



December 6, 2024

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Families,

Our Catholic faith encourages us to remain hopeful, especially during this season of Advent as we await and prepare for Jesus' birth. Let us reflect on the December core value of Love. On this upcoming second week of Advent, may we open our hearts to the coming of the Lord this Christmas season with peace guiding all of our actions.

Among God's greatest gifts of love to us is that of His Son...whose life teaches us how to love one another and whose death and resurrection provides us with God's promise of eternal life. Christmas time at Nazareth School allow us to share love with our community and with those in need. Our morning prayers and our classroom activities help us to share our love for one another in prayer and action. In living the "Nazareth Way," we practice the message of God's love by reaching out to others with unselfish concern as we promote their growth and wellbeing.

*"Dear God, You are my light and  
Salvation. You are my Hope. Please  
come into my heart, forgive all my wrongs,  
and give me Your wonderful gift  
of eternal life. Help me to be  
an instrument of Your Love and  
cause Your light to shine in  
others through me. Amen"*



#### **Celebration of 100 Years of Service in America**

It was a celebration of the Sisters of Nazareth service in America for 100 years. Thank you to the Sisters of Nazareth for treating the entire school with an special ice cream treat yesterday. Everyone enjoyed a bowl of ice cream with crushed Oreo, sprinkles, caramel or chocolate toppings on their choice of ice cream provided by Dilly's Ice Cream. There were so many happy smiles and many cheers of joy!

#### **Turkey Trot**

We appreciate every Nazareth family for your tremendous support of this year's fabulous Turkey Trot and enjoyed celebrating everyone's efforts at yesterday's assembly. The final numbers are in and we surpassed our goal and raised over \$60,000! We are so blessed to have a loving and supportive Nazareth community. This year's donations will be for STEAM Lab Education and Learning Support Curriculum.

A special shout out to our Turkey Trot sponsors including Geary Floors, Inc., Reef Real Estate Services, Mathnasium, Cali Water, McGregor's Bar & Grill, Smart & Final, and our Nazareth Alumni Class of 1987. Together we embody the charisms of the Core Values of the Sisters of Nazareth and are living the Nazareth Way!

A huge thank you to Mrs. Judey Petix and her committee of volunteers, including Christy Conway-Davis, Anney Rosenthal-Hall, Marisa Meyers, Melissa Caguimbaga, Liz Barry, Jessica Harris, Mariana Mesnik, Laura Gingras, Marisa Larsen, Erin Lovette-Colyer, Elizabeth Rains, Jen Verdon & Jenn Budenz, Jamie & Mike Koppi, Catherine Lozano and Lindsey & Dave DesRochers for making Turkey Trot a fabulously successful fundraiser. A special shout out to the Nazareth School Cheer Squad, Ella Lovette-Colyer & Sydney Conway for being the Turkey Trot Turkey and to Mighty, our Eagle Mascot!

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*Justice*

*Compassion*

*Patience*

### Toys for Tots

Thank you all for bringing a smile to so many children this Christmas. Your tremendous support of the Toys for Tots Toy Drive this year is amazing. The last day to bring in a toy is on Friday, December 13th. The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to less fortunate children in the San Diego community. Your donations are a wonderful example of the Nazareth Way in action and will bring great joy to many needy children.

### Christmas Program

Thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Horning for bringing music into every classroom this year. It is so wonderful to hear Christmas come alive through the voices of our students. Nazareth Christmas Program for kindergarteners through 8th grade will be on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, with a special performance by our English Bells Choir before the Christmas Program. Then we will have an encore performance on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Preschool Sunflowers and Buzzy Bees Christmas Program will be on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the auditorium. Please join Nazareth School in celebrating the Christmas season with song.

### Upcoming Liturgies

Thank you to 6<sup>th</sup> grade for leading us in Mass today with a theme of the Lord is My Light and My Salvation. We wanted to extend our great appreciation to 7<sup>th</sup> grade for their participation in next week's Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception Mass this Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:15 am. We also say a special thank you to Father Dan Holgren for being able to support Nazareth School by celebrating Mass as it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please note their will not be Mass on Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup>.

On Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, fourth grade will lead Nazareth School for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service at 8:15am in the auditorium. Also, on Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, Preschool will be processing up to Nazareth House for the Preschool Posada and will be knocking at their doors. Las Posadas commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus.

On Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at our regular assembly, Student Council will lead us in our annual Christmas Tree Lighting Prayer Service. The whole school will come together and place the unwrapped toys they brought for our Toys for Tots Drive.

Lastly, we will be celebrating the O'Antiphons Mass, presented by 8<sup>th</sup> grade on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:15am. We welcome everyone to participate in the many liturgies being offered this month.

Please contact the Nazareth School office 619-641-7987 or [office@nazarethschool.org](mailto:office@nazarethschool.org), if your child is experiencing any sickness. Students may return to Nazareth School, after 24 hours, symptoms resolving, no fever and no use of medication.

God Bless,

*Mrs. René Coons*  
Principal  
Nazareth School

*Holy Family of Nazareth*  
*Watch over us and protect us.*

**Core Value for December:** Love *Let your love for each be real and from the heart.*

1 Peter 1:22

**Our Mission:** Nazareth School, "A school with a Mission," develops faith-filled learners who are guided by the Core Values of the Sisters of Nazareth, providing academic excellence rooted in Catholic tradition.

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