



St. Nicholas Parish

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Our Parish Mission Statement

St. Nicholas Parish is a Catholic community, celebrating our faith through the Sacraments, Liturgy, Prayer and Service. We strive to nurture family life and to create one body out of many in the Lord.

We share the Good News with people of all ages, cultures and faith backgrounds.

CLERGY

Parish Administrator	Rev. George Blais
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Raphael Nguyen
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Quyen Truong
Visiting Priest	Rev. Msgr. Lawrence Gibson
Visiting Priest	Rev. Msgr. John Campbell
Visiting Priest	Rev. Gerald Walker
Deacon	Wayne Thompson
Deacon	Chau Tran
Deacon	Gerardo De Santos

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM, 7:00PM in Spanish
 Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:45AM, 12:30PM, and 5:00PM in Vietnamese.

Monday through Friday: 7:00AM and 9:00AM
 Saturday: 9AM

Filipino Mass: 5:30PM, First Saturdays, October-June.
 Holy Days: 4PM Vigil, 7AM, 9AM, 12PM, 6PM and 7:30PM in Vietnamese

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: 9:45AM to 10:15AM and 3:00PM to 3:45PM
 or by appointment.

BAPTISM

Fourth Sunday of the month at 2:00PM.
 Arrangements must be made a month in advance.
 Parents must attend two preparation sessions.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must begin at least six months in advance with a priest of the parish.

ANointing OF THE SICK

Call Parish Office in an emergency.
 Special Service celebrated in fall/spring as announced.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

At the death of a family member, please call the Parish Office at your earliest convenience to plan for the Mass of Christian Burial.

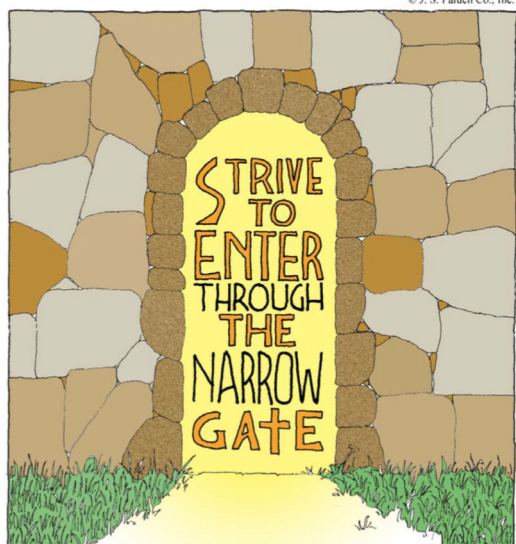
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION DAY

24-hour adoration begins the second Wednesday of the month at the 9:00AM Mass.

DEVOTIONS & BENEDICTION

Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM;
 Vietnamese—2nd Wednesday of the month at 8PM.
 Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction.

Parish Office Hours: Sunday: 8:30 AM—1:30 PM
Monday through Friday: 9 AM—12 Noon; 1 PM — 4:30 PM; 6 PM - 8 PM
Saturday: 9 AM—12 Noon



DISCIPLINE

It is no accident that the words “disciple” and “discipline” are nearly identical. Their relationship in Christian faith and life, however, has fallen somewhat out of favor in the past generation, as certain prescribed Church rules and regulations have been reduced and relaxed. These rules were often referred to as “disciplines.” We are mistaken, however, to think that it no longer takes discipline to follow Christ. The Letter to the Hebrews assures us of that today. Our discipline is more like that of an athlete pursuing a victory or a personal best, or a musician striving for a concert career or to master a new piece of music. This discipline comes from desire, not from regulations. It was the desire to do the will of God that led Jesus on the path to his cross. It is that same desire he encourages in us today: to strive to enter through the narrow gate, to find ourselves in the kingdom with a surprising assortment of people who are there not because of mere observation of rules, but out of a genuine desire to recline at the table of the heavenly banquet. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Missionary Cooperation —Next Weekend Second Collection—August 27-28

Next weekend, St. Nicholas will be visited by a Friar representing the cloistered Sisters of the Monasterio de La Sagrada of Acambaro, Mexico. The Poor Clare Sisters are contemplative nuns who live a life of prayer and simplicity usually in one Monastery for their whole life. A Poor Clare Sister takes a solemn vow that can only be dispensed by Rome. *We appreciate your generosity!*



Latin Food Festival



after all Masses
Sunday, August 28, 8:30am to 2pm,
in the Parish Center.

Come enjoy typical foods from Mexico, Peru, Columbia, Argentina and El Salvador!

Donations accepted.

Join us and enjoy these delicious dishes!

SIGN UP TODAY!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Sponsors a National “Friends of the Poor,” 5K Walk/Run, and the Orange County event will be held at Huntington State Beach (PCH & Beach Blvd.) on

Saturday, September 17th at 8AM.

We invite you to support us with your participation or donation by registering at: www.fobwalk.org. Registration is FREE but we encourage you to sponsor St. Nicholas and one of its participants. If you would like to join the group participating from St. Nicholas, please call Jean Duffy at 770-7002 or Barbara Benun at 472-0255.

We will be outside the Church THIS WEEKEND August 20-21, to sign up sponsors!



Stewardship of Treasure

“Stewardship is not about our generosity; it is our response to God’s generosity.”

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>52-Weekly Required Budget</u>
August 14th	\$19,241.00	\$19,638.04	\$22,987



Monday:

7AM Won-Young Kim (d)

9AM Chet Wolski (d)

Tuesday:

7AM James Mark Picozzi (d)

9AM Rhianna Ryer

Wednesday:

7AM Connie Haskell (d)

9AM Maria Luisa Romero (d)

Thursday:

7 AM Veronica Leahy (d)

9AM Fr. Richard Delahunty

Friday:

7 AM Mary Lu (d)

9AM June Decant (d)

Saturday:

9AM George Jalog (d)

4PM John Guliotta (d)

7PM Angelina Gallegos (d)

Sunday:

7:30AM For the Parish

9:00AM Fred Teixeira (d)

10:45AM Dolores Antino (d)

12:30PM Marjorie Doyle (d)

Parish Calendar This Week



MONDAY

Spanish Rosary, Church, 6:30PM

TUESDAY

Unity Group, Room C, 6:30PM

WEDNESDAY

Devotions and Benediction, Church, 7PM

St. Vincent de Paul, Room A, 7PM

Hispanic Choir, Room C, 7PM

Filipino Choir, Small Hall, 8PM

THURSDAY

Faith Alive, Room A, 10AM

Hispanic Council Meeting, Room C, 6:30PM

FRIDAY

"Dynamic Catholic" Book Study, Room 201, 9:45AM

Divine Mercy, St. Faustina Study, Room C, 1:45PM

Spanish Bible Study, Small Hall, 7PM

SATURDAY

Altar Server Meeting, 2nd floor-Parish Center, 2PM

Spanish Choir, Room C, 5PM

SUNDAY

Latin Food Festival, Parish Center, 8:30AM to 2PM

Baptisms—English, Church, 2PM

Library closed for summer

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

was born on August 26, 1910, in Skopje, which is now the capital of Macedonia. She was baptized Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu and was the youngest of three children. At age 18, she left home to join the Irish Sisters of Loreto in Dublin, which sent missionaries throughout the world. She was then sent to India and professed her first vows on May 24, 1931, choosing the name Teresa after St. Therese of Lisieux. In 1948, she answered Jesus' call to work for the "poorest of the poor," and began work in the slums of Calcutta.

She will be canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016.



"You are God's love in action. Through you, God is still loving the world. Each time people come into contact with us, they must become different and better people because of having met us. We must radiate God's love."

—Mother Teresa of Calcutta

We Remember

**Rodrigo Martija, Peggy Houle
Joe Polash and Paul Finorio**

**who entered their new and eternal life in Christ.
Our Parish condolences are extended
to their families.**

Grant to all our dearly departed, eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine on them forever.

TODAY'S READINGS



First Reading: *Isaiah 66:18-21*

Brothers and sisters of every race and language will be brought to Jerusalem.

Psalms 117: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13*

Be strong and endure your trials as the "discipline" of a loving God, for it will result in the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Gospel: *Luke 13:22-30*

People from east and west, north and south, recline at table in the kingdom of God.

School of Religious Education



Check us out on Facebook!

AUGUST SRE EVENTS:

TODAY—Sunday, August 21 — Open Registration—
8:30am to Noon in the Parish Center Lobby.
Monday, August 22 — Teacher's Orientation —
6:30pm in the Parish Center.

PLEASE NOTE: Liturgy of the Word will not meet on
Sunday, August 28th.

Fall schedule for School of Religion Classes:
information will be mailed later in August.

**Parent Meeting for parents with students in
First through Eighth Grades:**
Monday OR Tuesday, September 12 or 13
at 7:30pm in the Parish Center.

Elementary: Classes begin the week of Sept. 18th
from 4:15pm to 5:30pm.

Junior High: Classes begin Tuesday, October 4th at
7:30pm in the Parish Center.

Confirmation I and II: 1/2 day Retreat on Saturday,
September 24th, 1pm to 6pm (includes Mass/Dinner).

Confirmation I: Classes begin Tuesday, October 4th
at 7pm upstairs in the Parish Center.

Confirmation II: Classes begin on Tuesday, October
11th at 7pm upstairs in the Parish Center.

Join us for our...Next meeting which is on
Sunday, August 28 at 10am, in the Youth Ministry
Room. Some things being planned:

- ◆ Bible Study on Tuesdays from 6pm to 7pm (starting
in October).
- ◆ 1/2 day Mini-Retreat on Saturday, Sept 24 from 1
pm to 6pm (facilitators needed).
- ◆ Kidsfest on Saturday, October 15 (Help to run
games/activities).
- ◆ Help to serve Coffee & Donuts on the second
Sunday of each month after the 9am and 10:45am
Masses.



*Teen/Family Choir practices
will begin on
Thursday, September 1st at
7:30pm in the Choir Loft.*

*We welcome all teens and their family members to join
our group—we meet twice a month on Thursday nights
and sing at the 4pm Mass the last Saturday of the
month. If you sing or play an instrument,
please join us. For more information,
call the SRE Office, 837-7676.*

Backyard Theology Series

Thank you to

Fr. George, Fr. Quyen, Fr. Raphael and
Deacon Gerry and Socorro De Santos*

(*we missed getting their picture—sorry!)

who spoke at the Backyard Theology Series last
week. Their stories and insights were
appreciated. We welcome them to our
St. Nicholas Family! And thank you to all who
attended and brought
snacks and desserts to share!



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Great Commissioning! *Matthew 28:16-20 (Being Disciples of Christ)*

“Go, therefore, and make disciples from all Nations.” At the end of Mass the Priest or Deacon dismiss us. One of the dismissals is “Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.” Have you ever wondered why they do this? Through our Baptism we share in the commissioning of the first disciples, **to go out after Mass**, to bring the “Good News” we just heard to everyone we meet. We are to witness to others through our word and deed, the message of Jesus. If, after viewing your living example, someone then inquires about our faith, invite them to the RCIA process to learn more about it.

It’s amazing how many times people tell us that they have wanted to learn about the Catholic faith, **but have been waiting for someone to ask them!** Is someone you know waiting for an invitation? Ask them, then offer to journey the faith with them. Let them know you’ll be praying for them. If you don’t know of someone right now, we ask that you please add your prayers to ours for people to hear God’s word calling them, and that they answer the call.

Sessions begin on Thursday, September 1st at 7pm in Room 201 in the Parish Center.

Call Jeff Moses at 714-366-1149 or Del Moses at 714-931-0820.

Each month through November of 2016, we will feature a Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy on which to concentrate our efforts.

For August

Work of Mercy: *Forgive offenses.*

Ideas: 1. Pray for those who have hurt you. 2. Do something nice for someone who has wronged you.

Scripture Readings:

John 13:24—New commandment, love one another.

Ephesians 4:32—Forgive one another.

2 Corinthians 2:7—Forgive and comfort the sinner.

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

Parish Liturgical Secretary:	Cate Wolski
Business Manager:	Irma Contreras
Receptionist/Records:	Karen Falagraday
Ministry to Sick & Homebound:	Barbara Price
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Director, Religious Education:	Gwen Wieser
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Sr. Maria Loan Tran, LHC: (949) 837-1090, Ext 137

VATICAN SPLENDORS ... at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library & Museum

**On Monday, August 22nd, the bus leaves
St. Nicholas Church at 8am, returning at 6pm.**

**Donation: \$50 per person, which includes
bus fare, Library entrance fee and a small portion to
benefit the St. Nicholas Music Ministry.**

**Lunch will be on your own at a choice of three
restaurants within the Museum area.**

Experience 2000 years of Vatican art and history at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum. This is the exclusive West Coast destination for *Vatican Splendors: A Journey Through Faith and Art*. This 10,000 square foot exhibit, comprising one of the largest Vatican collections ever to tour the United States, includes an extraordinary collection of historical and religious objects, some of which date to the first century, as well as works of art by Michelangelo, Bernini, Guercino and others.

Reservations Required:

Call Cynthia Holmes, 949-951-3375.



The Diocese of Orange's 40th Anniversary Sunday, September 18



40 Years of Faith, Love and Inspiration at Christ Cathedral, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove

Join the faithful from across the Diocese of Orange as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary. This daylong event will welcome thousands to join in communion together and celebrate the unique gifts of the people of Orange.

7-9AM occatholic.com/5k

9:30—11AM Anniversary Mass

11AM—6PM Fun Zone with real snow sledding area

11:30AM—2:30PM Speakers, Series Freed Theater

3PM to 9:30PM Music Festival

PHOTO EXHIBIT ALL DAY!

For information or to purchase tickets: www.rcbo.org

Pastoral Council Update

If you submitted an application for the Pastoral Council and have not yet received a response, please call Gil Barragan at 949-770-5516.

Also, we have extended the submittal date to August 29th, for anyone still interested in joining the Pastoral Council.

In November, We As Catholics Will Have Another Chance

The publication “Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship” published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, in its introduction states, “As a nation, we share many blessings and strengths, including a tradition of religious freedom and political participation. However, as a people, we face serious challenges that are both political and moral. This has always been so, and as Catholics we are called to participate in public life in a manner consistent with the mission of our Lord, a mission that he has called us to share.”

See the USCCB website: <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/index.cfm>.

During the last 43 years since the U.S. Supreme Court case “Roe v. Wade” made abortion legal, nearly **sixty million** unborn babies have been killed in the United States of America by abortion.

Catholics have a moral obligation to help stop abortion. We can help in a big way by using our consciences to vote in elections. Catholics make up approximately 25% of our National Electorate.

According to “Pew Research Center,” Catholics who voted for President in the last four elections voted for candidates that are for legalized abortion as follows: **2000—50%, 2004—47% 2008—54%, 2012—50%**

In November, we as Catholics will have another chance.

It is important that we elect **Pro-Life** candidates at all levels of our governments—local, state and national.

The National Right to Life organization has a website page that lists the various Right To Life organizations for each State. The link to this website page is: <http://www.nrlc.org/about/stateaffiliates/>.

As the November election time approaches, the State Right to Life organizations may indicate on their websites the names of the Pro-Life candidates in your State.

Pope Francis has emphatically stated “that abortion is ‘a crime’ and ‘absolute evil’ that cannot be justified.”

Please vote this November!

CHOIR RECRUITMENT MONTH

Now is a great time for you to climb on board and become a part of this exciting and rewarding weekly liturgical ministry, for the 2016-2017 season. The Catholic Church teaches us that CHOIR isn't a luxury, it's a necessity! Parishes NEED choirs. Our Choirs need YOU. We are fortunate to have THREE Choirs:

9:00am CHOIR (SATB),

under the direction of Emmett, our music director and accompanist, rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 8:45. Repertoire consists of all musical styles: ancient, traditional, and contemporary. Present membership is 42.

Our goal is to recruit 12 new members.

10:45am CHORALE (SATB),

Under the direction of Mary Ester, and accompanied by Emmett, rehearses on Tuesday evenings, from 7:15 to 8:45. Repertoire also consists of all styles of liturgical music. Present Membership is 24.

Our goal is to recruit many more voices.

TEEN/FAMILY CHOIR

Under the direction of Pauline, and connected to our Youth Ministry Program, rehearses twice a month and provides contemporary music on the last Saturday of the month at our 4pm Mass during the academic year.

Our goal is to recruit as many voices as possible.

Sign-ups for ALL 3 Choirs are being accepted at all Masses every weekend in AUGUST. Please see Emmett in the choir loft, take a tour of the loft, peek inside the pipe organ chambers, and sign up! Membership is open to anyone who is seriously interested in contributing to these teams of liturgical ministers. *Some musical experience would be helpful for the SATB Choirs, but there are no formal auditions. (Climbing the stairs to the loft is your audition...)* However, you must be able to commit to regular attendance, be excited to learn, and “carry a tune.”

REHEARSALS begin the 2nd week of September. **DEADLINE** to join is Sunday, September 4th. Please don't wait...come up to the loft today, see Emmett, and JOIN NOW!

