

Safe • Easy • Essential

It been quite a while, but we are finally having an in-school Scholastics Book Fair! Our library will be set up as a Scholastics Book Fair where children, staff and parents will be able to shop the Book Fair. All points from sales of books go towards the St. Teresa Scholastic Rewards so we may purchase books for the library. The fair will start **Monday, April 11th and the last day will be Tuesday, April 19th**. Cash, debit, and credit cards will be accepted. Thank you for helping the St. Teresa Library!! If you are unable to make it into school, please feel free to shop our online Book Fair at <https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5180407>.

HOLY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 14th is Holy Thursday. It is a day when we commemorate the Last Supper of Jesus. As Jesus washed the feet of his disciples this is a day to remind us of the need to do more to love one another and to serve all people, especially the poor.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is Friday, April 15th. This is a solemn day in which we recall the death of Jesus and its promise of hope and new life. On Good Friday we remember the day Jesus willingly suffered and died by crucifixion as the ultimate sacrifice for our sins ([1 John 1:10](#)). The name Good Friday is entirely appropriate because the suffering and death of Jesus, as terrible

as it was, marked the dramatic culmination of God's plan to save us from our sins. It is followed by Easter, the glorious celebration of the day Jesus was raised from the dead, heralding his victory over sin and death and pointing ahead to a future resurrection for all who are united to him by faith ([Romans 6:5](#)).

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter Sunday is the greatest feast in the Catholic calendar, no other day is traditionally as sacred as Easter. This is the day we commemorate the resurrection of Christ. In the New Testament, the event is said to have occurred three days after Jesus was crucified and died.

LAST DAY TO ADD BUSSING FOR SEPTEMBER

If your child is currently in kindergarten or going into kindergarten in September, **Friday, May 20th** is the last day to sign up for bussing so that it is ready for September. If your child is in grades 1-6 and is already set up for bussing, no changes need to be done, as your child's bussing will just rollover for next year.

EASTER MASS

On **Friday, April 22nd** we, grades 1-6, will be going to St. Thomas More Church for our Easter Mass. We will be attending the 9:00am mass. Please note that all staff will be at mass, if you are arriving late, parents must make arrangements to meet at church or arrive at school after we all return from mass. The buses will be leaving promptly at 8:30am. Please do not be late! Thank you for the Grade 2 group for organizing this celebration.

EARTH DAY 2022



The theme of Earth Day 2022 is Invest In Our Planet. What Will You Do? For Earth Day 2022, together, for everyone, everything, every day... Now is the time for the unstoppable courage to **preserve and protect our health, our families, our livelihoods... together, we must Invest In Our Planet.**

#InvestInOurPlanet

CANADA BOOK DAY

Saturday, April 23rd is

the day for celebrating Canadian literature and reading. Celebrate by picking a new book

to read or by reading a book to a child. It is also a good occasion to find a new book series to immerse yourself in or to learn more about Canadian authors. Canada Book Day is celebrated on the same day as World Book and Copyright Day, a yearly event organized by UNESCO to promote reading, publishing and the protection of intellectual property through copyright..



ARBOR DAY 2022-APRIL 29th



NORWEX FUNDRAISER

For the rest of the school year, we will be having Norwex ordering available. Please go to either taratremblett.norwex.biz or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2296882583900702/?ref=share>. Thank you all that support our school since 25% of all orders go towards our school.

We're raising money
While reducing the toxic chemicals
in your home !

The power
of
Microfiber removes up 99% of bacteria
with only water



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to support our
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*For more info, demos and to
ORDER scan QR CODE
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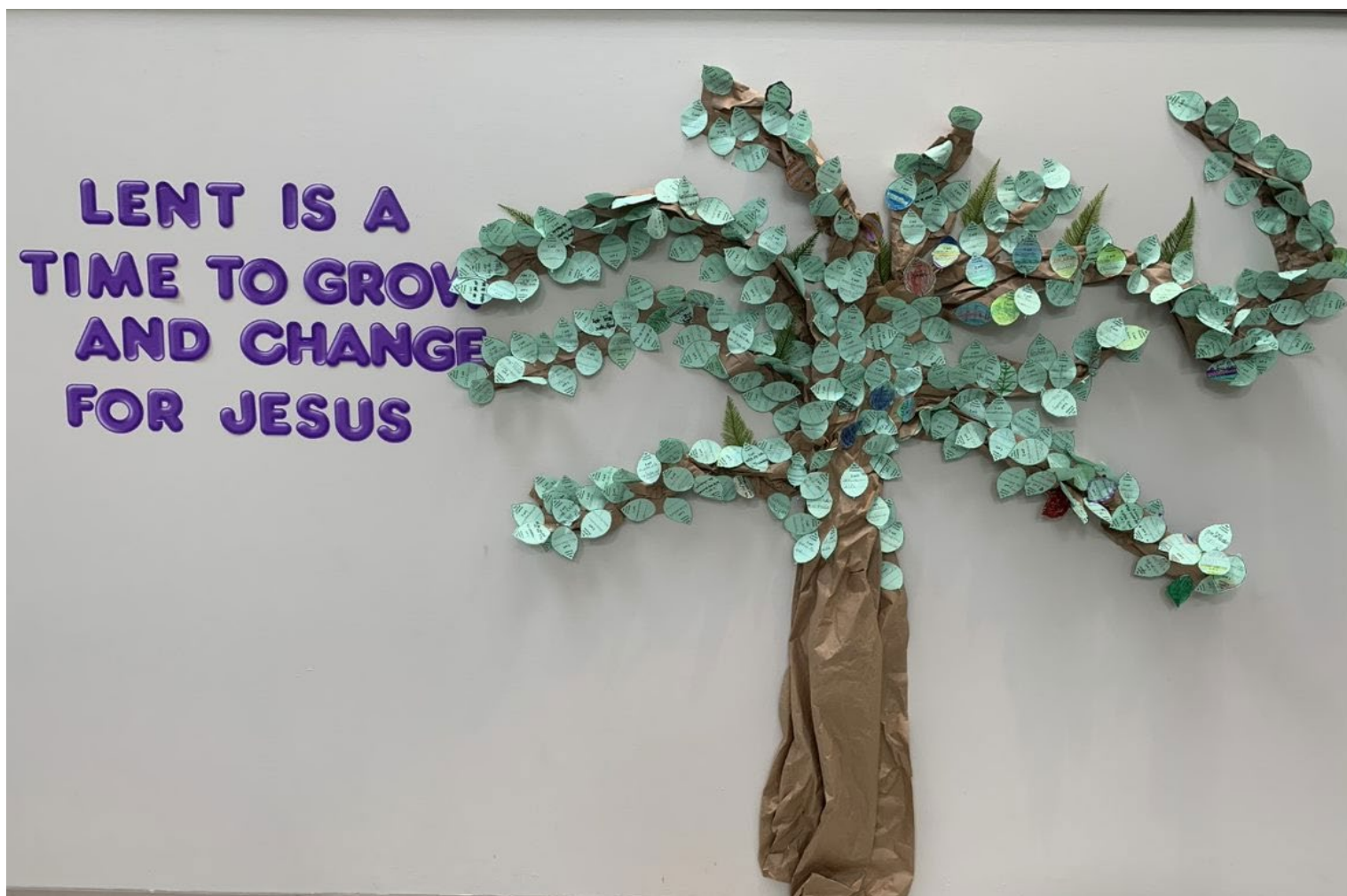


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LENTEN PROJECT FOR UKRAINE

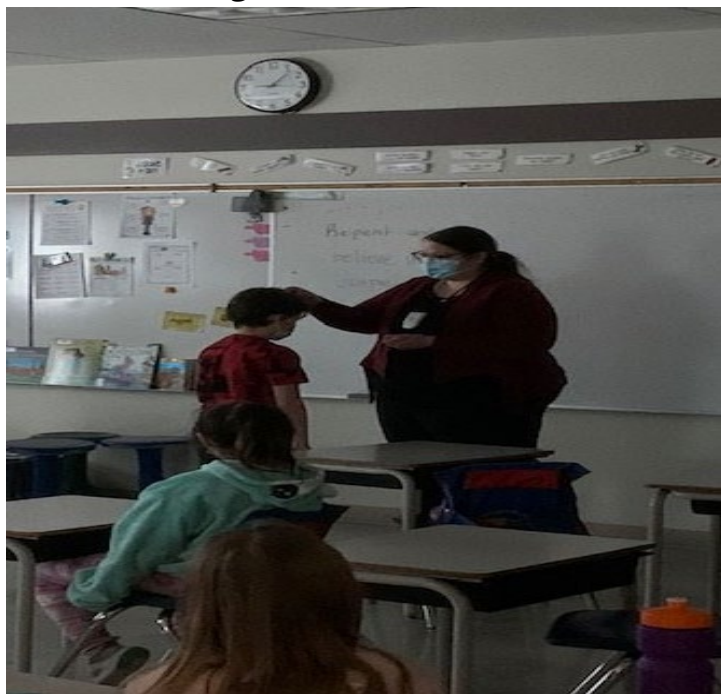
Our Lenten project this year was raising funds for Ukraine. We started the project on Ash Wednesday by asking everyone to bring in a toonie for Ukraine and finished the project on March 25th. Thank you to all that donated.





ASH WEDNESDAY

Thank you to the grade 1s for a wonderful Ash Wednesday Acknowledgment.

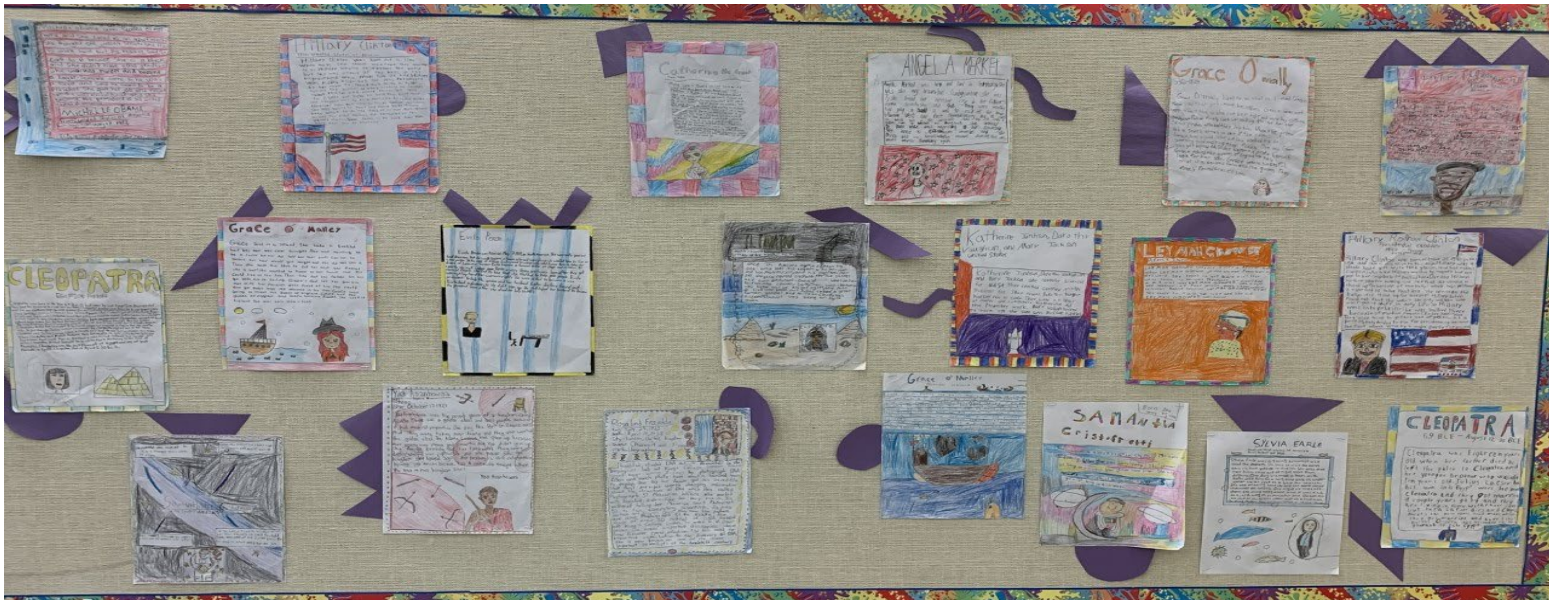




WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2022

"Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope"





The 2022 theme, "Providing Healing, Promoting Hope," is both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history.

Together, healing and hope are essential fuels for our dreams and our recovery. This year we are reminded of the importance of healers and caregivers who are helping to promote and sustain hope for the future.

FROM THE EDMONTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

African and Caribbean Canadian Books in Colour: Have you heard the buzz? Edmonton Public Library, in collaboration with multiple community partners, has released the long-awaited ACC Books in Colour Resource Guide. Aimed at K-12 classes, this guide contains 300+ books that celebrate the diversity of Black Canadian culture, history, and stories, and was vetted by a crew of dedicated student-reviewers. This is a great resource whether you're a school librarian looking to expand your collection, a teacher hoping to introduce more diverse titles to your classroom, or a parent looking for new books to share with your children. Watch the promo video and access the full guide here. <http://www.epl.ca/booksincolour>

International Children's Book Day 2022: Join Edmonton Public Library as we celebrate International Children's Book Day! Our virtual launch will feature special guest Kaumātua Ben Brown, EPL's Elder-in-Residence Jo-Anne Saddleback and a number of exceptional Indigenous authors and

readers from Canada and New Zealand. This is a global event with participants from around the world! Families with little ones may want to tune into the launch's storytime only, which starts at 5:45pm. Then, from March 26 – April 2, library branches around Edmonton will be hosting in-person storytimes! For full details and registration info, visit <https://www.epl.ca/icbd-2022/>

Our Common Home Newsletter: Here is the [March - Our Common Home Newsletter.pdf](#). Big changes are occurring while the Division inches closer to the move. Educational Planning, thanks everyone who has lent a hand, we appreciate all the patience as we navigate through the transitional steps. Further updates can be found on the [Educational Planning portal](#).

April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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SPRING BREAK						
3	4	5	6	7 Green Shirt Day	8	9
10 Palm Sunday	11 First Day of the Book Fair	12	13	14 Holy Thursday	15 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	16
17 Easter Sunday	18 Easter Monday NO SCHOOL	19 Last Day of the Book Fair	20	21	22 *Easter Mass 9am at St. Thomas More Church *Earth Day	23 Canada Book Day
Canada Book Week						
24	25	26 SAC Meeting at 6:30pm	27 Administrative Assistant Day	28	29 Arbour Day	30

COMING UP IN MAY

May 1st- Principal and Assistant Principal Day

May 3rd- School Bus Driver Appreciation Day

May 4th- Hats On for Mental Health Day

May 4th- Star Wars Day

May 5th- Cinco de Mayo

May 8th- Mother's Day

May 18th- Grade 6 P.A.T. Language Arts Part 1

May 18th- Write On Day #2

May 20th- Last day to sign up for bussing to start in
September

May 23rd- Victoria Day-NO SCHOOL

May 22nd-28th- Catholic Education Week

May 25th & 27th-6C goes to Museum School

May 26th- World Catholic Education Day

May 28th- World Hunger Day

May 30 & 31st-6A Goes to Museum School

God Calls Us



EACH BY NAME

April 2022

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you.” (John 13:12-15)

We encounter this scripture on Holy Thursday as Jesus prepares for his impending death. He gathers with his disciples and is breaking bread with them for the final time. During the meal, he performs the work of a humble servant by washing their feet. It is a mirror of the way he is about to serve all of God’s children through his death and resurrection. It is also a lesson to us all; ‘serve others in the way that I serve you’. That message of loving one another is one that we encounter over and over again as being that most fundamental tenet of our faith, love God and love one another.

The eyes of the world are turned to the war in Ukraine. A heartrending situation, it touches deeply in our Edmonton Catholic Schools. We have longstanding ties to the Ukrainian community in Edmonton and beyond. The response of our schools and sites to this humanitarian crisis has been humbling. Students and staff alike are engaging in awareness campaigns, fundraising, collecting items, and writing letters. Thank you to everyone who has stepped forward to serve in any way that they can. This is one of the ways that we wash the feet of others.

We were delighted by and grateful for the announcement of a new K-9 school in Lewis Farms (west) and of construction funding to build the high school in Castle Downs/Dunluce (north). These much-needed schools will ease enrolment pressures in the schools that currently serve those areas and are over-capacity. These two schools were the top priorities on the Capital Plan that we submitted to the Government of Alberta last year. Our 3-year Capital Plan, which is updated and approved annually to indicate what our greatest infrastructure needs are, was approved for the 2023-26 cycle at the March 23 Public Board meeting. You can find it [by clicking here](#).

The results of our own ECSD Assurance Survey were presented to the Board of Trustees at the March 23 Public Board meeting as well. In the upcoming weeks, these results will be populated into our [Division Assurance Dashboard](#). You can check this valuable visual tool throughout the year to see how we are doing as a Division. You can also read the consolidated report [by clicking here](#). We know that there have been many surveys that families have been asked to complete over the past year, but this is at the heart of the Assurance Framework. Whenever possible, we create opportunities for our families to share their thoughts on various aspects of our Division, both so that we can ensure that we are meeting your needs and to assure you that we value your voice and are listening.

As we complete our Lenten journey in the upcoming weeks, I will share a thought from our Holy Father that shines a light on yet another aspect of being humble servants: *#Lent is a favourable time to seek out – and not to avoid – those in need; to reach out – and not to ignore – those who need a sympathetic ear and a good word; to visit – and not to abandon – those who are lonely.* (Pope Francis, Twitter, 03/15/22)

Yours in Christ,

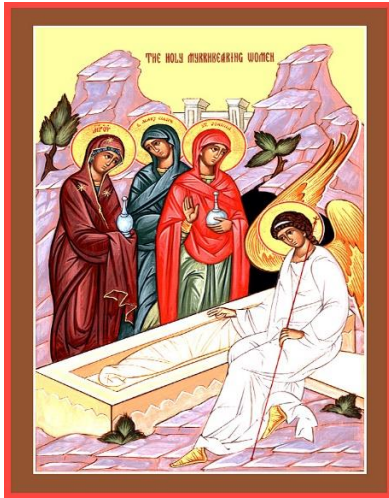
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Who Will Roll Away the Stone for Us?



On Easter Sunday morning the women were on their way to perform their last work of love for Jesus. Expecting to find him lifeless, they were to anoint his body with sweet-smelling spices. Worrying about the massive stone they were sure that they would find at the entrance of the tomb, they said to one another, *“Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”* (Mark 16:3)

The huge stone sealing the tomb of Jesus impresses us. For we, too, meet with many such challenging stones in life: stones that block our doorway into the future, the stones of sin, sickness, sorrow, loneliness, war, and ultimately death.

Like St. Paul we cry out, *“Who will deliver me from this body of death?”* (Romans 7:24) We think of the great stones that stand in our way: the regrets for the way we have often taken in the past, the uncertainties that plague us this moment, the fears that are in our hearts concerning things to come, and we cry, *“Who will deliver us? Who will roll away the stone for us?”*

Now the women find that the stone to the entrance of the tomb had been rolled back. It has been removed in the way that they had not foreseen. In the book *Jesus: A Dialogue with the Saviour* a monk of the Eastern Church writes: *“In order to remove the stone, nothing less than a cataclysm was necessary. A push, a slight readjustment would not be enough. Likewise, the stone which seems to immobilize and paralyze Jesus in my soul can be taken away only by an earthquake, that is to say, by a violent interior revolution, by a complete and radical change. A jolt like lightning is required to unsettle me. Jesus rises from the dead in me only if the one who I was ceases to exist, giving way to the new human. Not a retouching or a tuning up will do; but a death and birth are necessary.”*

Friends of Jesus, death is never the end of the story. It is not the end for the infant who dies at such a tender age. It is not the end for that loved one whose life is ravaged by cancer or snuffed out by a failing heart. It is not the end for that young soldier killed in the prime of his youth fighting for peace in Ukraine. It is not the end; for the stone has been rolled away.

As we approach the Feast of all Feasts - the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, I hope and pray that you and your families are in good health. Let us always remember that we are connected as One Body in Christ. Our love in Christ is forever!

The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Christ is Risen! – Indeed, He is Risen!
ECSD Chaplain
Fr. Julian Bilyj