



Pastor's Message

June 6, 2020

One of the biblical quotes found in the program for the *“Academy of Saint James of the Marches Graduation Ceremony 2020:”* was the following:

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.” Psalm 126: 3

Indeed, the thirty students of the Class of 2020 are “filled with joy.” The celebration was a wonderful one. Each of the thirty has successfully completed a significant milestone!

Also, the parents of the Class of 2020 surely are “filled with joy.” Incredible sacrifices I am sure they have made to enable their sons and daughters to remain enrolled in our parochial school. Today, they can proudly declare, “I am a parent of a graduate of the Class of 2020!”

Moreover, our Principal, faculty members, employees and volunteers are unquestionably “filled with joy.” Because without each of them driven daily by dedication and care for each student, there would not be a Class of 2020 from our excellent Academy!

A graduation ceremony should make all of us pause and consider what “great things” the Lord has done for us most recently! Certainly, to take an inventory of a life time of “great things,” would be overwhelming. However, why not take a few minutes to list some important ones for yourself. Realize what you have that others may not have. It is through God’s grace and conditional goodness you do have it!

You and I may not be a member of the extraordinary Class of 2020. But, we are absolutely classified as blessed by God. For so many blessings most recently given to us, let us experience some time to “be filled with joy” today.

Peace and Joy,
Fr. Marc