



January 25, 2024

Dear Parents,

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the U. S celebrated every last week of January. The theme for this year celebration is, "Catholic School United in Faith and Community." Let us focus on the value of Catholic education that we provide to young people, its impact to our church, our family and community.

Time to celebrate the education going on in each classroom every single day, opening young minds to a world of knowledge and wonder. Also, students seeing, discovering, learning, growing..... We also think of you parents who continue to give your time, talent and treasure for the benefit of your children. I hope you can find time in your busy schedule to join us in our Eucharistic celebration this SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 at 12 noon Mass. Here, you will find the flyer of our school activities for next week celebration OF Catholic Schools Week.

Thank you for your gift of love, for your generosity, your support and help, your trust and more. WE ARE RUNNING STRONG AS A CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

Enclosed you will find the Registration form, financial information and application form for the school year 2024-2025. Kindly be on schedule to comply with all the requirements.

Please be reminded to turn -in the lunch order menu for February. Grandparents Day lunch order is due on Friday, January 26.

LET'S GO AND CELEBRATE!

Peace & Blessings,

  
Mrs. Amelita Martinez



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# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

UNITED IN FAITH AND  
COMMUNITY

FRIDAY 1/26

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT AND WEAR YOUR SPIRIT SHIRT.  
AFTERNOON ASSEMBLY

SUNDAY 1/28

CELEBRATE OUR PARISH  
FAMILY MASS AT 12:00 AND  
WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM

WEDNESDAY 1/31

CELEBRATE STUDENTS AND  
WEAR A SUPERHERO SHIRT

MONDAY 1/29

CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY  
AND WEAR YOUR TEAM COLOR

THURSDAY 2/1

CELEBRATE FAMILY AND WEAR  
SOMETHING DISNEY.  
GRANDPARENTS DAY LUNCH

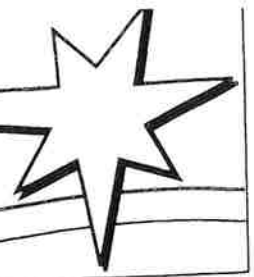
TUESDAY 1/30

CELEBRATE OUR NATION AND  
WEAR RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

FRIDAY 2/2

CELEBRATE VOCATIONS AT FIRST  
FRIDAY MASS WEAR UNIFORM.  
TEACHERS VS 8TH GRADE  
VOLLEYBALL

# Partners in FAITH™



February 2024

Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

St. Martha School

Sr. Carmen Fernandez



## Thoughtful Moments

### St. Josephine Bakhita

St. Josephine Bakhita was a young girl in Darfur, Sudan when she was captured and sold into slavery. Despite serving under cruel masters for many years, she remained sweet and kind. Eventually, the Michielis, who treated her very kindly, bought her. While in Italy, they introduced her to the Canossian Sisters of Charity. She joined in 1893. She spent the rest of her time there as a cook and sacristan. She also helped to prepare young sisters.



### Unconditional love

Children learn about God's love by experiencing love from their parents. Children who feel unconditionally loved by their parents are less likely to fear failure or judgment and more likely to look at their parents as advocates rather than adversaries. They are also more likely to be open to a relationship with a loving God as Father.

*"A wise son hears his father's instruction, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke"*  
(Proverbs 13:1)



## Forgiveness leads to holiness

In family life, conflict may be commonplace as children learn to navigate relationships but learning how to forgive is essential to healthy development. Forgiveness is also essential for holiness. *"If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you"* (Matthew 6:14). Teach children how:



Release grudges. Old resentments keep us from fully experiencing God's love and forgiveness. Encourage each member of the family to write at least one grudge or

resentment they are ready to let go of on a piece of paper and put it into a "grudge jar." Then, take out all the grudges, rip them up, and move on.

Practice humility. Humility reminds us that we're saints-in-progress who need God's mercy. We are flawed beings who make

mistakes that require God's forgiveness. Offering mercy to others in recognition of this need is an act of both humility and hope.

Pray for each other. Praying together as a family opens us up to much-needed graces. Plus, it's hard to stay mad at someone for whom you pray!

## Why Do Catholics Do That?

## Why do Catholics serve pancakes on Fat Tuesday (Mardi Gras)?

In the early Church, it was customary to give up rich foods and meat during the penitential season of Lent. This included milk, eggs, butter, cheese, and fat. On the Tuesday before Lent began, families would rush to empty the pantry of the



forbidden foods by enjoying a dinner of pancakes (or in some places, fried doughnuts). In several countries, it is even called "Pancake Tuesday." It was meant to be one final celebration of feasting before the Lenten fast.

# The positive power of penance

Children of all ages know that if we make a mess, we must clean it up and try not to do it again. Penance is a lot like that – it helps us clean up our sin and avoid repeats. Help children appreciate penance.

**Self-denial.** Suggest small sacrifices that are age appropriate - skipping a favorite TV show, foregoing an hour of video games, or passing on dessert. Then suggest that the discomfort can be offered to God as an apology for past wrongs.

**Acts of kindness.** Our sin affects others



so helping others also helps us make up for our sins. Assisting a neighbor, volunteering at church, or showing kindness to a friend, can be offered to God as penance.

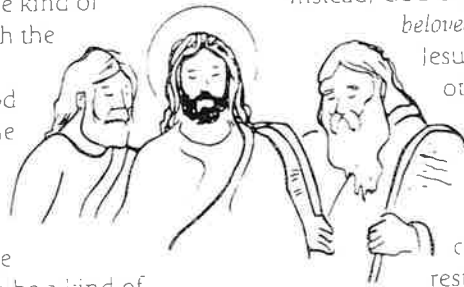
**'Do I have to?'** When you ask your child to do something he doesn't have to do and may not enjoy, remind him that it can be offered as penance. Visiting elderly relatives, playing patiently with younger siblings, doing homework without reminders are sacrifices that can be offered as penance.

## Scripture LESSON

### Mark 9:2-10, Transformation, not restoration

Ancient Jews imagined that the Messiah would free Israel to be the kind of people it already was with the religion and structure it already had. After all, God had set Moses aside as the lawgiver and liberator, and Elijah was the first great prophet to foretell the coming of Christ. The Messiah was predicted to be a kind of repairman to restore it all.

So, when Jesus was transfigured with Moses and Elijah, the apostles figured God was revealing Him as the expected Messiah. Peter thought he was complimenting Jesus by offering to build tents for each of them, putting Jesus on



the same level as Moses and Elijah. Instead, God called Jesus, "my beloved Son," exalting Jesus above every other human hero.

Jesus came to transform us and give us new life. The Transfiguration was to prepare Jesus' followers for a surprising truth: He would accomplish this victory by dying on the Cross and rising from the dead, thus conquering death itself.

What can a parent do? Jesus' apostles thought He had come simply to restore Israel, but

## Feasts & Celebrations

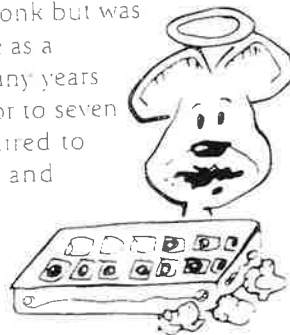
February 2 – The Presentation of the Lord. In accordance with the Law of Moses, Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple forty days after His birth, and Simeon praised God for revealing the long-awaited Savior.

February 2 – St. Catherine of Ricci (1590). Against her father's wishes, St. Catherine gave up her wealthy life and joined the Dominicans when she was twelve. She received visions of the Lord's Passion, which she experienced every Friday.

February 14 – Ash Wednesday. The

first day of Lent. Ashes of old palms are placed on the forehead, as a sign of penance. It's also a day of abstinence from meat and fasting – one regular meal and two small meals that together don't equal a full meal.

February 21 – St. Peter Damian (1072). St. Peter Damian became a disciplined monk but was called to serve as a bishop for many years. He was advisor to seven popes. He retired to monastic life and died in the care of his brother monks.



## Parent TALK

I had stopped praying. My father had a heart attack last summer and I was helping Mom care for him while

working and caring for my own family. Then my father-in-law was diagnosed with lung cancer and needed care. Finally, Ken lost his job for the second time in

three years and we had used up our savings the first time. Obviously God wasn't listening.

A few nights later I overheard our ten-year-old saying her prayers asking God for help. She ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." Then she went to sleep. Standing outside her room, I realized Kara didn't tell God what to do. She asked for help, trusted that it would come, and left it to God.

I prayed for the first time in weeks and ended with, "Thanks for listening. Amen." I realized God is always listening. I was the one who had stopped talking.



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ST. MARTHA SCHOOL  
440 N. Azusa Ave.  
Valinda, CA 91744  
January 22, 2024

TO: ALL SCHOOL FAMILIES –IMPORTANT INFORMATION  
FROM: MRS. AMELITA MARTINEZ, PRINCIPAL  
RE: RE-REGISTRATION FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025– GRADES TK-8

Opening of RE-REGISTRATION FEE – January 22 2024

Dear Parents,

The completed re-registration form and fee are due on or before Monday, February 26, 2024

1. **Everyone needs to re-register to secure a place for the next school year, 2024-2025 including those who presently attend St. Martha School.**
2. **Fill out the re-registration form completely.** Include the **new or current home address, e-mail, phone numbers: home, work, and cell.**
  - a. Write the names of all students to be re-registered, starting with the oldest child. If you have a **TK students coming to the school next year**, include his/her on the TK Registration.
  - b. Write the grade each student will be in for the 2024-2025 school year.
  - c. Enclose **the re-registration fee (\$220.00 per child) grades TK-8.**
  - d. **Late registration fee, \$100.00 additional per child.**
  - e. **After February 29, 2024 a late re-registration fee of \$100.00 per child plus the re-registration fee (\$320) will be charged.**
3. **No-registration** will be processed unless accompanied with the **appropriate fee.**
4. **The re-registration fee is non-refundable.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Any family, who is not planning to return next year to St. Martha School, please let the office know by February 26, 2024.

**(If we have not received your re-registration form or heard from you by March 26 2024, your child's name will be dropped from the roster. Should you wish to be reinstated, and space is still available, a \$100 late fee per child plus the re-registration fee of \$220.00 will be charged.)**

Yours in Christ,

*Mrs. Amelita Martinez*  
Principal



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# RE-REGISTRATION

PLEASE PRINT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

## FAMILY INFORMATION

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Father/Guardian Information

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### Mother/Guardian Information

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### St. Martha school returning students to re-register grades K - 8

1. \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE IN SEPTEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE IN SEPTEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE IN SEPTEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE IN SEPTEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE IN SEPTEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE**



## SAINT MARTHA SCHOOL

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# REGISTRATION For Transitional Kindergarten

PLEASE PRINT AND COMPLETE ENTIRE APPLICATION:

Legal Name of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Baptized: \_\_\_\_\_ Church: \_\_\_\_\_ City & State: \_\_\_\_\_

### PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

#### Father/Guardian Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace/Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_

Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Mother/Guardian Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace/Ethnicity: \_\_\_\_\_

Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Home #: \_\_\_\_\_

Work #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**The following documents and fees are due at the time this application is turned in.**

- a) \$ 200.00 non-refundable fee
- b) A copy of Child's Birth Certificate
- c) A copy of Child's Baptism Certificate
- d) A copy of Child's Immunization Record (Yellow Card)

According to State Law, children may not be admitted to Transitional Kindergarten unless they have reached the age of 3 years and 9 months on or before the first day of September of the year of admission. (They must be four years of age on or before December 1st of the current school year.)

**REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**



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# FINANCIAL AGREEMENT

I/We, the undersigned parent(s) or guardian, have read, agreed and request admission for our child/ren, \_\_\_\_\_ at St. Martha School for the 2024-2025 school year.

I/We agree, for our child/ren's attendance at St. Martha School and understand that in return for my/our child/ren's educational program, I/we are making an agreement with St. Martha School to provide **for the partial financing of their education**. The contributed services of the faculty, staff, parish priests, and the fundraising activities of the students and the parents supplement the total cost of the educational program.

## TUITION AND FEES PAYMENT PLAN FOR 2024-2025:

### TUITION AND FULL TIME DAY CARE — PAYABLE THROUGH FACTS

**Bethany Scholarship Annual Rate**

Number of Student	Amount
1	\$4,350.00
2	\$7,000.00
3	\$9,150.00
4	\$9,975.00

**Standard Annual Rate**

Number of Student	Amount
1	\$5,300.00
2	\$10,600.00
3 or more	\$15,900.00

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Full-Time DayCare Annual Rate**

Number of Student	Amount
1	\$1,900.00
2	\$2,775.00

.....  
**Drop – In DAYCARE FEE**  
**\$10.00 per child/per hour**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT OPTIONS:** (Please check one)

- Full Payment — \$200.00 discount if paid in full by Tuesday, August 13, 2024
- 10 Monthly payments
- 11 Monthly Payments

\*\*All monthly payments will start in July, 2024.

**Facts Total Balance Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**All required fees are NON-REFUNDABLE and must be paid by August 16, 2024, in order for students to start school.**

**FEES PAYMENT PLAN**

**Full payment due by:** August 13, 2024 (School Office will be open starting August 12, 2024 from 9-1 pm)

**Returning Student Pre-registration:** \$220.00 per student (additional \$100.00 after Feb. 29, 2024) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**New Student Registration:** \$220.00 per student x (number of student) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Fee:** \$300.00 per student x (number of student) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Covers: student insurance, instructional materials, and standardized testing.

**Tech Fee – supporting Maintenance and upgrading infrastructure of internet access (Per Family)** \$ 50.00

**Chromebook Fee Repair \$25.00–(Minor repair) Optional x number of student \_\_\_\_\_** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Broken Chromebook - Replacement fee \$300** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TK and Kindergarten Student Mat and Supplies Fee:** \$150 (per student ) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FUNDRAISERS:** The amount indicated is for mandatory fundraisers. (Per Family) \$ 350.00

**Earthquake Kit (New Students and 5th Graders Only):** \$15.00 x (number of students) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PTO FEE:** (Per Family) \$ 200.00

**Total Due** \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# PARENTAL AGREEMENT — 2024-2025

As the first educators of their children, parents are to help the parish and the parish school complement, reinforce, and support the fundamental purpose of Catholic Education.

## SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS for each family:

1. I/We agree and understand that the school is Catholic parish school, under the jurisdiction of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. We accept, therefore: a) that the pastor of the parish is the ex-officio chief administrative officer of the school who carries out the policies on points not covered by Archdiocesan policy, and determines policy appropriate to the needs of the school; b) that the principal is responsible for the immediate direction and supervision of the school program.
2. I/We agree that this is a Catholic school and that we as parents have a sacred duty to set a religious example for our child/ren by fulfilling our Catholic Christian obligation.
3. I/We agree that as this is a parish school of St. Martha, to qualify for the Martha of Bethany Scholarship we must be registered at the Church Rectory.
4. **Yes, I want to apply for the Martha of Bethany Scholarship. A Sunday Envelope must be provided to show proof that the Family is registered. My Envelope Number is \_\_\_\_\_.** (Please attach your Sunday Family Envelope. If your Sunday Envelope is not attached, the out of Parish Tuition Price will be charged.)
5. I/We agree to fulfill our Financial obligation as chosen in the Financial agreement.
6. I/We agree to enforce the school policies as stated in the Parent/Student Handbook.
7. I/We agree to help support the school by giving **10 School Service Hours or equivalent monetary donation** and **5 Fiesta Hours** to St. Martha School during the 2024- 2025 school year. Service Hours must be completed by May 16, 2025. **Unworked hours will be charged at \$25.00 per hour and should be paid no later than May 16, 2025. There will be a \$30.00 penalty on missed scheduled hours.**
8. I/We agree to support St. Martha School the Tech Fee as stated on the Fees Payment Plan of \$50.00.
9. I/We agree to support my/our child/ren by attending the St. Martha PTO meetings.
10. I/We agree to support the school **Fundraisers** as stated on the Fees Payment Plan fee of \$350.00.
11. I/We agree to be a member of St. Martha PTO Board by each family paying the PTO fee of \$200.00.
12. I/We agree to be actively involved and supportive of additional school functions as announced by the School Board, the PTO Board, and/or by the school during the school year.
13. I/We agree that each year we must re-apply for admission to the next academic year. Admission to the next academic year may be denied to any existing, new or returning student(s) or families if they are delinquent with any school financial obligations, and if there are academic or discipline problems.
14. **Payment plan for St. Martha School Tuition, Full Time Day Care, is through the FACTS Tuition Management Program. This is an automatic debit system to collect Tuition, Full Time Day Care.**
15. **A monthly \$25.00 late charge fee will be billed to your account for non payment of past due accounts over 30 days. This includes miscellaneous charges, Drop-In Day Care, etc.**

16. If payment to FACTS MANAGEMENT is returned without prior notice to the school: 1) for stop payment, 2) account closed, and/or 3) insufficient funds, three (3) times, a fee of \$100.00 will be charged by the school in addition to the fees charged by FACTS.

17. In the event a check is returned to the school for any reason, a \$35.00 return check service charge will be added to the collection of the returned check amount and the amount must be paid in cash, cashiers check or money order. The second incident, all payments must be made in cash, cashiers check, or money order, for the balance of the school year.

I/We have read and understand the above agreement for 2024 – 2025 school year as presented by St. Martha School. I/We promise to fulfill each of the stated obligations on time. (This Contract and Fees are to be signed and returned to the school office no later than Friday, August 16, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Guardian/Parent First & Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Oldest Child's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade in September 2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mrs. Amelita Martinez (Principal)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date