

# CRUSADER CHAPLAIN CHATTER

WEEK OF MARCH 23 - 27, 2026

## IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH IS IRISH HERITAGE MONTH,  
BANGLADESHI HERITAGE MONTH, HELLENIC  
HERITAGE MONTH, PERSIAN HERITAGE MONTH.

MAR. 4: PHOTO DAY

MAR. 6: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

MAR. 8: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

MAR. 11: NAT'L DAY OF OBSERVANCE FOR  
COVID 19

MAR. 13: LAST DAY BEFORE MARCH BREAK

MAR. 16-20: MARCH BREAK!

MAR. 14: COMMONWEALTH DAY

MAR. 15: INT'L DAY TO COMBAT

ISLAMOPHOBIA

MAR. 17: IRISH HERITAGE DAY / ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY

MAR. 21: INT'L DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF  
RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

MAR. 25: SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MAR. 26: SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

MAR. 26: PARENT / TEACHER INTERVIEWS

MAR. 29: PALM SUNDAY

MAR. 29-APR. 2: HOLY WEEK

MAR. 31: INT'L TRANSGENDER DAY OF  
VISIBILITY

MAR. 31: NAT'L INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES DAY

MAR. 31-APR. 2: OSSLT

APR. 2: HOLY THURSDAY SERVICES

APR. 3: GOOD FRIDAY

APR. 4: EASTER VIGIL

APR. 5: EASTER SUNDAY

APR. 6: EASTER MONDAY  
(HOLIDAY)



*We pause to honour the land  
on which we live, work and learn.*

*This land is sacred:*

*it is the land of many First Nations  
and the Metis;*

*From the lands of the Anishinabe  
to the Attawandaron,*

*The Haudenosaunee and the Metis,  
who lived, worked and learned*

*on this land and kept a peaceful balance  
with the land and its creatures and  
inhabitants and continue to do so.*

*As we begin our week,*

*Let us honour this land, its rich history,  
the many First Nations and the Metis  
and commit to continue learning  
how to keep a peaceful balance  
with this land and with all those  
who call this land home.*

*We are only as healthy  
as our relationship with this land  
and with our commitment  
to truth and reconciliation.*





## Fun 'Fashion Shoot' Makes Residents in a Senior Home Feel 20 Years Younger

Senior home residents were left feeling 20 years younger after posing for a photoshoot wearing high-fashion wigs and colorful clothing.

Residents at Maplewood Court, an hour outside London, were treated to the glam-up session thanks to the facility's 'Lifestyle Team' who were inspired by a video on social media. Providing an outrageous wardrobe of flower-studded wigs, sunglasses, hats and giant pearls, the photo shoot had the 72 residents abuzz with excitement.

The fun afternoon was the brainchild of employees Laura Taylor and Jo Morgan who kept it a secret, only leaking bits of excitement. "There was such a buzz in the home."

"We loved the idea of giving our residents the chance not just to dress up but to go over the top and feel fabulous," Ms. Taylor told SWNS news agency.

Centenarian Hilda Howes said it provided a new lease of life.

"I loved it, they made me look 80, instead of 100! It was so much fun to dress up in all the bright clothes."

The pair sourced the wigs online, while other employees contributed jewelry, scarves, and sunglasses.

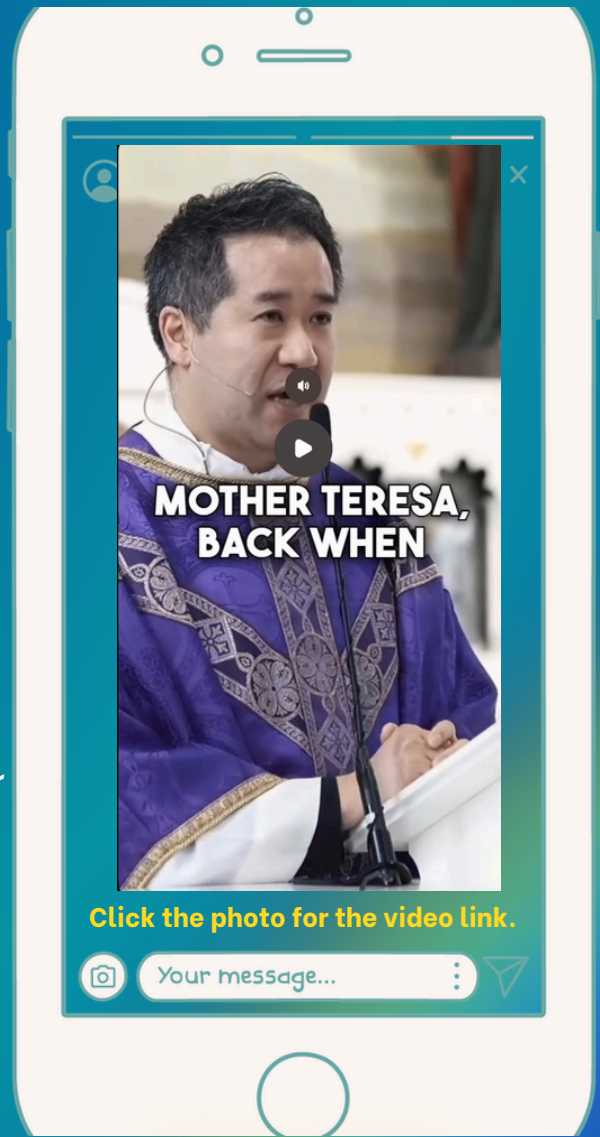
Deb Eve, a care assistant at the Maplewood home in Maidstone, did the ladies' make-up while Morgan took the photographs with the help of her daughter.

"We were thrilled that everyone was so keen to get dressed up," Morgan said.

"The whole thing lifted everyone's mood; it was wonderful to see."

The team will now print the photos for residents to display in their rooms, and a photo exhibition for the lobby is also in the works.

Click the photo for the link to the article.



## PRAYER

*Loving God,  
As we come back to this place  
to continue our education and mission  
to build Your kingdom  
on compassion and forgiveness,  
help us take seriously the call of Lent  
to reset our lives according to the ways of  
Your Son, Jesus, who showed us how to live  
and take care of each other.  
Our world needs us to be peacemakers,  
to listen, to work for justice,  
to hold space for all people.  
Give us the courage and discipline  
needed so that we can continue  
the good work Your Son began.  
Give us hearts willing to be  
instruments of Your peace and justice.  
Our Lady of the Assumption,  
pray for us!*

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*“Preach the gospel at all times; use words when necessary.”*

Assumption's Spectrum GSA is teaming up with other schools in our board for some upcoming events. If you identify somewhere along the 2SLGBTQIA+ then complete the QR form so that you can be part of it all! The QR code is up on a bulletin board by the chapel, on the door for rm 205. If you have any questions, see Ms. Ventura or Ms. R.!

Attention Grade 12s—for those of you who are wishing to return for another year next year, you must go to the Student Services D2L, and complete the form online AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Once your form is completed, you will get further information.

Attention Crusaders! Trivia Night is coming Thursday, April 11th! Form a team of up to 8 players—friends, siblings, parents, everyone's welcome! Registration is \$20 per person and limited to 35 teams, so sign up fast on the school website. Its going to be an awesome night! All proceeds support the St. Vincent de Paul Society and the Ambassador Program. Plus, enjoy our silent auction with amazing items! Don't miss a night of fun, laughter, and friendly competition—get your team together today!

The Peer Tutoring Program is BACK!

Seniors: We need strong, reliable tutors for all subject areas on Tuesdays and Thursdays at lunch. Earn some community service hours and make a difference.

Grades 9 & 10: finding your math or science homework a little... intense? Give peer tutoring a try, and learn from someone who has been in your shoes.

Just scan the QR codes outside Room 110 or the Student Success Office to sign up now!

(Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Popcorn will be available on all lunches today. If you have already purchased your popcorn card, stop by the table in the atrium on your lunch to pick up your card and popcorn. Don't have a card yet? Head to school-cash-online to purchase your popcorn card today. \$10 / card!

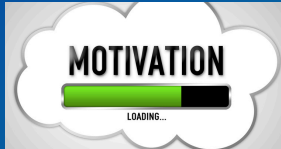
Student Council is again selling Krispy Kreme donuts! \$15 / box! There will only be a one week purchasing window and deliveries will take place after Easter. Sales open this Thursday on School Cash Online!

**See the the TV / bulletin board outside of Phys. Ed. for all updates regarding sports and practices.**

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## Quote for the week



Difficulty calls us to rise up. And in that rising, we learn what we are capable of. [CARLI BAUM]

## Dad Joke of the Week



## WEATHER REPORT FOR THE WEEK

Today	35%	-3°		3°
Tue		-4°		5°
Wed		-1°		7°
Thu	75%	3°		11°
Fri		-5°		4°
Sat		-5°		2°
Sun		-3°		5°

From the iPhone weather app

If you need support, please remember we are here for you:

Mr. Brophy (Principal)  
Ms. Fraser (VP)  
Mr. Ilcyszyn (VP)  
Ms. Rerecich (Chaplain)  
Devin Misener (CYC)  
Bailey Jones (SW)  
Guidance Counselors  
and your teachers

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## MONDAY

Student Council  
in rm 214

Chess Club, rm 304

Senior Reach,  
rm 224

## TUESDAY

Rosary Group in  
the Chapel per. 2

Concert Band in  
the music room

Debate Club,  
rm 202

## WEDNESDAY

Wellness Wednesday  
in Piazza over lunches  
DECA, library.

Intermediate Reach,  
rm 224

Math Madness,  
rm 305

HOSA, rm 217

Latin American Club,  
rm 202

French Club, rm 204

Spectrum GSA,  
during lunches--see  
Ms. R. & Ms.  
Ventura  
for locations!

## THURSDAY

Dungeons &  
Dragons,  
rm 209B

BSA, rm 110

Senior Reach,  
rm 224

Dance team,  
stage/small gym

Art Club, rm 108

South Asian Club,  
rm 222

**8:10**

Be in class  
by  
8:10 a.m.

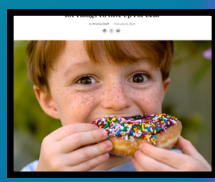


## PLUG IN TO YOUR FAITH

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS



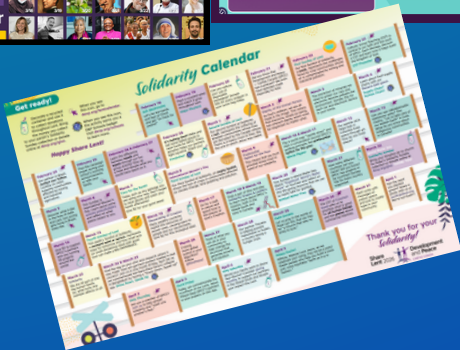
What convert to Catholicism coined the phrases "the medium is the message" and "the global village?"



First person to see Ms. R. with the correct answer will receive a prize!



Answer to last week's trivia: banana



"Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me." Matt. 25.40

# Why gossip is so enticing

by Molly Cahill



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When it comes to Lenten sacrifices, you have your classics like sweets and alcohol. But some of my most challenging Lents have come when I've tried to give up something a bit more difficult to pin down—and to sustain that commitment throughout the entire season.

A few years ago I attempted to give up gossiping. I'm ashamed to say I did a pretty poor job. When I look at today's readings I'm brought right back to that time, and I remember just how enticing it was to dip my toe into a bit of daily judgment, to blur the lines between story-telling and pure gossip. It was so easy for me to tell myself that I was just sharing important information, that I wasn't actually hurting anyone, that that attitude of judgment would begin and end in this oh-so-satisfying secret exchange with a friend. But I also knew deep down that gossip was (and frankly, is) a weakness of mine, and that the bad habit I was forming was becoming more and more difficult for me to kick.

In today's readings, that attitude of judgment extends far beyond talking behind someone's back—and it leads to condemnation and even bloodthirstiness. In both the first reading and the Gospel, a woman is accused of adultery. While Susannah in the first reading from Daniel is falsely accused, the Gospel reading suggests that the (unnamed) accused woman is guilty. The first reading focuses on the taking of innocent life, but in the Gospel, Jesus is not so hung up on the condition of innocence.

The community knows that Mosaic law calls for the stoning of adulterous women, and they come to Jesus to test him on this point, asking him what he thinks they should do with her. In response, he is not prescriptive; instead of offering a clear and simple answer, he prompts them to reflect on their own sinfulness: "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Everyone, then, is powerless to kill her. As they walk away one by one, only Jesus remains with the woman, but he does not use the power of his sinlessness to condemn or hurt her. He sends her off, encouraging her not to sin again.

Judgment and gossip are so tempting because the more time we spend thinking about the sins of others, the easier it is to lose sight of our own. We can talk and talk until we forget Jesus' essential point, which is that none of us is free from sin, and in that way we are not materially different from the people who fuel our gossip. Perhaps today a worthy spiritual practice would be to repeat the words of Jesus to ourselves when we're tempted to look with judgment on another person—"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." In this way, we'll shift our focus away from that intoxicating distraction and instead look right into the center of our own souls.

*"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."*

# Poet's Corner

We all look on with anxious eyes  
When Father carves the duck  
And mother almost always sighs  
When Father carves the duck  
Then all of us prepare to rise  
And hold our bibs before our eyes  
And be prepared for some surprise  
When Father carves the duck.

He braces up and grabs a fork  
Whene'er he carves a duck  
And won't allow a soul to talk  
Until he's carved the duck.  
The fork is jabbed into the sides  
Across the breast the knife he slides  
While every careful person hides  
From flying chips of duck.



## © When Father Carves the Duck by Ernest Vincent Wright

The platter's always sure to slip  
When Father carves a duck.  
And how it makes the dishes skip!  
Potatoes fly amuck!  
The squash and cabbage leap in space  
We get some gravy in our face  
And Father mutters Hindu grace  
Whene'er he carves a duck.

We then have learned to walk around  
the dining room and pluck  
From off the windowsills and walls  
Our share of Father's duck  
While Father growls and blows and jaws  
And swears the knife was full of flaws  
And Mother laughs at him because  
He couldn't carve a duck.

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**crusader art gallery**



# Saints for March

March 3 - St. Katharine Drexel (USA)

March 4 - St. Casimir

March 6 - World Day of Prayer

March 7 - St. Perpetua and St. Felicity

March 8 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 8 - St. John of God

March 9 - St. Frances of Rome

March 15 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 17 - St. Patrick

March 18 - St. Cyril of Jerusalem

March 19 - St. Joseph

March 22 - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

March 23 - St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

March 25 - Annunciation of the Lord

March 29 - Palm Sunday

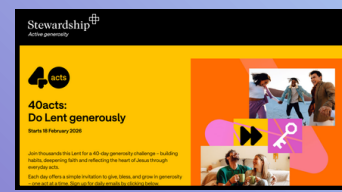
April 2 - Holy Thursday

April 3 - Good Friday

April 4 - Easter Vigil

April 5 - Easter Sunday

April 6 - Easter Monday - Easter Octave



Lord, I pray  
that I may  
decrease  
and You  
increase in  
me.

Lord,  
have mercy  
on me,  
a sinner.