

March 1st, 2020

First Sunday of Lent



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,

We are all called to a life of holiness and yet our human imperfections and the society's values can often lead us away from holiness and tempt us to turn away from God and what is right. Each year we are given a new opportunity to correct our faults as we begin this season of Lent. This season is a time for us to reassess our lives and turn back to God. As we heard on Ash Wednesday, this is a time of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving; a time of repentance. Anytime that we strive to get closer to God, the devil will tempt us to stray from that goal and this can happen to us during this season. As we heard in the Gospel of Matthew today, Jesus was also tempted by the devil. He was in prayer and had been fasting when the devil first approached Him. He was steadfast in His commitment to showing His followers God's love and He will be our source of strength during this holy season of Lent.

As we strive to become more holy we will be challenged by the devil, so we need to ask the Lord Jesus to walk with us and keep us strong in our desire to repent and experience conversion in our lives. As we make sacrifices in our lives by giving up things that distract us from our relationship with God, we will be challenged by the devil to break our promises. This season is truly a time to abstain from worldly desires and spend time in prayer and penance for our conversion and the conversion of the world.

Our acts of penance are meant to atone for our sins and encourage conversion in our life. Once again as we heard on Ash Wednesday; "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return", or "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel". I pray that we will all take this opportunity to experience God's grace and strive to be better people and better Catholics.

Fr. George



For Adults

The Sacrament of Confirmation, in which we receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit into our lives, will be offered to adults who have not yet been confirmed, on **Saturday, April 25th, at the 10am Mass.**

If you are 18 years of age or older, baptized, and regularly attend Mass and receive the Eucharist, we invite you to come to five Saturday sessions in preparation for the Sacrament. **They will be held from 10am to 11:30am, beginning Saturday, March 14 in Room C, [the building behind the Parish Office]**

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office.

For more information, call Gloria at 768-7228.

CHURCH CLEANING

More volunteers are needed to help in the cleaning of the Church. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month after the 9AM Mass.



We need men to clean the church handles. If you can contribute an hour or two of your time, it would be appreciated!

Our next church cleaning is Wednesday, Mar. 4th.

Call Maria Golebiowski (949) 455-2769 with any questions.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday:

7AM Lawrence Nguyen
9AM Albert Lowe Funeral (d)

Tuesday:

7AM Fr. Quyen Truong
9AM Stephen Wontrobski (d)

Wednesday

7AM All Souls in Purgatory
9AM Sol Naber (d)

Thursday:

7AM Deceased Relatives
9AM Gabriel Munoz (d)

Friday:

7AM Ellen McGovern (d)
9AM Lauro De Mesa (d)

Saturday:

9AM Gabino Balog
4PM Hellen Bollata (d)
7PM Rita Fuentes (d)

Sunday:

7:30 AM Michael J. E. San Pedro
9:00AM Yong Sik Choi
10:45AM For the Parish
12:30PM Frank Hernandez Family

We Remember

All our recently deceased, especially Susan DiMaggio and Albert Lowe, 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 — The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned (Psalm 51).

Second Reading — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights

(Matthew 4:1-11). The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Parish Calendar This Week

MONDAY

Sewing Group, Small Hall, 8AM
Adult bible Study, Room 202, 10AM
SRE, Parish Center, 1st Floor, 4:15PM
New Life Filipino Group, Small Hall, 5PM
Hispanic Rosary, Church, 7PM



TUESDAY

SRE, Parish Center, 1st Floor, 4:15PM
St. Nicholas Chorale, Small Hall, 7PM
7th/8th Grade, Parish Center, first Floor, 7PM

WEDNESDAY

Charismatic Prayer Group, Room A, 9:45AM
SRE, Parish Center, 1st Floor, 4:15PM
Knights of Columbus, Rooms 104-105, 6:30PM
Devotions & Benediction, Church, 7PM
Filipino Choir, Small Hall, 7:30 PM

THURSDAY

Faith Alive, Room A, 9:45AM
Adult Bible Study, Room 202, 10AM
Alpha, Parish Center, 6PM
Hispanic RCIA, Room B, 6PM
St. Nicholas Parish Choir, Small Hall, 7PM
Hispanic Council, Room C, 7PM
RCIA, Parish Center, 2nd Floor

FRIDAY

CWW, Parish Center, 1st Floor, 8AM
Hispanic Book Study, Room C, 10AM
Lenten Fish Dinner, Parish Center, 5PM
Hispanic Bible Study, Small Hall, 7PM
Hispanic Choir, Room B, 7PM

SATURDAY

First Saturday Devotions, Room B, 9:30AM
Filipino Choir, Small Hall, 3PM
Filipino Rosary Group, Church, 5PM
Hispanic Choir, Room B, 7PM

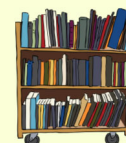
SUNDAY

RCIA, Room B, 9AM
Liturgy of the Word, Room A, 10AM
Anointing Service, Church, 2PM

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.



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SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary Classes will meet this week
March 2, 3, 4 - 4:15 – 5:30pm
Junior High Classes will meet on Tuesday,
March 3 downstairs - 7 – 8:30pm
Confirmation II Class will meet today,
March 1 at 9am, followed by 10:45am mass
Confirmation I classes will meet on Tuesday,
March 10 upstairs - 7 – 8:30pm



SACRAMENT DATES:
CONFIRMATION:
SATURDAY, APRIL 25 AT 10AM
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION,
SUNDAY, MAY 3 AT 12:30PM



PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE: Our elementary students will learn about the meaning of Lent and the many ways they can prepare themselves to be ready to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Sunday. Our students have brought home rice bowls and by participating in this faith-in-action program, their sacrifices will help make a difference in the world. Please keep these in a prominent place and make a sacrificial offering as often as you can during Lent. Please return them to your classroom before Easter. Thank you for your sacrifices and prayers!



With Easter Season fast approaching, we expect an increase in food donations to the Donation Barrels. A couple of reminders about the barrels to keep in mind. Please donate only canned and non perishable food items. Another thing to remember is that the barrels are for food donation only, not clothing items and certainly not trash. Of late, we are finding more and more trash thrown into the barrels i.e. used tissues and half consumed food and drink items. Thank you, Knights of Columbus.

YOUTH MINISTRY



Check us out on Facebook and Instagram: @stnickym

"Encountering Jesus through the Word" Bible study for Teens

Meet in the Youth Room on Tuesdays from 6 to 7PM

March 10
March 24
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.

Coming in March

Movie and Pizza night on March 20th

6:30pm to 9pm in Youth Room Watch Facebook and Instagram for upcoming events in the New Year!

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

Coffee & Donut Coordinator Responsibilities

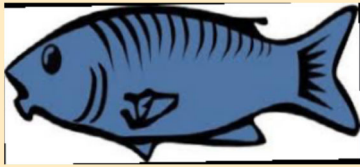
- Schedule & confirm host group's participation on their assigned Sunday, taking into consideration when special events or holidays take place on Sunday and necessitates canceling coffee & donuts for that week.
- Confirm donut order each week, by Friday at the latest. Donuts are delivered between 7:30am 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.

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Friday Lenten Fish Bakes; Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27;
Apr. 3 from 5 PM - 6:30 PM



The Knights of Columbus is again sponsoring a "40 Cans for Lent" Food Drive during the 40 days of Lent. This is an effort to increase the awareness of our weekly food drive at St. Nicholas Parish.

The goal is for each parishioner to contribute one can of non-perishable food each day during Lent, or 40 cans sometime during the Lenten season. Your contributions can be made weekly when you come to Mass. Barrels will be placed outside the entrances to the Church. Please join the Knights of Columbus in this worthwhile effort. Monetary donations are always welcome.

This Food Drive was very successful last year and we are hoping for a similar response this Lent. During the calendar year of 2019 St. Nicholas Parish donated 14,631 pounds of non-perishable food. That is a great accomplishment but we are hoping to equal or surpass that amount this year

40 CANS FOR LENT FOOD DRIVE



Donate 40 items (cans or boxes) of non-perishable food items during Lent via the weekly parish food drive.

I CAN, YOU CAN, WE CAN



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"St. Nicholas Confirmation students and leaders enjoyed cosmic bowling last Saturday."



**Daylight Savings Time begins
NEXT WEEKEND at 2am
on Sunday, March 8th.**

**REMEMBER to set your
clocks ahead one hour before
going to sleep on Saturday, March 7th.**



The Council of Catholic Women General Meeting will be on Friday, March 6. Social time starts at 9:30 am and the meeting begins at 10:10 am. Our speaker is Lori Stanley of Loyola Institute for Spirituality. Her topic is Spirituality & Friendship.

Please bring coins for water for life, can tabs for Ronald McDonald house, and pasta and sauce for Catarina's Club. All women of the parish are invited.

Questions: Call Lynn at 949-830-2920.

**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 publish date.

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anointing of the sick

**A communal celebration of the
Anointing of the Sick
will be on Sunday, March 8th
at 2pm in the Church.**

We invite all who are ill, elderly, or who are expecting to undergo major surgery, to come and receive this *Sacrament of Healing*. All parishioners are invited to join us. Your prayers are important and your presence a source of consolation to those who are ill.

A reception will be held afterwards in the Small Hall.

**Help
Wanted**

**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.**

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**Irish Festival – 2020 Saturday,
March 14
2pm to 7pm in Parish Center**



**Music by the “Whooligans”
Aniar Academy of Irish Dancers
performing at 3:15pm and 4:45pm**

- 2pm Begin food and beverage service



Irish Food & Drink **

Singalongs & Dancing

Pot 'o Gold Raffle Drawing at 7pm

(Winner need not be present to win)

**Join us for this annual Parish Event!
Everyone's invited—
friends, family and neighbors.**

**ST. PATRICK'S
PARTY**

**Please join us to pray
The Stations of the
Cross every Friday
evening during Lent.
at 7:00PM.**



PARISH OFFICE STAFF

Assistant to the Pastor:	Patricia Church
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