

St. George Catholic Elementary School

"Faith, Service & Academic Excellence"

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# PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

# **DECEMBER-** A Mission of Love

"Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier." St. Teresa of Calcutta

Our theme for the month of December focuses on a mission rooted in love. As Christians we are called to love one another as Christ loves us. That is not always an easy task, but when we recognize that God is in each and every person we meet, the love we have for Him ought to shine through. Throughout this month and the season of Advent, may our words and actions be a reflection of God's love, which he sent into our world through the birth of His son, Jesus.

# **MITTEN & HAT TREE**

During this season of Advent families are welcome to donate hats and mittens for our Christmas tree in our main foyer. All winter items will be donated to the St. Vincent De Paul Society.

# CHRISTMAS DRIVE

St. George families are invited to join in donating any non perishable food or hygiene items. The St. Vincent de Paul food bank needs YOUR support! Please donate what you can from tooth paste, can goods to paper products it is all needed!



# A MESSAGE FROM ST. GEORGE CHURCH



Dear Parents/Guardians:

St. George Parish would like to invite children in ELKP to Grade 2 to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word, which is held on Sunday mornings during the 10:00am Mass.

This wonderful program is an age-appropriate celebration of Sunday Mass and is a great way for children to hear and learn about the Word of God. Children actively participate and engage in activities that enrich the messages of the Gospel. This program is designed to enhance what the children are learning at home and in school relative to their faith formation.

This is an essential aspect of preparation for receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

# Children's Liturgy needs volunteer leaders

The children of our parish are an important part of the Church's future, and we need your help. Please prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer leader for the Children's Liturgy program. It only requires about 1 hour of time on a Sunday morning before and during Mass, and a police background check. All materials are pre-planned and easy to administer, with training provided. In sharing your faith with the children of our parish, you will also receive a strengthening of your faith through the children's growth experience. Please contact Beth McDonald in the parish office for more information: <u>stgeorge@saintcd.com</u> or (905) 894-2853.

# **SKATING GRADES 4-8**

Students in Grades 4 - 8 will participate in the last skating at the Ridgeway Arena on December 19th. Do not forget your helmets! Please dress for the weather as students will walk to the arena!



#### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

In the event of severe weather conditions, announcements to close the schools or to cancel buses will be made on all local radio stations. During bad weather, when the school remains open, parents can decide whether or not their children will attend. If you keep them home, please remember to put your child's absence in. In the event of an emergency closing during the school day, a Phone Network will be used to confirm a safe destination before a child is dismissed. It is very important that we have your emergency contact telephone numbers on file.





# WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A VERY BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

K-3 Concert Date:

Tuesday, December 17/24 Day 2 10:30 a.m. -11:10 & 12:30 - 1:10 pm.

**Dress Rehearsal Date:** 

Friday, December 13/24 Day 5 Grades 4-8 Audience