

Dear St. Rose Parents,

Today is Holy Thursday, the beginning of the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday) which is the high point of the Church year. I do hope that you and your family will take time to participate in the various virtual liturgies that will take place at St. Rose Parish or at your own church. Easter teaches us the meaning of faith and what it is to feel God's loving presence in our lives, which is something we need more than ever right now.

For the St. Rose teachers and me, Holy Thursday is normally one of our favorite days of the school year. We always offer some type of special liturgy and it is so gratifying to see the reverence with which your children participate, even though they are excited about Easter vacation.

We have put together a virtual prayer service for Holy Thursday that we filmed in our chapel, observing social distancing. Although we did not have professional recording equipment, the video contains an important religion lesson and a sweet message of hope for our students. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wHQnBY3ONQ0&feature=youtu.be>

Easter is a joyous celebration of the new life we are given through the sacrifice of Jesus. I have been thinking recently, that in a way, we get to have two Easters this year. The one we celebrate this Sunday at the height of the Easter Triduum will be the first. The second will be the celebration of life we will experience once we can all leave our homes and be together again.

All of us at St. Rose wish you and your families all the joys of the Easter season even in the midst of this pandemic.

Sincerely,
Kathy Ryan