

February 2nd, 2020

The Presentation of the Lord



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.

ANOIDTING 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—12:30 PM; Monday through Friday: 9AM– 12Noon; 1PM– 5:15PM

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which is the time that Jesus was formally presented to God in the temple by His parents. This was the custom of the Jewish people as prescribed by the law in the Old Testament. Mary and Joseph were amazed at what was said of the child by Simeon and Anna and they held this in their heart. On that day Jesus was not only presented to the Lord, He was also presented to each one of us as a gift of God's love; for God is Love.

In our Baptism, we are presented to the Lord and we are called to receive the gift of Jesus and the Holy Spirit that comes to us from God the Father. Since the 5th century, this day is also known as "Feast of the Meeting", or "Candlemas Day". On this day, the Church blesses candles that will be used in the church and also by the faithful in their homes.

Tomorrow, Monday Feb. 3rd is the memorial of St. Blaise who is the patron saint of the healing of throats. The prayer said during the blessing of throats is; "Through the intercession of Saint Blaise bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness." I pray that Saint Blaise may protect us all in this coming year so that we may verbally proclaim God's gift of love, hope, and peace.

Fr. George



We are entering into another cold and flu season and it is important for all of us to be mindful of our own health and those around us. It is advised that we all be diligent about washing our hands and if we are not feeling well to not be out in public where we may be spreading our germs. During this time, I remind you to be conscientious especially during the sign of peace at Mass. If someone is not willing to hold hands during the "Our Father" or shake hands at the sign of peace, please respect their decision and simply voice your wish for peace. We will not distribute the Precious Blood at communion time temporarily during the cold and flu season. This also gives me the opportunity to remind everyone that Jesus is fully present; body and blood in the Host as well as the cup, so we are receiving the full reality of the Eucharist even if we only receive the Host.

Catholic Man of the Year

The nomination deadline for the 2020 Catholic Man of the Year is approaching!

Please submit application by **Feb. 12,**

2020. Candidates must be practicing Catholic laymen in the Diocese of Orange who, as unpaid volunteers, contribute outstanding service to the Church and community in the humble, quiet spirit of Saint Joseph. An individual may be nominated every other year.

Parishes may nominate one or more men from various organizations: Knights of Columbus, St. Vincent DePaul, Cursillo, Legion of Mary, etc. Individuals may also nominate.

Please fill out the application form and email the completed application form to

manofyearca@outlook.com or mail to: SJEN-St. Joseph Radio P.O. Box 2983 Orange, CA 92859

Along with your application, please include a digital photo (jpeg format). Forms may also be downloaded at: www.saintjosephradio.net

Questions and more information;

Sheila at (714) 402-6347 or SJEN-St. Joseph Radio at (636) 447-6000.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday:

7AM Howard Winkleman (d)

9AM Stephen Wontrobski

Tuesday:

7AM All Souls in Purgatory

9AM Edward Sha (d)

Wednesday

7AM Mung Nguyen (d)

9AM Richard Patrick (d)

Thursday:

7AM Anicena Anselmo San Diego(d)

9AM John S. Wethington (d)

Friday:

7AM Maria Sang Nguyen

9AM Eleanor Nelson (d)

Saturday:

9AM Patricia Phillips (d)

4PM Mathew Barnes (d)

7PM Ashley Ramos

Sunday:

7:30 AM Mass for the Parish

9:00AM Eduardo Volpe (d)

10:45AM Angel Liwag (d)

12:30PM Frank Hernandez Family

We Remember

All our recently deceased, especially Mary Anderson, 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 — There will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Psalm — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord! (Psalm 24).

Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

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Parish Calendar This Week

MONDAY

Sewing Group, Small Hall, 8AM

Adult Bible Study, Room 202, 10AM

SRE, Parish Center, 4:15PM

Alpha, Parish Center, 2ndFloor,4:15PM

New Life Filipino Group, Small Hall, 5PM

Hispanic Rosary, Church, 7PM



TUESDAY

SRE, Parish Center, 1st Floor,4:15PM

Alpha, Parish Center, 2ndFloor,4:15PM

St. Nicholas Chorale, Small Hall, 7PM

7th/8th Grade, Parish Center, first Floor

WEDNESDAY

Charismatic Prayer Group, Room A, 9:45AM

SRE, Parish Center, 1st Floor,4:15PM

Alpha, Parish Center, 2ndFloor,4:15PM

Devotions & Benediction, Church, 7PM

Filipino Choir, Small Hall, 7:30PM

THURSDAY

Faith Alive, Room A, 9:45AM

Adult Bible Study, Room 202, 10 AM

Hispanic RCIA , Room B, 6PM

St. Nicholas Parish Choir, Small Hall, 7PM

Hispanic Council, Room C, 7:00PM

RCIA, Parish Canter, 2nd Floor

FRIDAY

Hispanic Bible Study, Small Hall, 7PM

Hispanic Choir, Room B, 7PM

SATURDAY

Hispanic Choir, Room B, 7PM

SUNDAY

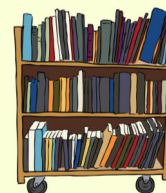
RCIA, Room B, 9AM

Liturgy of the Word, Room A, 10AM

Library CLOSED

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.



SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary classes will meet this week. Feb. 3, 4, 5 from 4:15pm to 5:30pm.
 Confirmation I Class will meet Tuesday, Feb. 11 from 7pm to 8:30pm.
 Junior High Classes will Meet on Tuesday Feb. 4 from 7pm to 8:30pm.

Attention: Parents of Students who will be receiving First Reconciliation.



Sacrament of Reconciliation Celebration

For all students preparing for First Communion

Saturday, February 8, 2020 – 10AM

Parents and students, please meet in Parish Center at 10AM.

Sacrament Celebration will begin at 10:15AM in church.

It's Not Too Late!

ALPHA

Join our Alpha session which started last Thursday! Come to the Parish center this Thursday, Feb. 6 at 6:00pm. The evening consists of dinner, watching a short video on various topics of faith and then discussion with other guests. It ends promptly at 8:30pm and is open to ALL adults. Call SRE Office, 837-7676 for more information.

YOUTH MINISTRY

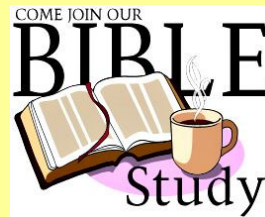


Check us out on Facebook and Instagram: @stnickym

Coming in February:

Confirmation II classes on February 16 – 9am, followed by 10:45am Mass

"Encountering Jesus Through the Word"
Bible Study for "Teens"



Feb. 11
 Feb. 25
 March 10
 March 17
 April 14
 April 28

These will count as make up classes if you have missed any of the regularly-scheduled Confirmation I or II Classes.

Coffee and Donuts – Sunday, Feb. 9 from 8AM to 12:30PM Come to kitchen to sign in. This counts as service hours.

Confirmation Class on Feb. 16 at 9am – followed by the 10:45AM Mass. **BE SURE TO BRING IN YOUR CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET.**

YOUTH DAY - Thursday, Feb. 20 from 6AM to 5PM at Anaheim Convention Center. All high school teens and young adults are invited. Registration forms are available in SRE Office. Because this is a Religious Activity it is an excused absence from school. Questions? Call Gwen at 837-7676. Cost is \$20 which includes ticket and bus transportation. Bring a sack lunch or money to purchase lunch.

St. Nicholas Confirmation/Youth Group is going

COSMIC BOWLING
 FOREST LANES – 22771 Center Dr., Lake Forest Ca.
SATURDAY, FEB. 22 FROM 5:30PM TO 8PM
 \$20 – INCLUDES BOWLING, SHOE RENTAL AND FOOD!

Bring a Friend and Sign up at class or call SRE Office, 837-7676

Teen/Family Mass – 4PM Mass – February 29, 2020
 Teen/Family Choir Rehearsals: Thursday, Feb. 13 & 27 – 7:30pm in Choir Loft
 Watch Facebook and Instagram for upcoming events in the New Year!



Movie and Pizza night on March 20th
6:30pm to 9pm in Youth Room



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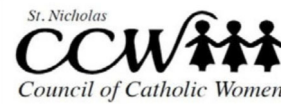
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, COUNCIL #10590 cordially invites all men of St. Nicholas parish to a mini-retreat on Saturday, February 15th, 2020. The retreat will commence with 7am Mass presided by Bishop Thanh Nguyen and will conclude in the parish hall at 11:30am.

The retreat will include a hungry man's breakfast. Our keynote speaker, the **Most Reverend Bishop Thanh Thai Nguyen**, will be speaking on "What does it mean to be a Disciple of Christ". There will be a small group discussion on how to nourish the spiritual life of the men in our parish. There is no charge for this retreat, however, there will be a free will offering to help defray the expenses.

Pre-registration for this retreat is required.

You may register by calling Al DiNicola at (949) 412-9115, or email at afdinicola@yahoo.com or call Jim Pacelli at (949) 768-7228 or email jpacelli1@cox.net

Deadline is February 3rd, 2020.



The St. Nicholas Parish Council of Catholic Women will be presenting Mr. Paul Zucarelli, author of "Faith Understood" on Friday, February 7th at 10:30 am and 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Mr. Zucarelli will share with us his extraordinary Near Death experience and how it transformed his life. Members of the Council will be handing our flyers with all the information after Mass today.



February 2, 2020, the Knights of Columbus will have a pancake and sausage breakfast after Today 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.



St. Nicholas Council of the Knights of Columbus is hosting the annual ID Drive (formerly known as the "Tootsie Roll Drive") fund raiser for the people with Intellectually Disabilities THIS weekend. Please help us to help those with intellectual disabilities in our community

CHURCH CLEANING

Volunteers are needed to help in the cleaning of the Church. We will meet on **our next cleaning day, February 5th, 2020**, after the 9:00 am Mass.

ANY QUESTIONS?

Call Barbara Amico at (949) 233-2631, or Email: 4boccegirl@gmail.com



Please note: **EARLY DEADLINES FOR BULLETIN ARTICLES**

Holidays and other Publisher requirements, articles for our bulletin have early deadlines. Please note the articles that need to be in a bulletin should be submitted two weeks in advance of the required "Due Date", otherwise will not be possible to be published

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All are welcome to our first-ever Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass inside our newly dedicated cathedral. This Mass celebrates the joy of Christian marriage for all, but we especially invite those couples who are celebrating 20+ years of marriage in 2020. It will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020 at 3 p.m.** in Christ Cathedral.

The Most Rev. Bishop Freyer, Auxiliary Bishop of Orange, will be the celebrant, and anniversary couples will have the opportunity to take a photo with him (photos will be taken with couple's own devices). Registration fee is \$20 per couple. An informal reception for anniversary celebrants and their guest follows the Mass and will be held in the First Floor of the Cultural Center.

Pre-registration is required by Jan. 26, 2020.



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NET PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR PAROCHIAL ATHLETIC LEAGUE (PAL)

SAVE THE DATE: On February 16th the Unity Group and parish ministries will share a potluck brunch after the Masses in the parish hall. More information to come.

This event is sponsored by the **Unity Group and Parish Ministries** to celebrate fellowship and love with our parishioners."



Listening Session for Those Who Lost a Loved One by Homicide

Restorative Justice seeks to help heal the relational harm caused by crime and violence that includes providing caring support for those suffering such a tragic loss.

If you are suffering the loss of your loved one due to homicide the Office of Restorative Justice would like to learn more about how our church can better serve and support you. We would like to invite you to come and share your personal experience, thoughts, and ideas with us in a safe and caring listening environment. We will be meeting on **Feb. 18, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.** at the Pastoral Center on the Christ Cathedral Campus at 13280 Chapman Ave. in Garden Grove.

Refreshments will be served. Childcare available if requested at time of RSVP.

RSVP required at: 714-282-4261 or flapuzza@rcbo.org.

Please feel free to contact the Office of Restorative Justice with questions.