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Opening our Hearts...
Blessed are they



*"When Jesus saw the crowds,
he went up the mountain;
and after he sat down,
his disciples came to him.
Then he began to speak,
and taught them, saying:"*

Matthew 5: 1-2

Opening our hearts draws us into an Outrageous love of God

In last month's prayer reflection we gave thanks and praise for *gifts given* to us in our call to educate our youth and serve others in the context of community. We reminded ourselves that it is with God's own power that we are called forth as teachers and catechists. As we open our hearts to God's *outrageous love for us* we start to see the great gifts given to us. This month we give thanks and show gratitude for all that has been received through Christ's teachings to us.

In the New Testament Jesus provides us with a beautiful set of teachings named the Beatitudes that focus is one of love and humility rather than force and exaction. The Beatitudes echo the highest ideals of Jesus' teachings on mercy, spirituality and compassion.

David Wells challenged us to think deeply upon the following:

For what do I have to be grateful for? How can I enact upon my God-given gifts? How do Jesus' teachings on the Beatitudes help me reflect this in heart, mind and action?

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**Board Meeting:
Tuesday, November 15,
10 am at Central Office
Peace River.**

OPEN to the public

Farewell to St. Andrew's Grad class 2011

On August 27th, 2011, the biggest grad class ever,(29 students) graduated from St. Andrew's school.

The celebration began with Mass, with the grads leading the liturgy and Father Abraham officiating. The whole graduation ceremony was held at St. Paul's Catholic church.

Dignitaries offered words of advice and congratulations, including our Superintendent Betty Turpin who graciously attended the ceremonies.

The graduates gave special recognition to Courtney Lawrence, their English teacher and vice-principal.

The grads presented her with roses and a gift in appreciation of her caring and dedication toward her job and her students.

Five graduates received Metis sashes from the Metis Settlement's General Council in Edmonton.

Five grads received gift bags from the band council and education department of Sucker Creek First Nations Band.

All the graduates presented roses to the people who were special to them. The rose ceremony is always a touching and emotional event. We witnessed lots of hugs and some tears as the grads did their presentations.



The official ceremony concluded with the presentation of diplomas by Principal Marc Lamoureux.

The students then proceeded to the Peavine Inn for the banquet and the evening events planned by them and their parents.

A quote from the High Prairie News.

"With a toss of their caps, the graduating class of 2011 leave St. Andrew's School ready to enter a new phase in their lives".

Let us....



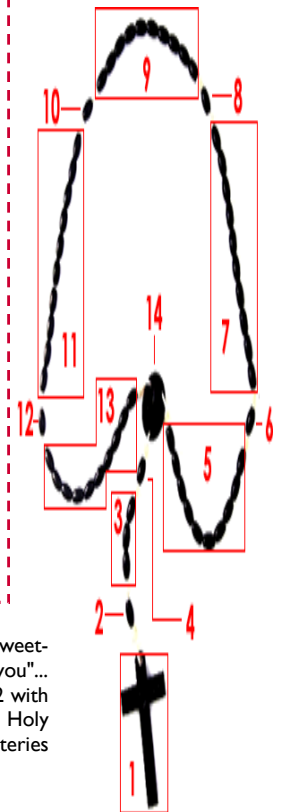
Pray the Rosary

The word **Rosary** means "**Crown of Roses**"

Our Lady has revealed to several people that each time they say a Hail Mary they are giving her a beautiful rose and that each complete Rosary makes her a crown of roses. The rose is the queen of flowers, and so the Rosary is the rose of all devotions and it is therefore the most important one. The Holy Rosary is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the awesome story of our salvation. With the Rosary in fact we meditate the mysteries of joy, of sorrow and the glory of Jesus and Mary. It's a simple prayer, humble so much like Mary. It's a prayer we can all say together with Her, the Mother of God. With the Hail Mary we invite Her to pray for us. Our Lady always grants our request. She joins Her prayer to ours. Therefore it becomes ever more useful, because what Mary asks She always receives, Jesus can never say no to whatever His Mother asks for. In every apparition, the heavenly Mother has invited us to say the Rosary as a powerful weapon against evil, to bring us to true peace. With your prayer made together with Your heavenly Mother, you can obtain the great gift of bringing about a change of hearts and conversion. Each day, through prayer you can drive away from yourselves and from your homeland many dangers and many evils.

How to pray the Rosary

1. Apostles Creed
 2. Our Father
 3. (3) Hail Mary
 4. Glory be followed by Fatima prayer
- Followed by saying First Mystery
- Our Father
5. (10) Hail Mary finished by Glory be and Fatima Prayer
 6. Second Mystery followed Our Father
 7. (10) Hail Mary finished by Glory be and Fatima Prayer
 8. Third Mystery followed by Our Father
 9. (10) Hail Mary finished by Glory be and Fatima Prayer
 10. Fourth Mystery followed by Our Father
 11. (10) Hail Mary finished by Glory be and Fatima Prayer
 12. Fifth Mystery followed by Our Father
 13. (10) Hail Mary finished by Glory be and Fatima Prayer
 14. Recite the Hail Holy Queen, Let us pray and end with the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary



It can seem a repetitive prayer but instead it is like two sweet-hearts who many times say one another the words: "I love you"... The Blessed Holy Father John Paul II on October 16th, 2002 with the Apostolic Letter Rosarium Virginis Mariae on the Most Holy Rosary has added 5 new mysteries of the Rosary: The Mysteries of the Light.