

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.

Adapted 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.

EUCARISTIC 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

Dear Parishioners,

In the Gospel today from Luke, we hear that Jesus is journeying to Jerusalem and He sends His disciples ahead of Him to prepare people in every town for Him. The people in the Samaritan town do not want Him staying there or even passing through because His destination is Jerusalem. Jesus' disciples want to condemn them but Jesus does not allow this to happen.

Jesus openly invites us to follow Him and to receive Him, but He does not, and will not, force us. He simply invites us as we are and where we are and then He encourages us to grow closer to Him. When He invites us to follow Him, some people set conditions on when and how they will follow, but Jesus wants us to make unconditional commitments to follow Him. He is always waiting to welcome us and He desires for us to say "Yes" to His invitation. He is our salvation and brings us peace and eternal life. This week we celebrate our nation's independence and with this reality comes the great gift of freedom, which includes religious freedom. We as Catholics need to protect this religious freedom by speaking up about our faith. We cannot be silent. It is important to respect all people; however, sometimes we need to promote who we are and what we believe. On this Independence Day, let us thank the author of that independence who is God our Heavenly Father who gives us and guides us to freedom through Jesus our Lord.

Fr. George



June 23rd
Universal Church Collection
Electronic Giving 6/16-6/22

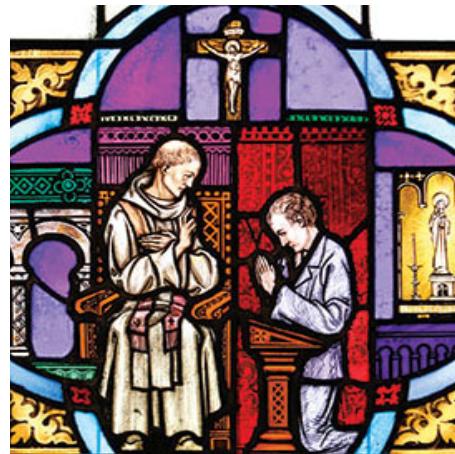
Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
\$14,117.00	\$19,148.32	<u>52-Weekly Required Budget</u>
\$4,299.00		\$25,856.00
\$951.14		

PLEASE NOTE:

The School of Religious Education and the Parish Office will be CLOSED on Thursday, July 4th and Friday, July 5th in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

We will have the 9AM Mass as scheduled, however, there will not be a 7AM Mass on Thursday, July 4th only.



SENATE BILL 360

The bill has passed in the State Senate and now moves to the Assembly. It is a violation of religious freedom, going against the First Amendment.

Bishop Vann asks all Catholics to visit www.rcbo.org/360Sunday to learn more about the proposed legislation and then to sign an online petition which will automatically be routed to your Assembly representative.

Pastoral Services Appeal 2019

Thank you to everyone who has participated in this year's PSA. We have reached our diocesan goal of \$116,000 in both pledges and payments. Now, all payments and new pledges will be returned to St. Nicholas in the form of rebates for our on-going parish projects. We are extremely grateful!

Participating families: 365
Amount of pledges: \$170,730
Payments: \$116,476

Mass Intentions for the WeekMonday:

7AM Peter Thuy Vu (d)

9AM Sr. ThuHuong

Tuesday:

7AM Thanh's Parents

9AM Willis and Margaret Vanhorn

Wednesday

7AM Miguel Gutierrez (d)

9AM Josephine McMahon (d)

Thursday:

9AM Wiliam J. Higgins

Friday:

7AM Arthur J. Barnes (d)

9AM Mike Gamboa (d)

Saturday:

9AM Fr. Anthony Bullen (d)

4PM For the Parish

7PM

Sunday:

7:30AM Trang and Vuong La

9:00AM Jefferson Windle

10:45AM Hugh and Maria Suarez (d)

12:30PM Miguel Gamboa Sr. (d)

We Remember

All of our recently deceased
who entered his 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: (1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21).

Elisha left and followed Elijah as his attendant

Psalm 16

You are my inheritance, O Lord.

Second Reading: (Galatians 5:1, 13-18).

Beware that you are not consumed by one another

Gospel: (Luke 9:51-62).

Go and proclaim the kingdom of God

Parish Calendar This Week**MONDAY**

New Life Filipino Group, Small Hall, 5:30PM

**TUESDAY****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**FRIDAY**

Hispanic Bible Study, Small Hall, 7PM

SATURDAY

Hispanic Choir, Room C, 4PM

Food Festival, Parish Center- 1st Floor, 3PM

SUNDAY

First Saturday Devotions, Room B, 9:30AM

Food Festival, Parish Center- 1st Floor, 8:30AM

Library CLOSED

— 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, July 2nd

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

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 HAS BEEN MAILED OUT. PLEASE LOOK FOR THE REGISTRATION FORMS IN THE MAIL AND BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD(REN) ASAP.

Vacation Bible School

Don't miss this opportunity to get your children enrolled for our VBS Session which starts on July 29th and ends on Friday, August 2nd.

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.



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. 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.

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.





SAVE THE DATE

"THE MASS" BACKYARD THEOLOGY VIDEO SERIES WRITTEN AND NARRATED 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 video series will be presented on Mondays in August:

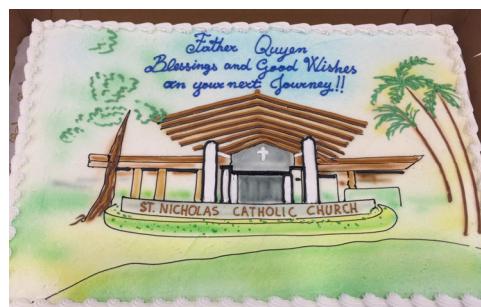
*August 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th
Hospitality begins at 6PM // Presentation at 7PM.*

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

BLESSINGS AND GOOD WISHES ON YOUR NEXT JOURNEY FR. QUYEN! WE THANK YOU AND ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR US!



Parishioners said farewell to Fr. Quyen at a reception last weekend as he prepares for his next journey at the Christ Cathedral!



Parishioners and staff members gather for a photo!



SAVE THE DATE
SUMMER BOUTIQUE
THIS WEEKEND
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.
 Checks or cash only—no credit/debit cards.

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 Parish 1st ANNUAL
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF FOOD**



ITALIAN FOOD HISPANIC FOOD FILIPINO FOOD VIETNAMESE FOOD

KOREAN FOOD

AMERICAN FOOD

CHINESE FOOD



 Enjoy the Rich Diversity of Our St. Nicholas Community

SATURDAY, JULY 6TH 3PM - 8:30PM

SUNDAY, JULY 7TH FROM 8:30AM - 2PM

ASSORTED DESSERTS

DRINKS

EATING CONTEST

MUSIC



JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP, FOOD AND FUN!