



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April 24, 2026

Dear Preschool Families,

This week Mrs. McDowell introduced the letter Ss and read the bible story "A Net Full of Fish". The children made a fishermen's net craft (Matthew 13:47-49). They also practiced tracing and writing the letter Ss in their alphabet workbook. Each child made a strawberry with the letter cutout. On Earth Day, the children made a handprint earth craft using blue and green paint. During Spanish, the children counted and colored mariposas.

The Buzzy Bee teachers introduced the letter Ww and Earth Day. During class work time, the children practiced tracing and writing the letter. At the end of the week, they also drew two things that begin with the letter W. The children also water colored a coffee filter using the colors blue and green to make their earth. The teachers read "Jesus is our Sheperd" from our Seeds religion curriculum.

On Wednesday, we went to the garden and read the book "From Caterpillar to Butterfly" by Deborah Heiligman. After the story, each class went to the garden boxes and the teachers released the butterflies. It was amazing to watch the butterflies sip on an orange with their proboscis. The children and teachers were so excited to see the butterflies fly out of the net. This was a great way to see the live cycle of metamorphosis!

On Earth Day, I read two books, "How the Crayons Saved the Earth" by Monica Sweeney and "The Earth and I" by Frank Asch. The children also shared ways that we can clean and save our earth.

During Grotto Day on Thursday, we talked about the rosary and the statue of Our Lady of Lourdes and Sr. Bernadette. I shared some pictures from the book "My Rosary" by Virginia Helen Richards.

REGISTRATION FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR 2026-2027

If you have not registered for the upcoming school year, please see me.

PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP

We were able to open a few more spots for summer camp! If you are interested, you may register online. **The \$350 summer camp fee is non-refundable.**

SAVE THE DATES AND MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

MAY CROWNING

Our preschool May Crowning celebration will be next Friday, May 1 at 10:00 am in the garden. Please have your children wear their Sunday's best and bring a flower for our Blessed Mother Mary. We still need two volunteers to help with the set-up and decorating of our altar. Parents are welcome to come.

MOTHER'S DAY TEA

We cordially invite all preschool mothers to our traditional Mother's Day Tea on Wednesday, May 6th, in the music room from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. You **MUST** sign up to attend this special event. The sign-up sheet is on the table near the music room. This is a 30-minute one-on-one mother and child experience. No siblings please, seating is limited. Please plan ahead to attend.

FATHER'S DAY WORKSHOP

Be sure to save the date! The preschool Father's Day Workshop will be on Wednesday, June 3rd, in the music room from 7:00 am to 9:00 am. This is a 30-minute one-on-one father and child experience. No siblings please, seating is limited. Please plan ahead to attend.

NAZARETH SCHOOL CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE

The Golf Ball Drop will be on Thursday, May 7.

Our Nazareth Golf Scramble will be on Friday, May 8, 2026. It will be at Carlton Oaks Golf Club in Santee. If you would like to participate, please be sure to register.

SIGN-IN & OUT

Please remember to sign your child in and out every day as you come into the building! Some parents are forgetting to sign-in and out. Full signature **NO** initials! The person signing **MUST** be 18 years old or older. This is a State Licensing Regulation.

SNACKS

We want to thank the families who brought muffins, veggies and fruit this week. We greatly appreciate all your help. Muffins (Martin, Brisco & Fitzpatrick), veggies () and fresh fruit (J. Secada-Lovio & K. Secada-Lovio). Sunflower parents, please bring enough for 10 children. Buzzy Bee parents, please bring enough for 22 children. Be sure to keep track of your service hours and save your receipts. Snacks **MUST** be store bought/prepackaged.

PARENT VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Parents, if you are planning to volunteer, please be sure to turn in the Statement of Good Health Form, a copy of your current TB test, Tdap, MMR and Flu shot. You must also complete the CMG Connect training that you may find on our school website. The fee for the training is \$25.00.

The following parents are cleared to volunteer:

Sunflower Class: Mrs. Borowiec, Mrs. Santiago, Mrs. Senter and Mr. & Mrs. Schulte

Buzzy Bee Class: Mr. Murphy, Mr. & Mrs. Schulte, Mr. & Mrs. Fernandez, Mrs. Zaborowska, Mrs. Real, Mrs. Buttolph, Mr. & Mrs. Zebian, Mrs. Senter, Mrs. Geissler, Mrs. Verdon, Mrs. Tilghman and Mrs. Casey.

If you have NOT turned in any of the immunization requirements and have not completed the CMG training, you may NOT volunteer!

DROP OFF & PICK-UP ROUTE

We want to remind you that our drop off and pick up route is **ONE WAY ONLY!**

When coming to Nazareth School / Preschool, please drive-up Nazareth Drive off San Diego Mission Road. You may park in the small parking lot to your right or pull up to the main entrance roundabout in front of the St. Joseph's building. Parents may enter the building to drop off and pick up their child. **Please be sure to sign your child in and walk them to class.**

We ask that all children arrive by 8:15 am. Our main entrance door is locked all day. You **MUST** ring the doorbell to come into the building during drop off and pick up. Each classroom has a monitor, and we can see and communicate with parents. Once we click the button to let you in, you have about 5 seconds to pull and open the door. Please stand in front of the camera so that we can see you.

After drop off or pick up, you **MUST** merge and continue along the school road and drive out onto Rancho Mission Rd. You may **NOT** exit back down Nazareth Drive!

During pick up, if you do not have an upper grade school student, you may merge into the exit lane to your left and drive towards the parking lot and between the signs to exit. You do not have to wait in line.

If you have a preschooler and an upper grade school student, please drop off preschooler first and then upper grade student. If you exit through the door next to the Sunflower classroom, you may **NOT** come back in through that door. You **MUST** go around the building.

Our preschool main entrance and exit door is located on the SW side of the St. Joseph building.

AFTERCARE

We provide aftercare from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm (\$5.00 per hour). Aftercare pick-up is on the Northeast side of the preschool building (Sunflower Playground or Preschool Aftercare room).

Please know that your child's teacher will arrive late on the following day (at 9am):

Monday- Mrs. Mahler

Tuesday- Mrs. McDowell

Wednesday- Mrs. Sebring

Thursday- Ms. Fitts

Friday- Mrs. Barragan

Between 7:00 am – 7:30 am, drop off for all children is in the Sunflower class. Between 7:30 am – 8:00 am, the Buzzy Bee drop off will be in Ms. Fitts's class. If there are any changes, we will place a note on the sign - in clipboard so that you know where to drop off.

SICK POLICY

Parents, just a reminder, that if your child is not feeling well, please keep them home. Please read our Sick Policy section below.

Children who have any communicable disease will not be allowed to attend preschool. (Strep Throat, Whooping Cough, Hand, foot and mouth, Pink Eye and any other communicable disease)

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF THEY ARE SICK AND HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:

Please contact Nazareth Preschool at 619-641-7954 or Nazareth School office at 619-641-7987. You may also email us at preschooldir@nazarethschool.org or office@nazarethschool.org

It is very important that you call and report your child's absence. Please test your child before returning to school. Your child may return when they are fever-free for 24 hours without medication AND other non-fever symptoms are mild and improving.

Parents, please keep your child home if she/he is sick and presenting any of the following Covid or Flu symptoms:

- Fever 100 °F with or without chills
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Nasal Congestion
- Sore Throat

- Headache
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Fatigue
- New loss of taste or smell
- Muscle or body aches
- Poor feeding or poor appetite
- Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have Covid-19

If your child presents any of the symptoms stated above during school time, we will have to send your child home. You MUST pick up your child within 30 minutes. Please keep in mind that we continue to follow the school protocols to keep children and staff safe.

Children **MUST** be fever free with NO medication and symptoms resolving before they return to school.

If your child has allergies, please be sure to bring in a doctor's note, otherwise we will send your child home.

Please remember to return your family envelope by Thursday each week. Place it in your child's file folder.

Morning Light Prayer

Gentle Father, as the sun awakes,
fill my heart with kindness and truth.
Guide my hands to help and heal,
my words to shine with love.
Keep my steps steady on Your path,
and my eyes open to beauty and need.
Bless my friends, my family, my teachers,
and all who walk this day beside me.
Thank You for the gift of life today—
I will live it with joy for You.

Amen.

Have a restful weekend!

Important Dates to Remember:

May 1 – Preschool May Crowning at 10:00 am in the garden / Half Day / No aftercare

May 6 – Mother’s Day Tea in the music room 7:00 am – 9:00 am

May 13 – Last Senior Visit

May 21 – Last Grotto Visit

May 25 – Memorial Day Weekend / School Closed

May 29 – Half Day / No PM Care / Close at Noon

May 29 – 8th Grade Graduation at 2pm

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan

Nazareth Preschool Director