## Message to St. Joseph School Community from Fr. Jesse

## Dear Saint Joseph School Community:

On this first day of April, when new life is budding forth and the cherry blossoms are in full bloom, all of us must "shelter in place." Strangely, it feels like as nature puts forth new life, our lives are being radically stifled. In the midst of this great paradox, the love of Jesus Christ, which has been poured into our hearts through baptism, is shining forth for all to see. I want to thank Mr. Pipkin and Mrs. Ashby for their work in staying connected with all of you and making sure our "virtual" school year moves forward. To our teachers, thanks for being creative in using Zoom and other online platforms to continue the learning process for our children.

To our parents, thank you for the great flexibility you have shown in adapting your own work schedules to ensure that your greatest treasure, your beautiful sons and daughters, are kept safe and continue to stay engaged with their studies. I have attached two videos to this message. The first is from today's morning Mass, which is typically our school Mass. I have a special message for all of you in the homily. The second video is a reflection Fr. Francis and I have created to prepare you for Palm Sunday. You can watch Mass daily by going to our parish website. Please know that we miss you all greatly and can't wait to welcome you all back to St. Joseph Church and School, whenever that time comes.

In Christ,

Fr. Jesse L. Bolger Pastor, St. Joseph Church & School

https://vimeo.com/402909960 - 9am Mass 4/1/2020

https://vimeo.com/402959923 - A message from Fr. Jesse and Fr. Francis