



Good evening, SJCA families, students and staff,

As Fr. Todd so eloquently noted in his morning reflection, today's Gospel is all about trust, a father's trust in Jesus to save his dying son. At this uncertain time, we all need to have trust in God's infinite grace, knowing that He is always with us, especially in our times of greatest need. I want to thank all of you for the trust you have in SJCA. Thank you for believing in not just our ability to educate your children, but more importantly, in our ability to be your partner and your school family. We promise to be worthy of that trust every day.

- Today we rolled out distance learning across our entire school community from preschool through high school. I cannot thank our teachers enough for their willingness to work long hours, to learn new skills, to mentor colleagues, to reassure students, and to truly make learning happen. Distance learning is only possible because of the incredible dedication of our faculty and staff. Again, enormous thanks to you all.
- Thanks to our students for taking their classes seriously, for being ready to learn and for being engaged, despite the distance. Attendance was high, technical difficulties were low, and we are off to a very strong start. Please stay in close contact with your teachers, as they have the best answers to your specific concerns.
- I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our parents and families. Your patience and flexibility is a true testament to our community. Thank you for helping your students with technology, thank you for reaching out to your children's teachers when necessary and thanks especially for your willingness to navigate this new world order with us. We realize that distance learning is new to all of you as well. Your ongoing good humor, graciousness and positivity are appreciated more than you will ever know. We are here for you.
- Also, thank you for reading all of the emails that are coming to

you from SJCA. Our current communication strategy is to err on the side of over communication. We realize that this may be bothersome to some, but due to the unique circumstances and our fear that even one family may miss out on an important announcement, we are using several platforms to ensure full communication. Hopefully, as we get into a routine, we can better segment emails and messages. For now, please bear with us and feel free to delete those messages not directly pertinent to your family. In addition, all of our email messages are available on our website at www.sjcawi.org.

- Finally, one last important announcement: The Upper Campus WILL be holding school on Friday, March 27th. The Lower Campus will have that day off. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our families, but given our new school model, our Upper Campus teachers requested this additional learning day. Again, thank you for your patience and understanding.

I will be sending an all school email every school day, most likely in the evenings. Not only will I communicate important news, but as SJCA President, I will continue to thank our staff, families, students and community daily. Whether you are a teacher, a staff member, a student, parent, alumni, grandparent or supporter, your ongoing efforts in support of the SJCA community will never go unnoticed, nor will they ever be taken for granted.

While distance may separate us, all of you are in the hearts and prayers of our school leaders. Please stay safe. Please stay home if you can. For those of you on the front lines of this crisis who cannot stay home, your St. Joseph family is saying extra prayers for you.

May God bless and keep you,
Bob Freund