



### MISSION

Queen of All Saints School is a *culturally diverse* Catholic community dedicated to developing the whole child with compassion and integrity. Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Oakland educate children in the Catholic *faith* and nurture their minds, bodies, and soul, *inspiring* them to live the *Gospel* of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest *academic* and creative potential, and actively *serve* and enrich the *community*.

## SAINTS' Scoop Newsletter

April 8, 2020

Dear Queen of All Saints Families,

As we prepare for the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday) I would like to wish you a happy Holy Week. In a recent newsletter, our Superintendent, Kathleen Radecke, shared that in a recent meeting Bishop Barber stated, "We've never needed the promise of Easter more than ever!" *In the midst of this unprecedented time, journeying through the personal and professional challenges, may we find comfort, strength and most especially HOPE as we also journey into Holy Week and the Blessed Easter season.* May we remember Jesus' promise of the resurrection, His promise of new life and hope for our world.

Tonight's "good night" video is a song that is near and dear to me. As a first grade teacher, I would end Holy Week by showing my students and their 8<sup>th</sup> Grade buddies A Veggie Tales Easter Story. The song I chose for this evening's Dojo is about how Jesus died to give us Hope. During this time, may we all remember Jesus' promise of the resurrection, His promise of new life and hope for our world.



### *An Easter Sunday Prayer*

*Risen Jesus, compel us to share the good news of your life wherever we go. May our hearts overflow with joy at your Resurrection. May our faces shine with the light of Easter. May our joy be an infectious invitation for others to come and see the tomb lying empty. Amen.*

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***May the God of HOPE fill you with joy and peace as you trust in Him. -Romans 15:13***

Here is a sneak peek into what you can look forward to as we return from Easter break:

- Dust off your dancing shoes, exercise those vocal cords, and get ready to showcase your talents for our QAS Family Virtual Talent Show!
- Prepare to share your family's favorite recipe for our Multicultural Day celebration – perhaps we can make a QAS cookbook of family recipes!
- 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>-grade students – get ready to run for next year's Student Government elections. You will be the first officers to run in a virtual campaign!

*Christ's peace and joy surround you this Holy Week and Easter season,*  
Mrs. Lucia Prince

## [Important Survey](#)

Although many of you completed the initial Parent Survey sent out by the school, the diocese is collecting data from parents, teachers, and students in all 39 schools to create a Remote Learning plan that is informed by all shareholders. Questions on all three surveys are aligned with similar questions. I would appreciate it if you would find a minute or two to complete the survey so that Queen of All Saints families have a voice in the diocesan and LCA plan. [LCA Parent Long-Term Dismissal Feedback](#)

## [LCA Latest News - from March 30th](#)

Please take a moment to read Lumen Christi's Executive Director Rodney Pierre-Antoine's most recent letter to our community [here](#).

## [Connect with Queen of All Saints' Church this Holy Week](#)

Queen of All Saints' Church posts daily Mass videos on its website. Please find those videos on their main website: <https://qaschurch.org/>. The best way to stay in touch with our church is through Flocknote. It is our parish's email and texting platform. Please see all the directions for signing up [here](#).

***The Friday Flocknote:*** When you subscribe, you will receive our weekly e-newsletter called "The Friday Flocknote" delivered right to your email inbox. It contains the upcoming Sunday Mass readings and reflections, resources to grow in faith, parish news and upcoming events.

***Holy Day Reminders:*** You will receive a friendly reminder about Mass times for holy days.

## [Letter from Mrs. Nancy Tomsic](#)

Dear Families,

I know many of you have been anxiously waiting to hear what will be happening for first communions. Since the latest update has us sheltering in-home until May 3rd we will be unable to celebrate 1st communions the first weekend in May.

Provided there are no new restrictions, we will be postponing 1st communions until the first weekend in June on June 6th and 7th. The mass times will all remain the same. If this new date does not work for you, please let me know and we will work something out. There will be no class next Monday, April 6th. (I will send out an assignment for this class or perhaps reschedule in May) Banners and registration forms are now due May 4th. Thank you for your patience. Please take this time to continue to help your children memorize the responses at mass.

Happy Holy Week and may God bless you and keep you well.

Mrs. Tomsic



## Preschool

This week our littlest SAINTS participated in a Float or Sink Science experiment! They learned that peeled oranges sink and oranges with the peel on float to the top! Way to go little SAINTS!



## Transitional Kindergarten



Students finished their alphabet study by creating their own "favorite letter T-shirts". They began Holy Week by creating paper palm leaves. They listened to and watched Bible stories about the last days of Jesus and created "paper plate tombs" to wait for Jesus to rise and bring "new life" to us all.

## 2nd & 3rd Grade

Our students loved seeing Bro Rhy today for their Holy Week check in! They miss him dearly, and appreciated the video content. Thank you, Bro Rhy



## 4th Grade

This week in 4th grade, students used the website called, "Storyboard That" to create Holy Week storyboards. Each day, students created two to three images that highlighted the main events of that day. After, students read about each day and summarized it in their own words. Here are a few examples from their amazing work!

### First 3 days of Holy Week Storyboard



Holy Week is most definitely a very sacred time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last week of Jesus's life on earth. On Sunday Jesus began his trip to Jerusalem. He sent two of his disciples to find a donkey. Then Jesus sat on the donkey and slowly, humbly, made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The crowds welcomed him by waving palms branches in the air and shouting "Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest. Jesus and his disciples spent the night in Bethany.

The following morning, Jesus returned with his disciples to Jerusalem. He cursed a fig tree because it had failed to bear fruit. When Jesus arrived at the Temple, he found the courts full of corrupt money changers. He began overturning the tables and clearing the Temple, saying, "My Temple will be a house of prayer, but you have turned it into a den of thieves." Jesus and his disciples stayed in Bethany again. On Tuesday morning, Jesus and his disciples returned to Jerusalem. They passed the withered fig tree on their way and Jesus spoke to his companions about the importance of faith. Later that afternoon, Jesus left the city and went with his disciples to the Mount of Olives, which sits due east

### Holy Wed. & Thursday of Holy Week Storyboard



**Holy Wednesday**  
 After 2 exhausting days, scholars say that Jesus just rested in Bethany. He also revealed that he had power over death by raising Lazarus from the grave to his disciples and the world. After seeing this incredible miracle, many people in Bethany believed that Jesus was the Son of God and put their faith in him.

**Last Supper**  
 They went back to Jerusalem and had a passover feast and before the feast Jesus washed all of the disciples feet. During the passover feast Jesus established the Lord's Supper or Communion. To remember Jesus's sacrifice they all shared the element of bread and wine. Late that evening in Gethsemane, Jesus was betrayed with a kiss by Judas Iscariot and arrested by the Sanhedrin. Meanwhile, in the early morning hours, as Jesus' trial was getting underway, Peter denied knowing his Master three times before the rooster crowed.

### Last Three days of Holy Week Storyboard



On Friday, it is when Jesus is being crucified. That means it is his crucifixion. He was condemned a first, and died at the end. This is the most difficult day in Passion Week. His first words were, "Father, forgive them, they do not know what they're doing." His last words were, "Father, into your hands, I commit my spirit." Then he breathed his last breath and died. On Saturday, it is the day when Jesus is buried in his tomb. The tomb was guarded by Roman soldiers throughout the day. On Easter Sunday, Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Salome, and Mary, (mother of James) went to the tomb and found it open! Then they went inside and found Jesus gone, but an angel there. The angel said, "don't be afraid, I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here, he has risen from the dead, just as he said would happen." "Then Jesus made at least five appearances throughout the day.

## 7th Grade

7th grade students worked on Storyboards to illustrate Holy Week. The students also made crosses and wrote their sins on the cross to ask for forgiveness heading into the Triduum.



## 8th Grade

8th grade students share their Easter prayer intentions and Lenten Infographics.



*"And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him."*  
**JOHN 5:15**

definition: a solemn request for help or expression of thanks addressed to God or an object of worship.

There are 4 main types of prayer: adoration, contrition, thanksgiving and supplication.

people to God to ask for forgiveness, healing, worship and four our existence.

Prayer

About 55% of Americans say they pray everyday.

"Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."  
 - Jeremiah 29: 12

**Fasting During Lent**

Fasting is mandatory on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and every other Friday during Lent.

Fridays are days to abstain from meat, also Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Jesus said to look happy when you fast, not to have a grey face and be said about it.

This lasts for about 5.5 weeks, or 40 days, for what stands for when Jesus was in the desert for 40 days without any food or water.

Students created their Lenten Infographic on the online platform, Poster My Wall.

**Almsgiving**

Almsgiving means donating money or goods to the poor and performing other acts of charity. It is one of the three pillars of Lenten practice and doing such acts pleases God. "Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life." (Matthew 25:31-46)

- CRS Rice Bowl**  
Taking part in this program helps improve the lives of people around the world, and you only have to give your spare change.
- Donate Items**  
Giving away your old clothes and toys to a shelter or charity shop can help many people. Your trash can be someone else's treasure.
- Volunteer**  
Volunteering at a local food bank or shelter is a great way to almsgive because you can witness firsthand how your actions help people.
- Acts of Kindness**  
No matter where you are, helping someone by opening a door or giving them a smile can have effects on them in ways that we can only imagine.
- Be Positive**  
Maintaining a positive attitude toward life can rub off on other people who are around you and lift them up. The weight of a smile goes a long way!

## Enrichment Classes

Maestra Egan with the Kindergarteners.

Coach Schonder doing PE with the 5th grade class.



## [Gently Used Wireless Router Donated](#)

Does your family need a wireless router to maximize your household WIFI output? One of our school families has a gently used router that they would like to donate. If you are in need of the router, please send an email to [queenofallsaints@csdo.org](mailto:queenofallsaints@csdo.org). We will coordinate a pick-up plan.

## [Service Hours Opportunities](#)

Once the shelter in place has been lifted, we will have service hours available for those of you who are interested or in need of hours to fulfill your obligation. All of our classrooms will need to be packed up in preparation for our exciting school renovation project, and we will need lots of assistance. A sign up will be sent out once we have more information. Stay tuned for details to come.

## [From the desk of Mrs. O'Connor](#)

Last week you received an email prompting you to fill out your students' registration for the 2020-2021 school year. Please complete your registration by April 17, 2020. Registration fees are not collected with this form - more information regarding fees will be sent at a later date.

If your family has received tuition assistance through the BASIC Fund this past school year, you should have received an emailed link to renew your application. These emails were sent from the Basic Fund on 3/30/2020. Please complete this renewal application that has been emailed to you. If you have not received a link from the Basic Fund and believe you are a renewing family, please email me so I can assist in getting that link for you. Please complete your application on or before April 17, 2020.

I am available to assist you remotely if you need my help. Please contact me with any questions or if you are in need of assistance in completing the application at [joconnor@csdo.org](mailto:joconnor@csdo.org).

## [Advisory School Board \(ASB\) and PACE News](#)

*During this season of Long-Term Dismissal, please help us all stay connected through Queen of All Saints School's Social Sharing. You can message all social media postings to Mrs. French at [mfrench@csdo.org](mailto:mfrench@csdo.org)*

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## Create, Engage, and Innovate

While we are on Easter Break, students have the opportunity to engage in an optional choice board to keep busy during our time away with engaging and enriching activities. Please share your work with us as we would love to showcase your amazing work on our social media platforms.

### Offline Activities Choice Board Select, Engage, Document, Reflect + Share

<p><i>It's All Fun and Games</i></p> <p>Play a game—board game or card game—with your family members then design a rebranded cover for the game. The goal of your new cover is to appeal to people looking for a distraction while stuck at home.</p>	<p><i>Chopped: Home Edition</i></p> <p>Choose a recipe from a cookbook or create your own original recipe. Document the process of making your dish with drawings and notes on paper. Include details about ingredients, measurements, and the steps involved in making this dish.</p>	<p><i>The Perfect Playlist</i></p> <p>Compile a playlist for your current mood. Your playlist must have a minimum of 10 songs. Give your playlist a name, describe the overall vibe of your playlist and explain why you selected these specific songs.</p>
<p><i>Weird Science</i></p> <p>Design your own at-home science experiment using everyday household items. Begin with a question you want to answer. Write up a materials list and a step-by-step description of the procedure. Check-in with a parent for feedback on your proposed plan. Conduct your experiment and document what happens!</p>	<p><i>Jingle All The Way</i></p> <p>Think about an item or product in your home that has been unexpectedly useful while you have been stuck at home. Write a jingle that could be used in a commercial to advertise the benefits of this random item or product.</p> <p><b>*Bonus:</b> If you play an instrument, compose a musical score!</p>	<p><i>That's Comical</i></p> <p>Read an article in the newspaper or a chapter in a book and draw a comic strip to show what happened in that article or chapter. Bring the text to life with images and captions.</p>
<p><i>Build It and They Will Come</i></p> <p>Design your own Rube Goldberg machine that performs a simple task in an overly-complicated way. If you need to see an example or just need some inspiration, <a href="#">watch this!</a></p>	<p><i>Let the Dancing Begin!</i></p> <p>Imagine you are entering the 2020 Tik Toc Dance Challenge. Select a song and design dance moves to go with that song. Practice your moves and teach a parent or sibling your dance.</p>	<p><i>Look and You Will Find</i></p> <p>Create a themed scavenger hunt. Choose your favorite sport, movie, book, or subject in school and use that as inspiration to create a scavenger hunt with clever clues. Once you've created your scavenger hunt, invite someone in your family to try and figure out your clever clues!</p>