



Sacred Heart of Jesus

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dear SHOJ Families:

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? -Ps 22:1

This is the psalm response for Palm Sunday this weekend. If we knew the scriptures like the Jews did in Jesus' time we would understand this cry in a different manner. Scott Hahn said these words are really of hope – meaning even if we are in the midst of feeling abandoned, God is with us and that is a reason for hope.

No matter how we are feeling in this time, we are reminded that relationships matter. Our relationship with God, with our families, and with others. Please know that we value these relations as part of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic School. Don't hesitate to let us know how we can help. Remember communication is key. We do have expectations and goals, but we completely understand that each and every situation is different. There have been some questions on grades and I wish there were an easy answer, but here are some of the thoughts the teachers and I have.

We may have memories of grade cards from growing up – maybe it was a complete surprise what was on it, maybe a Priest looked at it and handed it to you in front of your entire class, maybe you got paid for As...

How things have changed – as a parent I could check grades 24/7 and it was easy to have a weekly consequence/reward by logging in, Monday emails came to my inbox with grade updates (sometimes a bad way to start the week), I haven't ever seen a college grade card (they do send the bill to my house)....

As an educator, grades challenge my thinking. There is an outcome mastery – have they mastered it? Is that what a grade card reflects? Should extra credit be available – we know in the real world hard work pays off as well as attention to deadlines and other requirements – but should that change a grade?

Now with all this virtual learning what do we do? First, I think that our learners like getting feedback on their work and that it does help them find motivation to complete the work. But this pandemic has reminded us of the importance of things that are not of this world and all our families are in different situations in their homes. As we balance the idea of continuous learning, grades will have to be balanced too. One teacher and I talked about working like it is all graded, letting the learning be the focus rather than the grade, and finally giving lots of grace in the end because the goal of mastery will be tough to measure.

We know that you and your student are doing your best and hope that you know we are too. The best we can do is going to be perfect for this last quarter of the school year. Grades for fourth quarter will likely be similar to the third quarter with any change only improving what they had already.

I have asked PE, Art and Music to send out plans that are optional for families to do. I know some desire more things and others aren't able to fit it in. Those grade will likely all be entered the same. Please do whatever is best for your family. Let us know how we can help.

Be the Light

Mrs. Rhodes

All School Mass - 10:30am	Apr 8
Holy Thursday - No School	Apr 9
Good Friday - No School	Apr 10
Easter Sunday	Apr 12
Easter Monday - No School	Apr 13

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All SHOJ Holy Week Liturgies Streamed Online

<u>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion:</u>	4:30 p.m.	Saturday April 4, 2020
<u>Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion:</u>	9:30 a.m.	Sunday April 5, 2020
<u>Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper:</u>	7:00 p.m.	Thursday April 9th, 2020
<u>Good Friday, Stations of the Cross:</u>	3:00 p.m.	Friday April 10th, 2020
<u>Good Friday, Veneration of the Cross:</u>	7:00 p.m.	Friday April 10th, 2020
<u>Easter Vigil in the Holy Night of Easter:</u>	8:00 p.m.	Saturday April 11th, 2020
<u>Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord:</u>	10:00 a.m.	Sunday, April 12th, 2020

Here is the link for schedule and video: <http://shoj.org/holyweek2020>

SHOJ Helping Hands

Mr. Billquist rounded up about 60 packages of unopened wipes to share with Advent's Emergency Room due to the shortage. Thanks to Mrs. Diel and Mrs. Coup for delivery of them on our behalf.



Neighbor In Need

HOTLINE

913-276-3124

If you or someone you know needs a helping hand during this pandemic



LOVE Matthew 22:39
Thy Neighbor Ministry

by Sacred Heart of Jesus

