

Dear Parents,

We are blessed that our Catholic faith offers great hope especially during the most difficult times. Easter is the season that we celebrate the hope of eternal salvation offered by Jesus through his death and resurrection. Our bishop, Robert Vasa, has worked with others in the diocese to produce a short video on hope during this pandemic. Here is the link: <https://youtu.be/VJwMGby9ZaA> (I have double and triple checked the link to make sure I have it right this time!)

An important feast day of the Easter season is Ascension Thursday. This holy day of obligation celebrates Jesus ascending into heaven, promising to be with us always in the form of the Holy Spirit. **In order to celebrate this holy day and offer a comforting and unifying experience, a professional videographer will live stream a student body Mass to our school community at 9:30 AM this Thursday, May 21st.**

The Mass will take place in our school's chapel with Fr. Michaelraj as our celebrant. Students will recognize some of their teachers and our music minister, Jennifer Piazza. We are requesting that students be awake, fed, dressed and ready for Mass promptly at 9:30 AM, which is our normal time for school Masses. St. Rose students understand reverence and even though we are not together in the same room, I know they will do their best to be respectful, active participants in this virtual Mass. We hope you will join us too. The teachers are considering your child's attendance as a religion lesson and will create a brief follow-up assignment for each grade to be completed after Mass. You can find the Mass easily by logging into our school's website: <https://www.strosecatholicsschool.org/>. We will send a reminder text on Wednesday evening and another on Thursday morning.

Our last day of the 2019-20 school year is Thursday, June 4th. We are planning a virtual Move-Up Day celebration for that morning. More details will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Kathy Ryan