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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. Brendan Hankins
Visiting Priest	Rev. Jack Sewell
Visiting Priest	Rev. Chin Dang
Deacon	Wayne Thompson
Deacon	Chau Tran
Deacon	Gerardo De Santos
Deacon	Carlos Pineda

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

Parish Office Hours

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

Dear Parishioners,

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday in our liturgical year as next week is the First Sunday in Advent. This Feast day in the life of the church is important to us because it acknowledges Jesus as our King and Messiah. He was sent into the world to save us all and to open the gates of Heaven for all eternity. On this Feast day, we celebrate the culmination of our whole liturgical year and reflect on Jesus' birth, life, suffering, death, and resurrection.

In the Gospel, we hear the people gathered around the cross, as well as the soldiers, and even one of the criminals jeering and mocking Jesus as He hung on the cross; however, the other criminal acknowledges Jesus as King and asks to be remembered when Jesus enters the kingdom. We are like that criminal who realized who Jesus is and that He died for our sins so that we might have eternal life. Like him, at the end of our earthly life, we may ask Jesus to remember us and we will hear the same response; "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise". This week we celebrate our Thanksgiving Holiday and as we gather to thank God for our nation's freedom and all of our blessings in this life, we also thank God for the gift of salvation that we have received through the birth, life, suffering, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus; "Christ the King".

Fr. George

Sunday Missal "Living With Christ"

Sunday Missals for 2019-2020, Cycle A, which begins The First Sunday of Advent on December 2nd, are on sale now in the Parish Office.

It contains the Sunday readings, Mass prayers, a short meditation and some questions at the end of each section.

The Missal is \$5.00 (shipping/handling costs included), and can be picked up in the Parish Office. Supplies are limited .

CRAFT FAIR

St. John Neumann Catholic Church
5101 Alton Prkwy Irvine, Ca

Saturday, Dec. 7,
4-7 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 8, 8A.M.-2:30P.M.

CHURCH CLEANING

Volunteers are needed to help in the cleaning of the Church. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month. Our next church Cleaning is on Dec. 4th.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Call Barbara Amico at (949) 233-2631,
or Email: boccegirl@gmail.com


**THE HISPANIC GROUP
BIG TAMALES SALE!**

Sunday, November 24th

**After all Masses in the
Parish Center!**



Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday:

7AM Silveria V. Villanueva (d)

9AM John Glenn (d)

Tuesday:

7AM Kitty Burton (d)

9AM Kifishia Kawachi

Wednesday

7AM Annie Durant

9AM Rainer Ng

Thursday:

7AM No Mass

9AM Thanksgiving Mass For the Parish

Friday:

7AM Frank Hernandez

9AM Davey Glenn (d)

Saturday:

9AM Keem Yuen, Sr. (d)

7PM Aurelio Gallardo (d)

4M For the parish

Sunday:

7:30AM Aida Begzon (d)

9:00AM Sara Chacon (d)

10:45AM Max Michael Campana

12:30PM Everett Stone (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.*

Parish Calendar This Week

MONDAY



Sewing Group, Small Hall, 8AM

Music Ministry in Small Hall, 7:00PM

Hispanic Rosary, Church, 7PM

TUESDAY

St. Nicholas Chorale, Small Hall, 7PM

WEDNESDAY

Charismatic Prayer, Room A, 9:45AM

Pastoral Council, Room C, 6:30PM

Devotions and Benedictions, Church, 7PM

Filipino Choir, Small Hall, 8PM

THURSDAY

Parish Office closed



FRIDAY

Hispanic Choir, Room B, 7PM

SATURDAY

Hispanic Choir, Room B, 5PM

SUNDAY

RCIA, Room B, 9AM

Liturgy of the Word, Room A

Library OPEN

TODAY'S READINGS



First Reading -The Lord said to David, "You shall shepherd my people Israel" (2 Samuel 5: 1-3).

Psalm -Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122).

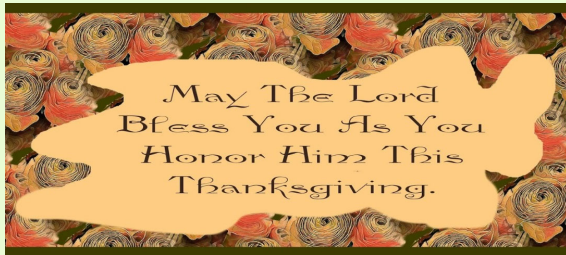
Second Reading -Thanks to the Father who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light (Colossians 1:12-20).

Gospel -Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom (Luke 23:35-43).



SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

There will be NO SRE Classes during the week of 11/25/19 so catechists, aides and students and their families can be ready to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be one Mass at 9am on Thanksgiving Day. *Happy Thanksgiving!*



SRE Classes will resume:

Elementary: Dec. 2, 3, 4, Mon., Tues., Wed., 4:15 – 5:30pm

Junior High – Tuesday, Dec. 3 – 7pm – 8:30pm

Confirmation I – Tuesday, Dec. – 7pm – 8:30pm

**Confirmation II – Sunday, Dec. 8 – 9am,
concluding with 10:45am Mass**

**Safe Environment News – “Circle of Grace”
Curriculum**

In response to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People*, St. Nicholas SRE will be presenting a safe environment program, Circle of Grace, to all students in grades first through eighth. The main objectives of the Circle of Grace curriculum is to help children and young people to understand their own (and other's) dignity in mind, body, and spirit. It helps them to identify the “trusted adults” in their lives in addition to their parents. The lessons are age-appropriate for each grade level and will be presented during their regular class times.

Please note: **Monday, Dec. 9**, SRE office will be closed and there will **NO MONDAY CLASSES** in observance of the Holy Day, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please see the bulletin for the Mass times. Tuesday and Wednesday classes will meet as usual.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Check us out on Facebook and Instagram: @stnickym

Future Events for
Youth Ministry and Confirmation:



- Christmas Caroling—Sunday, Dec. 8, at 12:30
- Teen Mass—Nov. 30 at 4PM

Confirmation II Class

Teen/Family Mass—Nov. 30 at 4 PM

Coming in December....

Coffee & Donuts Dec.8—8AM to 12:30 PM

Confirmation II Class—Dec. 8 at 9AM

Christmas Caroling, Sunday, Dec. 8th—Meet in front of the Parish Office at 1PM

ADVENT CELEBRATION— Date to be announced.

**“SAVE THE DATE”
PREPARE THE WAY**

The Unity Group invites you to an Eucharistic Adoration with our diverse communities. Join us in this Advent preparation on Wed. Dec. 4th at 7PM

ADVENT IS UPON US join us at the Eucharistic Adoration, for an evening of prayer for vocations, peace and unity

GET READY FOR CHRISTMAS

THE PARISH OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED

**On Thursday November 28 &
Friday November 29**

Prayer for the Sick

*Father of goodness and love,
Hear our prayers for the sick members of our community
and for all who are in need.
Amid mental and physical suffering may they find
consolation in your healing presence.
Show your mercy as you close wounds, cure illness, make
broken bodies whole and free downcast spirits.
May these special people find lasting health and
deliverance, and so join us in thanking you for all your gifts.
We ask this through the Lord Jesus who healed those who
believed.
Amen.*

JesusPlus.org

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ANGEL TREE PROJECT



The angel Tree Project will be starting On **Wednesday Nov. 27** In the alcove on the small parking lot side of the Church, our annual **Angel Christmas Tree** will be up and decorated with angels that have been colored by our SRE children. On the back of each angel is a description of a child or an adult. Please purchase an appropriate gift for the person described, and bring it to the Parish Office by Friday, December 15– unwrapped. Put the angel on the present and remember the person who will receive your gift in your prayers. Gifts will be distributed to South County Outreach and other charitable organizations in the County.

Thank you for your generosity!

*I will praise
the name
of God
with a song,
and will
magnify him with*

THANKSGIVING

Psalms 69:30



KINGS AND KINGSHIP

Americans have an uncomfortable relationship with kings. The American Revolution was fought for independence from King George, after all. Nonetheless, today every Catholic church around the world celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Today's feast invites us to look beyond our national loyalties and rejoice in our primary identity. We are children of God in Jesus, Christ the King. Our readings help us consider what it's like to belong to God's kingdom. The book of Samuel captures the deep longing of the Israelites for a king to shepherd them. Saint Paul reminds the Colossians that we belong to the kingdom of Christ, whose power he praises in a beautiful hymn. Finally, Luke's Gospel calls to mind the kind of king Jesus chooses to be—a suffering servant, a man for others. By sacrificing his life for us, Jesus throws open the gates of **Paradise.**

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INVITATION

St. Nicholas Parish is invited to the annual **THANKSGIVING FRIENDSHIP SERVICE** on Sunday, November 24th at 3:00pm, at Temple Judea, around the corner at 24512 Moulton Parkway. This 90 minute Service is held to give thanks to "God and Country", and will feature our 9:00am Parish Choir who will sing in English and in Hebrew. Musicians from all three congregations will participate. The event is free. Your offering of non-perishable food items will gladly be accepted to benefit South County Outreach. Come join our three faith communities as we gather together to give thanks to God, and recall the founding principles of our nation.



INVITATION

All are invited to attend an interfaith Thanksgiving prayer service this Tuesday, November 26th, at 7:00pm, across the street at Lutheran Church of the Cross. Our 10:45 Chorale will present music to begin the service. Come join some of the faith communities in our neighborhood in observance of Thanksgiving week.

The Knights of Columbus
& The American Red Cross



**American
Red Cross**

*...invite you to a Community Blood Drive on Thursday,
Jan. 16, 2020—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!



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Next Sunday, December 1, 2019, the Knights of Columbus will have a pancake and sausage breakfast after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Masses. Please plan to attend this parish event with your family and friends.

**Please plan to attend with your
family and friends!!!!**

THE HISPANIC GROUP

Would like to thank everyone who joined in the celebration of the Lord of Miracles. It was a beautiful evening, where the community was able to worship along with the new parish deacon Carlos Pineda.

