



May 3, 2024

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Community,

In May Nazareth School honors the Core Values of compassion and patience. These charisms are seen in today's celebration to honor Mother Mary, Our Blessed Mother at Mass and May Crowning with our eighth grade May Queen Eva Cantorna and her escort Michael Ladisa. This year's May Crowning class representatives are:

Kindergarten: Evangeline Hobbs, Nolan Higgins
Grade 1: Reagan Meyers, Zachary Roy
Grade 2: Samuelle Mensah-Baah, Demir Olut
Grade 3: Veronica Plasencia, Caden Gunning
Grade 4: Tinsley Bowman, Charles Jerome
Grade 5: Lyndsay Tolentino, Gabriel Ladisa
Grade 6: Elizabeth Hardy, Declan McDowell
Grade 7: Frances Alcanciado, Brady Sipper
Grade 8: Carmina Allende, Asher McDonald

The entire school processed over to the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto to sing and celebrate the Queen of Angels and all her Glory. The representatives were chosen because each one of them emulates the values of Our Mother Mary and St. Joseph. They live our Nazareth Core Values of love, compassion, respect, hospitality, patience, and justice in their classrooms, on the playground and in their homes.

The Holy Family Prayer

JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth.

MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys.

JOSEPH, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you.
Amen.

With great pleasure, we formally introduce to you our newest Nazareth School family members. First, we welcome Negassi Lewte as our Security Patrol guard, his qualifications and experience enhance our efforts to ensure a safe learning environment. He holds a California State Security Guard Registration, further solidifying his qualifications for this role.

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We welcome Ms. Kristina Sipe to campus as our new 7th Grade Homeroom and Jr. High ELA Teacher. She has personally received the gift of a quality Catholic education having attended St. Therese Academy and Academy of Our Lady of Peace. She is a credentialed teacher who brings 30 years of teaching experience within the Diocese of San Diego with a Bachelor's of Science in Education from the University of Maryland, College Park.

Our new first grade teacher for the 2024-2025 academic school year is Mrs. Laura Thomson. She comes to us with a Masters in Christian Spirituality from Creighton University and a multisubject credential from California State University, San Marcos, and a Bachelors of Arts from San Diego State University. She has been teaching elementary students since 1994, and is excited to share her love of reading with her students.

Mrs. Mary Oelschlager will be joining the Nazareth family as our third-grade teacher next year. Her educational background is very extensive including a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction from the Western Governors University, her teaching credential from the University of San Diego and a Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies from California State University, San Marcos. As a previous Diocese of San Diego teacher, she fosters a collaborative learning environment, and ensures continuous improvement for all of her students.

We are fortunate to have Mrs. Amy Meder as our new Learning Support Director. Her specialized educational background includes developing and implementing individualized academic support plans for students of all ages, including assisting students with a Autism Spectrum Disorder and Dyslexia. Her educational background includes a Master of Arts in Reading Education from San Diego State University, Reading & Literacy Leadership Specialist Credential and a Bachelors of Arts in Elementary Education from Regis University, Denver, CO.

Please keep them in your prayers and welcome them to our amazing Nazareth community.

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 Values for May – Compassion and Patience

*Be compassionate as your heavenly father is compassionate. Luke 6:36
Blessed are the gentle for they shall possess the earth. Matthew 5:5*

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