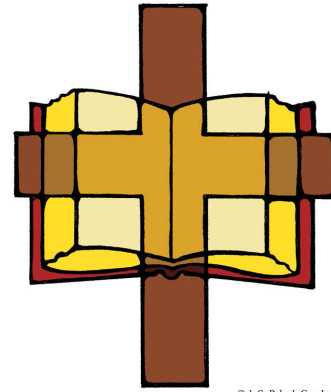




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St. Nicholas Parish

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School of Religious Education: (949) 837-7676

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.

Adopted July, 1996

CLERGY

Pastor	Rev. George P. Blais
Parochial Vicar	Rev. Quyen Truong
Visiting Priest	Rev. Msgr. John Campbell
Visiting Priest	Rev. Gerald Walker
Visiting Priest	Rev. Charbel Grbavac
Visiting Priest	Rev. Jack Sewell
Visiting Priest	Rev. Chin Dang
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

Holy Days: 4PM Vigil, 7PM Spanish 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

Contact the Parish Office for Baptism scheduling and information.

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.
Filipino—1st Saturday of the month Novena and Rosary Devotion from October-June after the 4PM Mass.

Parish Office Hours

Sunday: 8:30 AM—1:30 PM; Monday through Friday: 9AM— 12Noon; 1PM— 5:15PM
Saturday: 9 AM—12 Noon

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel reading comes from the beginning of the Gospel of Luke in which Luke introduces what he is writing and why. Following his introductory remarks, we pick up in chapter four when Jesus returns to His native place and prays in the synagogue. He had been teaching and gaining many followers from every town He had entered.

When He arrives in his home town of Nazareth and enters the synagogue, He reads from the prophet Isaiah. After reading this passage, He rolls up the scroll, sits down and says; "Today this scripture passage has been fulfilled in your hearing." He is telling the people that He was the one spoken about in the scripture passage. He has been anointed by the Spirit and sent by God the Father to bring good news and glad tidings to the world.

In the second reading, we hear St. Paul speaking about the body of Christ consisting of all who are baptized. We are all members of the family of Jesus and are important to the everyday life of the church. Paul uses the analogy of the parts of the body to describe how our special gifts are related and needed for the church to be healthy and effective.

This week is a good time to determine what specific gift or talent God has given us individually that we can share for the benefit of the whole body of Christ, (the church).

Fr. George

Intellectual Disabilities Community Fund

The St. Nicholas Council of the Knights of Columbus will join all other KC Councils in Orange County to collect donations for individuals in our community with Intellectual Disabilities. After Mass this weekend, our Knights will be waiting outside the church doors to accept your donations. Should you wish to make your donation by check, do so in the name of "Knights of Columbus #10590". Thank you in advance.



Winter Open House

Tuesday, January 29th
6:30 / JSerra Pavilion



JSERRA
CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Experience the Lion spirit at our Admissions Open House where students, faculty, coaches, and administration will be in attendance to answer all your questions. We encourage you to bring the whole family to learn about what it means to be a JSerra Lion!

For more information, contact Admissions at
(949) 493-9307.

TAMALE SALE

The Hispanic Group will be having a Tamale Sale on Sunday, February 17th after the morning Masses.



When we cannot forgive, we break the bridge over which we must pass if we would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.

—George Herbert

— CHURCH CLEANING —

More volunteers are needed to help in the cleaning of the Church. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month after the 9AM Mass. If you can contribute an hour or two of your time, it would be appreciated! Our next church cleaning is Tuesday, February 5th.

Call: Phoebe at (949) 855-9263 with any questions.



Stewardship of Treasure

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Collection information for January 20th will be posted in a future bulletin.

Mass Intentions for the WeekMonday:

7AM All Souls in Purgatory

9AM Mary Malley (d)

Tuesday:

7AM Rosa Snider (d)

9AM Erzinda Adeva (d)

Wednesday:

7AM George Yutchinsen (d)

9AM Madge Hammond (d)

Thursday:

7AM Marie Rowland (d)

9AM Mary Ellen Syer

Friday:

7AM Frank Hernandez Family

9AM Theresa Wu

Saturday:

9AM Salvacio Jaurigue (d)

4PM For the Parish

7PM _____

Sunday:

7:30AM Chakar Mourad (d)

9:00AM Sebastian Fasfous (d)

10:45AM Anne Brady (d)

12:30PM Anne Flanagan

**We Remember
Jean Carville****who entered her new and eternal life in Christ.*****Grant to all our dearly departed, eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine on them forever.*****TODAY'S READINGS****First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10**

Rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength.

Psalms 19

Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]

In one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Gospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The Spirit of the Lord has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives.

Parish Calendar This Week**MONDAY**

Sewing Group, Small Hall, 8AM

Adult Bible Study, Parish Center-2nd Floor, 10AM

Religious Education for Elementary, Parish Center, 4:15PM

Hispanic Rosary, Church, 7PM

TUESDAY

Religious Education for Elementary, Parish Center, 4:15PM

SRE Confirmation II, Parish Center—upstairs, 7PM

7 & 8 Grade SRE, Parish Center—downstairs, 7PM

St. Nicholas Chorale, Small Hall. 7:15PM

WEDNESDAY

Charismatic Prayer Group, Room A, 9:45AM

Religious Education for Elementary, Parish Center, 4:15PM

Devotions and Benediction, Church, 7PM

Certification Basica, Room 201, 7PM

Filipino Choir, Small Hall, 8PM

THURSDAY

Faith Alive, Room A, 10AM

Adult Bible Study, Parish Center—2nd Floor, 10AM

Hispanic RCIA, Room B, 6PM

RCIA, Room 201, 7PM

Hispanic Council, Room C, 7PM

St. Nicholas Parish Choir, Small Hall, 7:15PM

FRIDAY

CCW Meeting, Parish Center—1st Floor, 9:30AM

Hispanic Bible Study, Small Hall, 7PM

SATURDAY

First Saturday Devotions, Room B, 9:45AM

Filipino Choir, Small Hall, 3PM

Hispanic Choir, Room C, 4PM

SUNDAY

Library OPENED

The St. Nicholas Library**The Library is open the 1st & 3rd
Sundays of the month, from
8:45am—12:45pm. We are located in
Room C, behind the Parish Office.****Freebie Cart: Rosaries, prayer cards and more!**

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SRE classes will meet:

Elementary classes on Tuesday, Jan. 28-30th
 Confirmation II class on Tuesday, Jan. 29th
 Junior High Classes on Tuesday, Jan. 29th

SACRAMENT DATES AND SPECIAL MEETINGS:

Confirmation

Saturday, May 4th at 10AM Mass
*Confirmation Rehearsal: Tuesday, April 30th
 at 7PM in Church*

First Communion

Sunday, May 5th at 12:30PM Mass
*First Communion Rehearsal: Monday, April 29th
 at 7PM in Church*

Confirmation II Retreat

Lazy W Ranch, San Juan Capistrano
 Friday, Feb. 1st -Sunday, Feb. 3rd
 Meet at St. Nicholas Parish Center at 5PM
 on Friday, Feb. 1st. We will return on
 Sunday, Feb. 3 around 1PM
All Confirmation II Students MUST attend this retreat.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Celebration
For all students preparing for First Communion

First Reconciliation on Saturday, Jan 26th

Parents and Students please
 meet in Parish Center at 10AM.
 Sacrament celebration will begin
 at 10:15AM in Church.



CATHOLIC NIGHT AT HONDA CENTER

FRIDAY, MARCH 22ND AT 7PM
 ANAHEIM DUCKS VS SAN JOSE SHARKS



Join Bishop Kevin Vann and the Catholic Community
 for Catholic Night at the Honda Center as we watch
 the Anaheim Ducks take on the San Jose Sharks. All
 are welcome to watch the Catholic Trinity Hockey
 League players participate in an NHL game following
 the Ducks game.

Order your discounted Catholic Night tickets at
anaheimducks.com/catholicnight

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YOUTH MINISTRY



Check us out on Facebook and Instagram: @stnickym

JANUARY

Here's what's happening in January and February:

- **Tuesday Bible Studies:** January 29th, February 12th, February 26th at 6PM in the Youth Room.
(Confirmation I and II students: If you have missed a Confirmation Class, attending a Bible Study will count as a makeup class.)
- **Teen/Family Choir:** Rehearsal on Thursday, Feb. 7th, and 21st at 7:30PM in the Choir Loft. Teen/Family Mass at 4PM on Saturday, Feb. 23rd.



- **Confirmation II Retreat at Lazy W Ranch:** Friday-Sunday, Feb. 1-3rd. All leaders meet at the Parish Center at 5PM on Friday, Feb. 1st.
(Leaders, we will be meeting this Sunday, Jan. 20th and 27th in the Youth Room to plan the Retreat).

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast Welcomes...

Bishop David G. O'Connell,
 Auxiliary Bishop of Los Angeles.

Join us for this inspiring testimony
 which reveals Bishop O'Connell's
 tremendous zeal for souls and great
 love for God's people! Come
 and bring a friend to be blessed!



Saturday, February 16th
 9:30AM-12:30PM

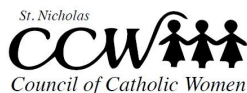
Registration: By Mail—\$28/At the Door- \$33
 Please visit www.magnificat-ministry.net for a
 flyer and registration information or contact
 Anne at (714) 420-5482.

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 Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92840

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of
 our works as for the love with which they are done.

—Teresa of Ávila

**Council of Catholic Women
General Meeting
Friday, February 1st**



Social time is 9:30AM and the meeting begins at 10:10AM. Our speaker is Rios Cruz of the Life Center of Santa Ana. His topic is "Respect for Life". Please bring your coins for "Water for Life," can tabs for Ronald McDonald House, and pasta and sauce for Caterina's Club.

If you have any questions, call Lynn at (949) 830-2920.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

— Luke 4:18a

St. Angela Merici Catholic Church

The Charismatic Prayer Group at St. Angela Merici Church in Brea invites your parish to our Healing Mass on Monday, January 28th at 7:15PM.

Fr. Eamon O'Gorman will address the theme, "Christ's Healing Presence". Fr. O'Gorman has had numerous assignments in the Diocese of Orange. He recently led a pilgrimage to Israel and continues to assist parishes when asked to do so. He is a source of wisdom and has a long standing with the Charismatic Prayer Community.

All those suffering physically, emotionally, spiritually, psychologically, or know others who are, are encouraged to come. All are most welcome.

585 S. Walnut (at Fir) Brea, 92821

To register for Alpha, fill out the form below and return to the Parish Office. We look forward to meeting you!

What is Alpha?

Alpha is:

- a practical introduction to the Christian faith that gives guests an opportunity to explore the meaning of life.
- Fun, relaxed and totally non-pressured (that's probably why over 19 million people around the world have already done it!).
- Where you listen, learn, discuss, and discover. Ask anything.
- A place where no question is off limits.

How does it work?

Each Alpha session begins with food, followed by a short talk looking at a different aspect of the Christian faith. After that, there is a time for discussion in a friendly small group.

What is the cost?

There is no charge for the Alpha course.

**We're all searching for more:
What is the point of life? / Why is there suffering in the world: / What happens when we die? / Is forgiveness possible?**

Join us for the next

Alpha Session starting on

February 7, 2019

ALPHA – Register Today!

10-week session

Feb. 7 through Mar. 10, 2019

**Thursdays from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
(Plus Saturday, March 23)**

Kindly complete and return this to St. Nicholas Parish Office. Call 949-837-7676 for more information.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Age: ☐ 18-23 ☐ 24-35 ☐ 36-45

☐ 46-55 ☐ 56-65 ☐ 66 →

Status: ☐ Single ☐ Married

☐ Widowed/Divorced/Separated

Got questions about life?



**St. Nicholas Catholic Church
Parish Center
Laguna Woods, California**



**Everyone is invited to attend the
5th Annual, COMMUNITY OF FAITH
CHORALFEST 2019**

Featuring our own St. Nicholas (9am) Parish Choir, and (10:45) Chorale, along with cantors from Temple Judea, and the English, Korean, and Taiwanese choirs from Lutheran Church of the Cross, Laguna Country Methodist Church, and Geneva Presbyterian Church – over 200 singers! This annual tradition was begun here at St. Nicholas when we, along with our neighboring congregations, celebrated our collective 50th anniversaries.

This year, CHORALFEST 2019 will be held at Geneva Presbyterian Church, just down the street at 24301 El Toro Road. The 90 minute free concert will be held this Sunday, JANUARY 27th, at 4:00pm.

This program attracts hundreds of attendees, so arrive a little early to claim your parking spot and your seat. Come to support our St. Nicholas choirs, and enjoy music, and the company of our neighbors in faith!

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Third Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week
- Monday:** St. Thomas Aquinas
- Thursday:** St. John Bosco
- Friday:** First Friday
- Saturday:** The Presentation of the Lord;
Blessing of Candles; First Saturday;
World Day for Consecrated Life;
Groundhog Day

**Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola
Lenten Session 2019**

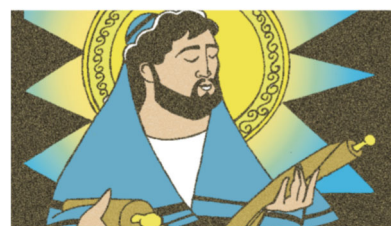
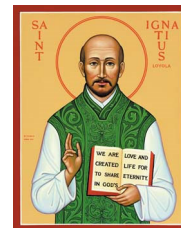
Begins Week of **February 16th – 21st**

Choice of attending;

Saturdays 11:00 AM, Sundays 1:30 PM, Wednesdays
7:00PM, or Thursdays 9:15 AM

**Do You Feel An Inner Call To Grow
In Holiness?**

These classes, offered at St. Peter Chanel in Hawaiian Gardens, and given over a 10-Week period, will greatly intensify your spiritual life and your desire to go to Heaven. Come and learn the real purpose of your life and how to achieve it through self-knowledge, self-discipline, deep prayer, and discernment of spirits. You'll see miracles happen in your life!



Pancake and Sausage Breakfast



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast after the 7:30AM, 9:00AM, and 10:45AM Masses on Sunday, February 3rd.

This is the major fundraising event for the Knights of Columbus and your patronage would be most appreciated. Please plan to attend with your family and friends.



**ST. NICHOLAS "ADULT FAITH FORMATION"
PRESENTS TWO CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDIES**

Each bible study consists of ten live presentation sessions.

"The Gospel according to John"

Mondays at 10:00AM, Room 201

"The Book of Revelation"

Thursday at 10:00AM, Room 201

Classes have already begun, but it's not too late to join.

Bible Studies are on Mondays and Thursdays.

For information relative to course content, biblical source material, Bible editions, etc.

Please call: Al Guevara at (714) 848-1624