



March 11, 2021

Message from the Holy Father

*“Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem” (Mt 20:18).
Lent: a Time for Renewing Faith, Hope and Love.*

“Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfillment of the Father’s will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who “humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross” (*Phil 2:8*). During this season of conversion, let us renew our *faith*, draw from the “living water” of *hope*, and receive with open hearts the *love* of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection, which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

Fasting, prayer and almsgiving, as preached by Jesus (cf. *Mt 6:1-18*), enable and express our conversion. The path of poverty and self-denial (*fasting*), concern and loving care for the poor (*almsgiving*), and childlike dialogue with the Father (*prayer*) make it possible for us to live lives of sincere faith, living hope and effective charity.”

Dear Wonderful Nazareth Parents,

Life has brought all of us many challenges during this Lenten season, let us reflect on all the wonderful gifts we have received from God; the gift of friendship, the gift of kindness, the gift of family and the gift of learning safely in-person and at home. Let us focus on being *compassionate* to others, as we come together as a community, in March, and celebrate this month’s core value.

We are very excited to announce that the Chromebooks for 3rd through 8th grade are ready to be distributed, beginning with 8th grade. Please make sure you have signed the Nazareth School Technology Contract for your children’s device. A hardcopy went home last week and is posted in your child’s Google Classroom. We do require a hard copy to be returned to your child’s teacher. If you are a distance learner, please turn in the contract to the school office.

We have chosen not to require a device deposit, understanding the financial difficulties the pandemic has placed on all of our families. Please read the contract CAREFULLY, with your child(ren), so clear expectation on the proper use of technology is established. The Chromebooks will be distributed by class, so we may facilitate an initial whole class training session. The purpose of the Chromebooks is to enable the teachers to integrate educational technology in the classroom and at home. This is a very exciting step for Nazareth School and I look forward to seeing us continue to embrace technology and all it has to offer in a positive curricular environment.

I am looking forward to next week and the opportunity to see you in person during registration. As a reminder, we will be registering in a first come, first serve format, no appointments are necessary from Monday, March 15 through Thursday, March 18th, 3:00-5:30pm. If you are unable to register your child(ren) next week, contact the office immediately for an appointment.

Please note that the registration fee will increase to \$100 per child after March 18th. We will be registering new parents beginning on Monday, March 22, 2021... please, please, please register your child(ren) next week, we are blessed to have a waiting list in nearly every class.

Applications are being accepted for Nazareth School Tuition Assistance for the 2021-22 school year. Nazareth School has created an account at [FACTS Grant & Aid for Tuition Assistance](#), this is a financial needs-based program. You may apply online at the link below. **The deadline to apply is April 30, 2021.**

The Scrip Program deadline ends on March 31, 2021. For more information and details, please see the Nazareth Newsletter. You may send in your order and payments to school and we will send the scrip order home with your child. For special orders please contact the office. Please read the Nazareth News for more details.

With the excitement of the Easter season approaching, we ask that our Nazareth community please respect the travel restrictions established by the state of California and embraced by the Diocese of San Diego. As of today, the travel guidance's established February 1 have not changed. Easter vacation begins at 11:55am, on Holy Thursday, April 1st and we return to campus on Monday, April 12th. Please see the COVID-19 symptoms, Decision Tree and Travel guidance's listed in our Nazareth News.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call the office at 619-641-7987, or email me directly at principal@nazarethschool.org.

God watch over our students,
God watch over our parents and families,
God watch over our teachers and staff!

God Bless,

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