



A Message from our pastor, Msgr. Joe

As we begin a new school year this week, it is good to welcome you back and to welcome in a particular way those who are new to our St. James Parish school community—It is good to be with you—Welcome to the SJS Family! I hope that the past few months have been an opportunity for rest and relaxation, family and friends—a renewal time for all the activities of Fall. At the same time just because months are named June, July and August, they do not exempt us from the challenges of life. For those who have experienced those sorrows and challenges of life's journey, be assured of my prayers whether knowing the situation or not. All have been in my prayers over these summer months awaiting a new school year.

As we return to school and move on from the past years of pandemic and its necessary adaptations, as pastor of St. James, I want to take time to invite and encourage you and your families to enrich your SJS experience through the experience of regularly gathering for Eucharist each Sunday as the Lord has instructs us to do in his memory. Our school community mission extends the Eucharistic experience to the awesomeness of the classroom and the wonders of learning. They are intimately connected.

It is our hope shortly to provide opportunities for greater participation particularly for our children in Sunday Eucharist through the invitations to serve our parish family as altar servers, the formation of a children's choir and our Children's Liturgy of the Word. More information will follow soon.

To kick-off the beginning of a new year, please consider joining us after the Sunday morning masses next weekend (Sept. 11) for coffee and donuts (and juice) in the atrium area of RBC. Our parish hospitality committee will also have activities for our children as well as a bouncy. It promises to be an excellent time to reconnect with parish family friends after the summer and celebrate the great parish community of St. James. We will also have the chance to officially welcome Fr. Rick to our community.

I hope to see you there and anything I can do to be of assistance do not hesitate to ask.

God bless and be assured of my prayers for a successful school year!

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