



PRESCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October 31, 2025

Dear Preschool Families,

On Thursday, we participated in the Halloween costume contest. The Halloween committee, Sister Loretta and Sister Chitondezyo got to see all the children and took pictures. We paraded to the office and around the school.

We also had a special visit from Superior General Sister Brenda McCall, General Councillor Sister Mary Monnaghan, Sister Gertrude Hennnessy and Charity CEO Kevin Barnes.

Today, the children were able to wear their costumes again. Each class had their celebration and the children got to decorate cookies. Our Sunflowers and Buzzy Bees also participated in the door decorating contest. We want to thank Mrs. Santiago, Mrs. Tilghman and Mrs. Fernandez for decorating our preschool classroom doors!

Mrs. McDowell and Mrs. Mahler read the bible story The Tall Tower (Genesis 11). The children built tall towers during free play using magnet tiles and blocks. They also made The Tower of Babel using construction paper. On Wednesday, the children practiced tracing and writing the letter Ee in their alphabet workbook.

Ms. Fitts and Mrs. Sebring's weekly themes were letter Gg, number 8 and Dia de Los Muertos. The children practiced tracing and writing the letter & number. The Environmental Print activity was Goldfish. The children created a Dia de Los Muertos skull using white Playdoh. The Seeds gospel story was "Saints are friends of Jesus". The children put together their book "Jesus' friends love and help each other".

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS ALTAR – ALL SOULS DAY / ALL SAINTS DAY

Our preschool Dia de Los Muertos altar was beautifully displayed in the hallway. Each class colored a Dia de Los Muertos picture. This is a traditional Mexican holiday celebrated on November 1 and 2. Today, we celebrated All Saints Day. The teachers had their class color an All Saints Day picture.

DIOCESAN HALLOWEEN CANDY AND DENTAL SUPPLY COLLECTION

The preschool and upper grade school will participate in collecting candy and dental supplies (toothbrushes & toothpaste) to donate to Casa de los Pobres in Tijuana. The annual candy collection is coordinated by Oma Nwaogwugwu, President of the Notre Dame Alumni Club of San Diego, and Caroline Kelner, volunteer board member of the Casa de los Pobres USA. The candy and dental donations will be distributed by the Franciscan Sisters as part of the annual Christmas Distribution. A box will be placed at the preschool main entrance for you to place your candy or dental supplies (toothbrushes & toothpaste). The last day for donations will be Friday, November 7.

SIGN-IN & OUT

Please remember to sign your child in and out every day! 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 (Schulte, MacManus & Buttolph), veggies (No veggies) and fresh fruit (Barber & Brisco). Be sure to keep track of your service hours and save your receipts. Snacks **MUST** be store bought/prepackaged.

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.

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, Mrs. Zebian, Mrs. Senter and Mrs. Tilghman

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.

PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF THEY HAVE 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 symptoms:

- Fever 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. Please keep in mind that we continue to follow the school protocols to keep children and staff safe.

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.

Prayer for God's Light on Halloween Night

Heavenly Father, as the world grows darker this night, let Your light shine through us. Fill our homes, streets, and hearts with Your peace. Protect every child and guide every family under Your watchful care. Let no fear dwell among us, for You are our light and salvation. Thank You for being our covering and our comfort. May this night glorify You and remind us of Your everlasting light. In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Alfie James - Prayerlift

Important Dates to Remember:

Nov. 1- All Saints Day

Nov. 2- All Souls Day / Dia De Los Muertos

Nov. 2- Daylight Savings Time Ends / Set your clocks back

Nov. 7- Half Day / Preschool close at noon / No aftercare

Nov. 11- Veteran's Day Holiday

Nov. 12- Preschool Visits Nazareth House

Have a safe Halloween and fabulous weekend!

God Bless,

Georgina Barragan

Nazareth Preschool Director