

FROM FR. DEO

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God is good all the time... All the time God is good!

This weekend we begin Catholic Schools Week, a time to give thanks for the gift of Catholic education and for those who make it possible. This Sunday's readings beautifully reflect the Church's vision of education.

In the first reading, the prophet Isaiah describes a people who were walking in darkness but have now seen a great light. It is a message of hope and promise—reminding us that God's light continues to shine wherever hearts are open to Him.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus fulfills Isaiah's prophesy through His preaching and healing ministry. He proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand and invites those living in darkness to enter it through repentance and a renewed way of life.

Catholic schools share in this mission by forming young minds and hearts in the light of the Gospel. Students learn not only how to read and write, but also how to live, love, and choose what is right.

When I reflect on my own experience of Catholic education—from preschool in Rwanda to Loyola University—I do not think only about books, exams, homework, grades, or academic achievement. I think about people: teachers who did not only impart knowledge, but transmitted values, who taught us that success is not just about being smart, but about being kind, loving, and faithful. I think of priests and religious whose presence and example remind us that we are children of God, called to be the light and salt of the world.

Many of you identify by the school you attended and the parish you call home—places of belonging where faith was nurtured and lifelong friendships were formed. You certainly carry sweet memories as students or parents in Catholic schools. How has that experience shaped your life and faith, and how can you help carry that legacy forward by supporting our school today?

As a Catholic school, St Elizabeth of the Trinity strives to strengthen its Catholic identity by teaching Catholic values in every aspect of school life—through academics, athletics, and the many clubs, organizations, and activities in which our students participate. SEOTT central to our parish mission, drawing young families into our parish life. I gratefully acknowledge the dedication of our school parents and invite them to become more involved in parish life. I encourage everyone to continue supporting our school—both financially and through enrollment—for it is a vital way we give witness to Christ, pass on the faith, and sustain our parish.

In Parish news, I invite all parishioners to prayerfully reflect on our Parish Vision Statement and to discern how, guided by the Holy Spirit, we can live out this vision as a parish community.

Join us for the Candlemas on Monday, February 2nd, at 8:30 a.m. (English) and 7:00 p.m. (Spanish), celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Candles will be blessed as we honor Christ, the Light of the Nations.

Finally, we give thanks to God for our students, parents, teachers, and staff, and we pray that our Catholic school may continue to be a place where faith and learning grow together.

St Elizabeth of the Trinity, Pray for us!

In Christ,

Fr Deo

