



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. Martin Tran
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

Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel, one of Jesus' disciples asks Jesus to teach them how to pray. They had seen Jesus going off by Himself to pray in silence and they wanted to experience everything that they had observed Him doing. Jesus tells them to keep their prayer simple and He gives them a formula of how to keep it simple.

He says begin your prayer by addressing God directly and then asking for specific needs. In this part He gives an example that often times is difficult for us to own and that is the part concerning forgiveness. He reminds us that God forgives all of our sins and we are called to forgive the sins of those who wrong us. This is an important request for all of us to reflect upon because it is not easy to forgive; however, Jesus is reminding us to ask for the grace and gift to be able to forgive others as we are forgiven by Him.

Another reflection on this part of the prayer concerns the fact that God forgives everything as long as we acknowledge our fault and ask for forgiveness. Often times we accept this reality; however, we have a difficult time forgiving ourselves for a past mistake or sin and this reality would be a good petition to bring to prayer; God grant me the grace to forgive myself as you have forgiven me.

Fr. George

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! AS OF JULY 8TH:

Participating families: 379
Amount of pledges: \$178,845
Payments: \$41,903.92

Mission Appeal Collection This Weekend

This weekend, July 27th and 28th, the Franciscan Missionary Brothers are visiting our parish to conduct mission appeal. Bro. Victor G. Stanislaus, CMSF, are here to talk about their missionary work in India. Franciscan Missionary Brothers is a group of religious Brothers founded in India in 1901 by Bro. Hermann Paulus Moritz, to work in places where Catholics are minority. The Brothers have their missions in poorest parts of the world: India, Sri Lanka, Paraguay, Bolivia, Ghana, and Kenya. The main task of the missionaries today continues to be the proclamation of the Gospel and the establishment of viable Catholic communities. The Brothers primarily work among the non-Christians preaching the Gospel and bringing them to the Catholic fold. Other ministries include education, children's homes and orphanages, primary health care centers, providing potable water, and working with rural women for their empowerment. They are also ministering to people with leprosy and the victims of the "AIDS" epidemic. They are in need of prayers and material help to carry on these ministries. God Bless you for your prayers and financial assistance.

Thank you for welcoming our Franciscan speaker, Br. Victor G. Stanislaus (visit www.cmsfbros.org for more information).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46
 Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12
 Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21



Stewardship of Treasure
2019 2018

52-Weekly Required Budget

Due to an early bulletin deadline, collection information will be posted in a future bulletin.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday:

7AM Laura Serrano (d)

9AM Teresa Siy (d)

Tuesday:

7AM Sr. Mary La

9AM Joan Boatwright (d)

Wednesday

7AM Madge Hammond

9AM David Locke (d)

Thursday:

7AM Anna Maria Hoang Dug (d)

9AM Jack and Norma Ferrer (d)

Friday:

7AM Charles Barnes Sr.

9AM Cynthia Chandler (d)

Saturday:

9AM Olive de Guzman (d)

4PM For the Parish

7PM Rita Fuentes (d)

Sunday:

7:30AM David Brown (d)

9:00AM Drs. Mariano and Nena Ordonez (d)

10:45AM Gerard David Loc (d)

12:30PM George Locke (d)

We Remember

All 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: Genesis 18:20-32

Abraham bargains with God to spare the city.

Psalm 138

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

You were buried with Christ in baptism, in which you were also raised with Christ.

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13).

Everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds.

Parish Calendar This Week

MONDAY

VBS, Parish Center-1st Floor, 9AM

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

Hispanic Rosary, Church, 7PM

TUESDAY

VBS, Parish Center-1st Floor, 9AM

WEDNESDAY

VBS, Parish Center-1st Floor, 9AM

Charismatic Prayer, Room A, 9:45AM

Devotions and Benedictions, Church, 7PM

Filipino Choir, Small Hall, 8PM

THURSDAY

VBS, Parish Center-1st Floor, 9AM

Faith Alive, Room A, 9:45AM

Hispanic Council, Room C, 7PM

FRIDAY

VBS, Parish Center-1st Floor, 9AM

Hispanic Bible Study, Small Hall, 7PM

Hispanic Choir, Room B, 7PM

SATURDAY

First Saturday Devotions, Room B, 9:30AM

Filipino Choir, Small Hall, 3PM

Hispanic Choir, Room B, 5PM

SUNDAY

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, Aug. 6th

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

Registrations are being accepted now
for all grades (starting in October)

First through sixth grades

Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday 4:15 to 5:30pm

Junior High

Tuesday Evenings 7pm to 8:30pm

Confirmation I Classes

Tuesdays evenings 7pm to 8:30pm

Confirmation II Classes

Sunday mornings 9am (includes the 10:45am Mass)

*All high school students must enroll in our two-year preparation process in order to be confirmed.

Please come to SRE Office during office hours:
Mondays through Thursdays from 9am to noon
and 1pm to 4:30pm or for more information,
please call the office 949 837-7676.

Christians should offer their brethren simple and
unpretentious hospitality.

—St. Basil

YOUTH MINISTRY



Check us out on Facebook and Instagram: @stnickym

JULY



— Vacation Bible School —

July 29, 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2

**We're still accepting registrations for VBS
Come in NOW and register! Registration forms
are available in the SRE or Parish Offices.**

**Cost is \$10 a day or \$40 for 5 days.
(Scholarships are available.)**

You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.

— Colossians 2:12

Religious Education is looking for volunteers to be
a Catechist or an aide in our after-school program.

If you have a deep love for your faith and a desire to share it with others, consider being a Catechist or an aide! Don't be afraid that you don't know every detail of your faith – **part of being a catechist involves openness to learning as you teach.** When you volunteer, you will receive a schedule for the year, a catechist's guide which suggests activities and gives tips on how to plan your lesson and support from the SRE staff. It is our commitment to you that we will be here to help you however we can. The classes start in mid-October and will finish the first week of May. Elementary classes are either Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday from 4:15pm to 5:30pm. Junior High and Confirmation I Classes are on Tuesday nights from 7pm to 8:30 and Confirmation II Classes on every other Sunday morning and begin at 9am and end after the 10:45am Mass. A classroom aide provides management support to the catechist and helps children who may need extra assistance, helps in a classroom activity or in other ways at the direction of the catechist. (Background checks are required for catechists and assistants. For more information, call the SRE Office, 949 837-7676.)



Jesus said, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

By teaching the next generation about the Good News, you will be fulfilling your part of the Great Commandment. It might be the most important thing you will ever do.



It's that time of year again when the Society of St. Vincent de Paul holds its annual 5k Walk for the poor. This year at Huntington State Beach at 8:00am on September 14th, we will walk the beautiful frontage road. You can join us or support us with a donation. Vincentians will be outside the large parking lot the weekend of August 31 and September 1st. You have helped us in the past generate funds to help our community in need. We thank you for helping us help others.



Indeed, it is not in human nature to deceive others for any long time, without in a measure deceiving ourselves, too.
—John Henry Newman

Catholic Charities of California is excited to be hosting walking pilgrimages in Spain along the Camino de Santiago and in Italy along the Via Francigena, as well as non-walking pilgrimages visiting early Christian monastic sites in Ireland, colonial Catholic churches in Cuba, and following the footsteps of martyrs in Mexico! These pilgrimages will change your life and support the work of Catholic Charities of California.



Please join us for an information meeting on **Saturday August 10th, 10:00 am** at Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 2046 Mar Vista Drive, Newport Beach, and at 2:00 pm at St Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 8345 Talbert Ave, Huntington Beach.

To RSVP for the meeting or for more information regarding the pilgrimages, please go to our website at www.Catholic-Pilgrimage.com, contact CCC at pilgrim@catholiccharitiesca.org, or call (916) 706-1539 Ext. 12.

SOUTH COUNTY OUTREACH FOOD DRIVE

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 weekend Mass! Items can be placed in the barrels outside the Church. Items in need are; *peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, boxed pasta, and granola bars.*

The South County Outreach Pantry provides the needy with 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!



Catechist Retreat for Adults

Practical & Spiritual Formation to help you in your ministry. Given by the Sacred Heart Sisters

September 7th, 2019 10am – 3pm

Special pricing: only \$18.00 Please RSVP by September 2nd. Refreshments will be provided. *Please bring your own lunch.* For more information or to RSVP, call 714-557-4538 or email: retreatcenter@sacredheartsisters.com

2927 S Greenville St., Santa Ana, CA 92704
www.sacredheartsisters.com

Free Day Retreat of the Dominican Laity at St. Mary's in Fullerton



The Orange County chapter of the Dominican Laity, the lay branch ("secular third order") of the Order of Preachers of St. Dominic, invites everyone to their annual retreat day on Saturday, August 10, in a parish classroom of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fullerton (400 W. Commonwealth Ave.). Fr. Augustine Hilander, O.P., the Provincial Promotor of the Dominican Laity in the Western Province, will lead the retreat on the 600th anniversary of the death of St. Vincent Ferrer as well as the lives of some other prominent Dominicans. The retreat will begin at 12 noon with lunch and close well before Holy Mass at 5:30 P.M. in the parish church. All are welcome; the retreat is free (a small donation is welcome!), but we would greatly appreciate a quick message on how many people we should expect for our head count: call or text: Michael at (714) 471-3673. You may also email us: dlooc@saintmarysfullerton.org.

The St. Nicholas 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, Aug. 4th.

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.

The Knights of Columbus
& The American Red Cross



**American
Red Cross**

...invite you to a Community Blood Drive on Thursday, Sept. 5th—7:45am to 7:45pm at St. Nicholas Church in the Parish Center.

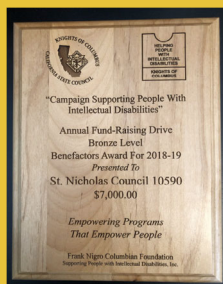
To schedule appointments call one of the following: 949-831-0208, 949-581-5503, 949-350-3282

Walk-ins are welcome or make an appointment for faster service!

Intellectual Disabilities Drive Award January 2019

The St. Nicholas Council of the Knights of Columbus had a very successful ID Drive (for Intellectual Disabilities) this past January, 2019.

Thanks to the participation of the entire St. Nicholas Parish community, we were able to collect \$7,000. The California State Council awarded St. Nicholas the following plaque:



Thank you to all who participated in this ID Drive!

"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.

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"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.**

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.

—James Field,