



# Nazareth School

December 6, 2019

Dear Parents:

The chill in the morning and evening air reinforces the festive spirit and activities that seem to fill our days. The music for *Christmas at Nazareth* is more beautiful each time the students rehearse, and as we celebrate our Core Value of Love this December, we are reminded that this is a season of giving and gratitude.

Today, students met with their Prayer Buddies to prepare a gift of blankets to the San Diego Rescue Mission and St. Vincent de Paul. We made 300 blankets; the children tied the fringes and applied a special applique heart from Nazareth. Thank you to the family of Ginny Kerr, especially Grandma Joan Darwell, for initiating this project, donating the fabric and providing guidance as we undertook the task. Thank you to parent volunteers who assisted with the cutting of the material. This has been a wonderful effort bringing our community together as we reach out to serve others.

This coming week will be a busy one. In their art classes the students have been creating ornaments and decorations for our school Christmas tree. On Wednesday, we will light the tree and conclude our Toy Drive. We are looking forward to giving back to the community through this annual Nazareth School effort. This year, we are supporting the Marine Corps *Toys for Tots* program. Know that your generosity will be appreciated. On Thursday, please join us for our special prayer service honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students will be leading us in prayer that morning.

Thank you for your generous support of the Turkey Trot! It appears that we will clear approximately \$45,000! We had a fun prize assembly this week and several of our classes are looking forward to special treats. Congratulations to Naomi Munguia who was the top donation collector and to the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade who placed first in the class competition! If you have not fulfilled your Turkey Trot commitment, please do so immediately. The money raised through this event will help to enhance the learning environment for all of our students. Thank you to Fr. Billy for his willingness to sport a new hairdo in the new year. Additionally, thank you to Fr. Peter and the Mission Parish for their donation of \$1,000 and to the American Region of the Sisters of Nazareth for their \$1,000 donation. We are truly blessed by their support. Finally, thank you to Mrs. Christy Conway and her team for their leadership in this fundraiser.

As we conclude our first week of Advent, it is easy to get lost in all of the “stuff” of the holidays. Author Daniel Groody describes Advent as “a time to tune into the signals from above, to calibrate our God Positioning System (GPS), if you will, until this road of faith, hope, and love leads us to the true home in the heart of the One who is the Alpha and Omega of our journey.” In your family discussions, please take some thought-filled time to focus with your children on the meaning of the holydays and the importance of prayer as we begin the journey of a new liturgical year and anticipate the birth of Jesus.

Advent blessings to you and your families,

Dr. Colleen Mauricio  
Principal