



December 8, 2023

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.

*"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"*



As we near the Christmas season, we are especially called to live the Core Values of the Sisters of Nazareth. It is with joy in my heart that I express how grateful I am for the entire Nazareth family. The grace with which our community has united is a testament to our practicing of the Core Values and living the Nazareth Way. I want to extend my appreciation to our amazing teachers and staff for their hard work in making Nazareth School a loving community to learn and grow in our Catholic faith. The Nazareth family is truly a gift from God! Also, parents, as your children's primary educator, thank you for partnering with us.

### **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 smashed our goal and raised over \$70,000! We are so blessed to have a loving and supportive Nazareth community. This year's donations will be invested in the safety and security of our campus.

A special shout out to our Turkey Trot sponsors including Ponce's, Great Smiles of La Mess, Tom Ham's Lighthouse, Cali Water, Mathnasium, Clubhouse Batting Cages, and McGreggors. Together we embody the charisms of the Core Values of the Sisters of Nazareth and are living the Nazareth Way!

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We also are very appreciative to our top class and family fundraisers.. Their smiles says it all. Mrs. Coons is looking forward to having Kindergartener, Eve Suasin as her Principal for the Day in 2024!



### **Authors in our midst**

Nazareth School is proud of our published authors! We have six 8th grade ladies who had their personal poems published in The America Library of Poetry's *Empowered The 2023 Poetry Collection*. Congratulations to Addison Allen, Sofia Hollister, Madison Hulse, Giuliana Kent, Emma O'Dea, and Phoebe Roy! Keep writing!

### **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 Wednesday, 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

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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 Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, with a special performance by our English Bells Choir at 6:00pm. Then we will have an encore performance on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Preschool Sunflowers and Buzzy Bees Christmas Program will be on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in the auditorium. Please join Nazareth School in celebrating the Christmas season with song.

### **Upcoming Liturgies**

We wanted to extend our great appreciation to 5<sup>th</sup> grade for their participation in this week's Immaculate Conception Mass. We also say a special thank you to Father Soney Sebastian for being able to support Nazareth School by celebrating Mass as it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please pray for Father Peter McGuine and Father Bill Springer as they recover from COVID.

On Tuesday, December 12, fourth grade will lead Nazareth School for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Prayer Service at 8:15am in the auditorium. On Wednesday, December 13 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 toy they brought for our Toys for Tots drive, then at 10:45am, the Preschool Posada will be knocking at our Nazareth School 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 Friday, December 15, third grade will participate in the liturgy Mass at 8:30am. Lastly, we will be celebrating Mass on Wednesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am for the O' Antiphons. 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. Take a moment to read the Nazareth News for all of the upcoming events and important Nazareth School information.

God Bless,

*Mrs. René Coons*

Principal  
Nazareth School

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

**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.

**Core Value for December:** Love    *Let your love for each be real and from the heart.*  
1 Peter 1:22

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