

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.

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

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

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 we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. This is the day that Jesus ascended into Heaven in the presence of His Apostles. Before He left, He promised to send them the Holy Spirit to be with them and us until the end of time. As Jesus ascended into Heaven, He opened the gates for each of us so that we will be with Him for all eternity.

In today's Gospel from Luke, Jesus tells His disciples that He is going to the Father and He wants them to remain in Jerusalem until they have received the Holy Spirit which will give them what they need to go into all the world proclaiming His good news. As they return to Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit, they are proclaiming what they had observed in Jesus' teaching.

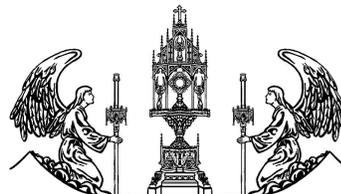
We are called, like those first disciples, to take into our hearts and lives all that God has given us through His Son and be witnesses of this to all we meet. The best way to be effective witnesses is to first embrace the realities of what Jesus does for us so that we make them our own. We are then prepared to take what we have received and share it with those who we encounter. The priests of the Diocese are on retreat this week from Monday through Friday. We will be praying for all of you and ask that you keep us in your prayers. We are blessed to have our retired priests in the area who will celebrate the 9:00 A. M. Mass and likewise, Fr. Jacob who is a Franciscan priest from the Monterey Diocese who will celebrate the 7:00 A.M. Mass on these days.

Fr. George

URGENT NEED FOR SACRISTANS

If you are interested in taking on a liturgical role in the parish, we are in need of additional sacristans. For information, please contact Fr. George at the Parish Office at (949) 837-1090 or speak with a sacristan before or after Mass.

Our Monthly Day of Adoration



Our Monthly Day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins this Wednesday, June 5, at the 9AM Mass and continues until just prior to the 9AM Mass on Thursday, June 6. We invite and encourage you to spend some time with Our Lord in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament - praying especially for the strengthening and unity of Christian family life and for vocations to religious life and the priesthood.



Pastoral Services Appeal 2019

Thank you to all who have already participated in the PSA this year. If you did not receive information about the PSA in the mail, there are brochures and pledge envelopes available in the Church or in the Parish Office.

Participating families: 345
Amount of pledges: \$158,926



	Stewardship of Treasure		52-Weekly Required Budget
	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	
May 26th	\$13,682.00	\$19,196.49	\$25,856.00

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday:

7AM Charlotte Brueske (d)
 9AM Molly Mary Braggs Rego (d)

Tuesday:

7AM Thu Xin Le (d)
 9AM Aurora F. Acres (d)

Wednesday

7AM Maria Me (d)
 9AM Nestor Ortiz Bitare (d)

Thursday:

7AM Anna Nga and Maria Ngan (d)
 9AM Nicholas Bevivino (d)

Friday:

7AM Maria Nga and Teresa Dzung (d)
 9AM Marjorie White and Clara Ambrico (d)

Saturday:

9AM Vincent Alpino (d)
 4PM Guadalupe Gandara (d)
 7PM Jorge Argueta (d)

Sunday:

7:30AM For the Parish
 9:00AM All priests of St. Nicholas
 10:45AM Mario Balledos (d)
 12:30PM Bayani Catamisian (d)

We Remember

**All our recently deceased
 who entered their 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: Acts 1:1-11

Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth.

Psalms 47

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

God seated Jesus at his right hand in the heavens.

Gospel: Luke 24:46-53

As Jesus blessed his disciples he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

Parish Calendar This Week



MONDAY

Sewing Group, Small Hall, 8AM
 New Life Filipino Group, Small Hall, 5:30PM
 Hispanic Rosary Group, 7PM, Church

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Charismatic Prayer, Room A, 9:45AM
 Knights of Columbus, Room 104/105, 6PM
 Devotions and Benedictions, Church, 7PM
 Filipino Choir, Small Hall, 8PM

THURSDAY

Faith Alive, Room A, 10AM
 RCIA, Parish Center—1st floor, 7PM
 Hispanic Council, Room C, 7PM
 St. Nicholas Parish Choir, Small Hall, 7:15PM

FRIDAY

CCW, Parish Center—1st floor, 10AM
 Hispanic Bible Study, Small Hall, 7PM
 Hispanic Choir, Room A, 7PM

SATURDAY

Hispanic Choir, Room C, 4PM

SUNDAY

Library CLOSED

Faith furnishes prayer with wings, without which it cannot soar into Heaven.

—St. John Climacus

The St. Nicholas Library



The St. Nicholas Library will be closed from June through August. The Library will re-open on Sunday, September 1st.

The Library will not be accepting any more book donations until further notice. If a book needs to be returned, please drop it off in the Parish Office.

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

2019-2020 SRE REGISTRATION TO BE MAILED OUT THE WEEK OF JUNE 3RD. PLEASE LOOK FOR THE REGISTRATION FORMS IN THE MAIL AND BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) ASAP.

Vacation Bible School Sign-ups on Sunday, June 2nd from 9AM-12:30PM

Don't miss this opportunity to get your children enrolled for our VBS Session which starts on July 29th and ends on Friday, June 2nd. Come to the lobby of the Parish Center.

Junior High and High School Students

Volunteer application for VBS are available in the SRE Office.

High School Students

Enroll in Confirmation Classes now! Students attending Catholic High School MUST enroll in our two-year Confirmation Preparation Program in order to be confirmed.

We pray that everyone has a safe, Happy and restful summer.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Check us out on Facebook and Instagram: @stnickym

COMING IN JULY

Youth Leadership Weekend

Friday, July 19th—Sunday, July 21st

On Friday, we'll attend the celebration of the dedication of the Christ Cathedral. There will be music, games, food, and Mass. We'll return to St. Nicholas to continue the retreat.

Please check your mail and registration forms for more information.



Vacation Bible School

Mon., July 29th—Fri., August 2nd at 9AM to Noon

Come in and volunteer—this will count as service hours! Call the office at (949)837-1090 for more information. We'll be taking registration for VBS on Sunday June 2nd from 9AM to Noon in the lobby of the Parish Center.



Yes, save a spot for my child(ren)

Vacation Bible School "ROAR"

Life is wild! - God is Good!

St. Nicholas School of Religious Education is excited to offer a Vacation Bible School this summer. We are taking reservation NOW—but if we do NOT have at least 25 children registered by June 1st, we will have to cancel.

In order to reserve a spot, please fill out the form below and include a \$10 deposit fee (this fee will be refunded, if we have to cancel VBS) and return to the Parish or SRE Office.

Family Name _____ E-mail: _____ Phone #: _____

Name(s) & age(s) of child(ren)

Address:

Kids will have fun, make new friends and learn about God!

July 29, 30, 31, & August 1 and 2

9AM-Noon each day; Ages 5-12.

Cost is &10 per day or \$40 for the entire week per student.

During the summer the food supplies diminish due to a decrease in Food Drives, while the food needs in the community remain the same. Don't forget to donate your non-perishable food supplies when you come to Mass. The South County Outreach Pantry provides a variety of non-perishable foods, and with cash donations are able to assist with produce, breads, dairy and meat products to help clients in need have balanced and nutritional meals. **THANK YOU!**



Senior Grocery Program for those 60+.

Fruit—Vegetables—Meat—Dairy—Bread



PHOTO ID REQUIRED.

No income requirement.

Please bring your own grocery bags.



Sponsored by area churches, this program provides fresh produce, dairy, etc., for seniors at the Lutheran Church of the Cross (back parking lot) 24231 El Toro Rd., Laguna Woods.

Distribution of food will be on Friday, June 14th from 9:30am to 10:30am in the Social Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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, June 2nd.

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.

Council of Catholic Women General Meeting Friday, June 7th



This will be our last CCW meeting until September. Social time is 9:30AM and the meeting begins at 10:10AM. New officers will be installed. At 11:30 an appreciation luncheon will be served by the board. Please bring your coins for Water for Life, can tabs for Ronald McDonald House, and pasta and sauce for Catarina's Club.

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

Please drop off any donation of toiletries at the Council of Catholic Meetings which take place the first Friday of the month in the Large Hall. Do not bring donations to the Parish Office.

— 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, June 4th.

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



TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The mystery of the Ascension has to do with holding in tension a sense of God's nearness, along with the burden caused by apparent signs of absence. The risen Jesus says to Mary Magdalene, "Do not cling to me," perhaps pointing out to her that his physical presence to the disciples was time-bound and temporary. It was a gift for their transformation, and after forty days, he vanished from their sight and hearing, though never out of their consciousness.

They do not mourn at his going this time: there is no trace of the disciples who hid in fear at his crucifixion, no sense of the women who wept softly as they carried ointments to the tomb through the dewy morning light. Instead, the scriptural accounts show them full of joy, comforted by his promise to be with them forever, and open to the Spirit's power. They are joyful, energized, aware, and united with one another in love. They seem to grasp an awareness that if the mission to the whole world was a serious one, then the presence of the Risen Christ could not be pinned down to any one place or time, but had to be always and everywhere completely available. All peoples, all times, all cultures were opened to receive him in this moment of the Ascension. The energy of this feast is drawn not from absence, but renewed and deeper presence.

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MATER DEI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ADMISSIONS INFORMATION



— Summer Camps —

Opportunities in Academics, Arts, and Athletics.

To register or for more information, visit www.materdei.org/camps



**SAVE THE DATE
SUMMER BOUTIQUE**

June 29th-30th
Parish Center

The St. Nicholas Sewing Group is having a Summer Boutique as a major fundraiser for the Council of Catholic Women Charities on: Saturday, June 29th after the 4PM Mass and on Sunday, June 30th after the 7:30AM, 9AM, and 10:45AM Masses in the Parish Center at St. Nicholas Church.

Featuring baby items, children’s clothes, household items, quilts, lapghans, crochet and knitted caps/scarves/wraps/ponchos, Christmas items, and many new and exciting things!

P.S.—We will not be having a Holiday Boutique in October this year.

**St. Nicholas Knights of Columbus Presents:
9 Holes Golf + Dinner**



Join us for a fun day of 9 Holes Golf and Dinner on Sunday, June 23rd at 3PM.

Laguna Woods Golf Course (Meet at the Pro Shop) Arrival at 2:30PM / Best Ball Scramble with Shotgun start at 3PM.

Dinner includes white fish, chicken marsala, salads, etc.

This event is open to all members of St. Nicholas Parish and their guests. Forms available in the Parish Office.

For more information, call Carmen Pacella at (714) 326-7044.

SPACE IS LIMITED



**SAVE THE DATE
“THE MASS”
BACKYARD THEOLOGY
WRITTEN AND PRESENTED BY
BISHOP ROBERT BARRON**



Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you’ll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and most importantly how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

“The Mass” will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

This FREE series will be presented on Mondays in August:
August 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th
Hospitality begins at 6PM // Presentation at 7PM.

For more information, contact Peggy at (949) 500-0826.



Spiritual Bouquet cards and envelopes are now available in the Parish Office for the Novena being offered for Fathers, Grandfathers, Uncles, and Godfathers, etc.

Mass will be offered once a day from June 16th-24th.

Spiritual Bouquet Envelopes will be placed in the Sanctuary during these Masses.

**City of Laguna Woods
SHREDDING
Drop-Off Event**



The City of Laguna Woods and Waste Management of Orange County will host their next quarterly shredding event

on Friday, May 31st from 11:30pm to 2:30pm in the parking lot of St. Nicholas Church.

Please note: This is a drop-off event only; documents will not be shredded on-site. Limited space—no more than 5 bags or boxes per vehicle. No newspapers or magazines; remove binders/large binder clips—staples or paper clips are okay.

Remain in your vehicle —this is a drive-thru event!

Staff will unload your documents for you. For more information, call City Hall at 949-639-0500.