

St. Raymond Elementary School 2023-2024

Mr. Scanlon's Monthly Messages

December 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's hard to believe we are already in December! November began with a beautiful All Saints Day Mass where our 4th graders showcased their creativity and knowledge by dressing up as saints. Our 8th graders took a significant step toward their high school journey by taking the TACHS exam. I am pleased to announce the successful conclusion of our Fall Fundraiser. Thanks to the collective efforts of our school community, we raised an impressive \$36,933. Your generosity is crucial in supporting our various initiatives and enhancing the overall educational experience for our students. The end of the first quarter brought about successful report card conferences. I appreciate the commitment of our teachers, parents, and students to ensure effective communication and collaboration in nurturing the academic growth of our students. Thanks to your participation, we raised \$1,402 in our Veterans Day Dress Down for a Cause. All proceeds went to United for the Troops. Our Youth and Bell Choir have been busy making us proud. They not only won first place in News 12's Sounds of the Season competition, but also performed admirably for the Inner City Scholarship dinner. Congratulations to all the talented students involved! We held Family Faith Formation sessions for grades 2 and 7, which included all students preparing for their First Communion and Confirmation. It was a valuable opportunity for spiritual growth and community bonding. Thank you to the parents who participated in this important event. The Thanksgiving Food Drive was a tremendous success, allowing our church to distribute 200 food baskets to those in need. A special thanks to Ms. Arias for her donation of 50 turkeys, which went to St. Helena's Food Pantry. Throughout the month, students had the privilege of engaging in various cultural experiences, including a visit from the Children's Culture Center of Native America for grades 3-5, a visit from The Nature Company for UPK 3 and 4, and a field trip for grade 5 to the Cloisters. The month closed with the Scholastic Book Fair, which was a literary delight for our students, and a successful start to the basketball season. Thank you all for your continued support and involvement in our vibrant community. Together, we are creating a nurturing and enriching environment for our students.

Congratulations to our Students of the Month for December for the value of "Stewardship":

Dylan Llaneras	Blessyn Simmons
Juliet Jimenez	Isabella Guillermo
Rickie Figuero Jr.	Ceide Luna Gonzalez
Avien Hargraves	Bryana Marquez Osorio
Angel Arias	Ayanna Rosario
Rose Genao Marine	Faith Solorzano
Ryan Khan	Carolyn Soto
A'Mei Alvarez	Gabriella Menjivar
Sydney McGee	Dawryn Grullon
Isla Saldivia	Armando Quituisaca
Alenis Trejo	Ayana Conde
Aliana Conde	Alyssa Lopez
Neriah Francis	Epiphany Swindle
Alison Pacheco Balderas	Fatima Henriquez Lara
Carter Hamilton	

Don't Forget Sunday Mass Obligation and Mass Attendance Sheets!

Mass times are as follows: Saturday at 5:30 p.m.,
Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (Spanish),
10:30 a.m. (Family) & 12 noon.

Confession (Upper church): Saturday 11:00—11:45 a.m.
Wednesday 6:00—6:45 p.m.



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Important Dates to Remember and Calendar Changes

Fri. 1 st	- 12 noon Dismissal for ALL grades - No Lunch or After Care
Sun. 3 rd	- Advent begins - Family Faith Formation—Grade 3 at 10:45 a.m.
Wed. 6 th	- Feast of St. Nicholas - Cookies with Santa—UPK 3 to Grade 2 at 9:00 a.m.
Fri. 8 th	- Feast of the Immaculate Conception - 9:00 a.m. Mass for Kindergarten to Grade 8
Mon. 11 th	- Pajama Day
Fri. 15 th	- Progress Reports go Home - Christmas/Holiday Show for UPK 3— Kindergarten at 9:00 a.m. - UPK 3 and 4 Parent-Teacher Conferences beginning at 11:00 a.m.
Wed. 20 th	- Christmas Homework Packets Go Home
Thurs. 21 st	- Christmas show at 6:00 p.m. Grades 1 to 5
Fri. 22 nd	- 12 noon Dismissal for ALL grades - No Lunch or After Care - Christmas Recess begins

School Resumes on January 2nd

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Have a Blessed and Safe Christmas Break!

