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.

EUCHARISTIC 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

GOD'S CALL

The person who has been "saved," who has "heard the good news of salvation," still lives in an unsaved world, a world sadly oblivious to the presence of God. Today's readings outline how the disciple is present in the world.

The outline begins with Isaiah: "Share your bread . . . shelter the oppressed . . . clothe the naked" (Isaiah 58:7). Those who hear the word of salvation are not insensitive to the urgent needs of others. Then Paul reminds his flock that he brought Christ to them not in eloquence or wisdom, but by being with them in the "weakness and fear" of their daily lives (1 Corinthians 2:3).

Finally, Jesus tells his disciples to go out into the gloom and darkness of the streets of the world and let God's light shine through their good deeds.

We disciples don't save the world. To the extent, however, that we have heard the word of God and been awakened to God's presence, we may spread that word and bring that presence to others.

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Cold and Flu Season

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 Daniel La
9AM Virginia Edwards (d)

Tuesday:
7AM Francisco Castillo (d)
9AM Angel Liwag (d)

Wednesday
7AM Anicena Anselmo San Diego (d)
9AM Eleanor Nelson (d)

Thursday:
7AM Joseph Dung Pham (d)
9AM Mary Dinh (d)

Friday:
7AM Michael Nguyen
9AM Judy McCarthy

Saturday:
9AM Robyn Ann Farrell (d)
4PM Roberto Sanchez (d)
7PM Ericka Alonso (d)

Sunday:
7:30 AM William Florek (d)
9:00AM Mass for the Parish
10:45AM Flo Metenger (d)
12:30PM Thomas Vallejo (d)

We Remember

All our recently deceased, especially Theresa Lambden, 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 — If you share your food with the hungry, provide housing for the homeless, then light shall break forth upon you (Isaiah 58:7-10).
Psalm — The just man is a light in the darkness to the upright (Psalm 112).
Second Reading — My message to you, says Paul, was the proclamation of Christ crucified (1 Corinthians 2:1-5).
Gospel — You are the salt of the earth, the light of the world. In your good deeds your light shines before others, leading them to glorify God (Matthew 5:13-16).
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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
Confirmation I, Parish Center, 2nd Floor, 7PM

WEDNESDAY
24 Hrs. Adoration, Church, 9:30 AM
Charismatic Prayer Group, Room A, 9:45AM
Bereavement Ministry, Room B,10AM
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
Alpha, Parish Center, 6PM
Hispanic RCIA , Room B, 6PM
St. Nicholas Parish Choir, Small Hall, 7PM
Teen Choir, Church, 7PM
Hispanic Council, Room C, 7PM
RCIA, Parish Canter, 2nd Floor

FRIDAY
Baptism Preparation, Room C, 7PM
Hispanic Bible Study, Small Hall, 7PM
Hispanic Choir, Room B, 7PM

SATURDAY
Hispanic Choir, Room B, 7PM

SUNDAY
SRE Confirmation II, Parish Center, 2nd Floor, 8AM
RCIA, Room B, 9AM
Liturgy of the Word, Room A, 10AM
Library OPENED

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. 10, 11, 12 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. 11 from 7pm to 8:30pm.

Congratulations to our SRE students who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation today, Feb. 8. We are grateful to the parents, catechists and priests for helping to prepare the children for this Sacrament. This is one more step in preparing to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ which the children will receive on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at the 12:30pm Mass. We respectfully ask that you remember these families in your prayers. Thank you.
In observance of ***President's Day,*** there will be NO elementary classes on Monday, Feb. 17. All other classes will meet on their regularly scheduled days: Tuesday, Feb. 18 and 19th.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY THAT IS ONE OF THE "HOLIEST" MINISTRIES YOU CAN BECOME INVOLVED WITH HERE AT ST. NICHOLAS?

After a year and a half, our coordinator is relocating and we need to find a replacement for her.

Coffee & Donut Coordinator Responsibilities

- Schedule & confirm host group's participation on their assigned Sunday, taking into consideration when special events or holidays take place on Sunday and necessitates canceling coffee & donuts for that week.
- Confirm donut order each week, by Friday at the latest. Donuts are delivered between 7:30am and 8:00am. Pick up key to kitchen and refrigerator on Friday during regular office hours.
- Wash towels as needed and make sure there are clean towels available each Sunday.
- Fill in when scheduled host group is not available for their Sunday. (This rarely happens as most groups arrange to switch Sundays with another host group.)
- Check coffee & donut supplies and notify Steve Burton or the front office when short.

There Is a "coffee & donut handbook" with information regarding participating ministry groups, name and number of the Donut Shop, and procedures for coffee & donuts. Questions and information about this ministry can be directed to Maureen.

If your heart is calling you to the "sweetness" of this ministry opportunity, please call Maureen at 870-404-1112. She will fill you in with the details. It's a most rewarding and welcoming ministry! AND, we thank Maureen for her dedication to this ministry – we will miss her.

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. 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.

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

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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 NEXT weekend February 15th and 16th Please help us to help those with intellectual disabilities in our community.

Part-time maintenance assistant here at the Church. Schedule is flexible and work at times is physically demanding. Please drop off resumes at the parish office.

Divine Mercy Conference, Lake Forest, Feb. 29

Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church in Lake Forest will host a Divine Mercy Conference on Saturday, February 29, 9 am – 4 pm. Organized by Spirit Filled Hearts Ministry, featured speakers include Orange Bishop **Kevin Vann**, Deacon **Steve Greco** and Fr. **Scott Borgman** discussing topics related to the Divine Mercy devotion. Address: 21682 Lake Forest Drive, Lake Forest. Pre-registration is $35, contact Katie, (949) 514-5028.

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 in the bulletin.

The World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated on **Sunday, Feb. 9** at Christ Cathedral starting at 1:30 p.m. on the 3rd Floor of the Cathedral Cultural Center. The celebration will conclude with Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Nguyen in Christ Cathedral at 5:15 p.m.

Save the date –

Saturday, March 14, 2020 – for our Annual St. Patrick's Day Irish Festival! Music, singing, dancing, food, drinks and fun for the whole family. Watch the bulletin for more information.

It's Not Too Late!

ALPHA

Join our Alpha session which started last Thursday! Come to the Parish center this Thursday, Feb. 11 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.

Event sponsored by the <u>Unity Group and Parish Ministries</u> to celebrate fellowship and love with our parishioners.

"Come join your loving parishioners for a St. Valentine's Potluck Brunch after the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:45 Masses on **<u>Sunday Feb. 16th</u>** in the parish hall."

<u>SENIOR SINGLES LUNCH</u>

We will gather for lunch on Friday Feb. 21, 2020 at 12:30 at 19th Hole, 24112 Moulton Pkwy, Laguna Hills.

Reservation Required

RSVP Joan Petrime (949) 855-8755
New members are invited and welcomed.
Friendship with the love of God in our hearts.