# St. Raymond Elementary School 2023-2024

## canion's Monthl January 2024 Dear Parents/Guardians,

December was so lively and bright at St. Raymond. We began the Advent season embracing the opportunity to prepare our hearts for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Our Grade 3 families participated in a meaningful Family Faith Formation event where they learned about the liturgical calendar. Our littlest learners were treated to a delightful morning of "Cookies with Santa," during which they exhibited true Christmas joy. On the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we gathered as a school community to honor our Blessed Mother. We held a Pajama Day, which was a tremendous success! Thanks to your generosity, we were able to donate an incredible 467 sets of pajamas to those in need, spreading warmth and comfort during the winter season. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders provided joy to the residents of Providence Rest Nursing Home, and our Junior Choir sang for Jacobi Hospital's pediatric wing. The choir also delighted guests at Cardinal Dolan's Christmas Luncheon. Our Basketball, Cheer, and Drum Line teams held a successful toy drive, embodying the spirit of giving, and many of our students participated in the Macy's Believe letter-writing campaign, contributing to charitable efforts during this festive season. Lastly, progress reports were sent home and our students showcased their talents in the Christmas shows, leaving everyone in awe and in the Christmas spirit.

With mixed emotions. I want to take this opportunity to share that Mrs. Jillian Collins will not be returning after her maternity leave. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for her dedication and wish her the very best in her future endeavors. Mrs. Villamarin will now continue, full-time, as one of our first grade teachers.

May the Christmas season bring you and your families abundant blessings and joy. Let us remain united in faith, hope, and love in this new year. January 2024

### Congratulations to our Students of the Month for January for the value of "Empathy":

Isaiah Kamara	Jaylah Torres
Mia Ortiz	Yaziel Gomez
Ulises Mayancela	Victoria Guerrero
Amberley Grande Coyotl	Alaina Kozij Lugo
Ariel Sepulveda	Genevieve Rosario
Adrian Lopez	Geraldine Xotlanihua Bautista
Mia Estela Martinez	Tamia McBride
Violet Ogyiri	Jace Robles
Liam Thomas	Isabella DeLeon
Samantha Cuebas	Lenny Grande Coyotl
Victor Casellas	Jaden Schloss
Jade Perez	Kayleigh Diaz
Kailynn Soto	Ethan Hernandez
Oliver Barranco Coyotl	Collyn Ramirez
Isabella Hansraj Torres	

#### **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) & 12:00 noon.

> Confession (Upper church): Saturday 11:00—11:45 a.m.



### **Important Dates to Remember and Calendar Changes**

Mon. <b>1</b> <sup>st</sup>	New Year's Day—No School
Tues. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School Resumes - Girls can begin wearing the winter uniform pants.
Wed. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Homework Packets Due
Thurs. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Winter MAP Assessments Begin
Fri. <b>5</b> <sup>th</sup>	- 12 Noon Dismissal for Kindergarten to Grade 8 - Full Day for UPK 3 and UPK 4
Sat. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Feast of the Epiphany
Mon. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day—No School
Tues. 16 <sup>th</sup> — Fri. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Midterm Exams for Grades 6 to 8
Sun. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Elementary School Students Baptism Class at 1:00 p.m.
Mon. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Re-Registration Begins for 2024-2025 School Year
Wed. <b>24</b> <sup>th</sup>	Dress Down for a Cause: Wear Purple for Moebius Syndrome
Fri. 26 <sup>th</sup>	- End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter and 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester - Winter MAP Assessments End
Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup>	<ul> <li>Family Faith Formation for Grade 4 at 10:45 a.m.</li> <li>Elementary School Students Baptism at 1:00 p.m.</li> </ul>
Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup> — Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Catholic Schools Week
Tues. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Touring Tuesday