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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
In-Residence	Bishop Thanh Nguyen
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Visiting Priest	Rev. Jack Sewell
Visiting Priest	Rev. Chin Dang
Deacon	Gerardo de Santos
Deacon	Carlos Pineda
Deacon	Chau Tran

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday: 9AM (English)
Saturday Vigil: 4PM(English) 6PM (Spanish)
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM (English)
5PM (Vietnamese)
Holy Day Vigil: 4PM (English), 6PM (Spanish)
Holy Days: 7AM, 9AM, 12PM (English)
7PM (Vietnamese)
First Saturday of the Month: 8:00AM

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) *

Wednesday: 5:00PM
Saturday: 9:00AM

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.

*Confessions are currently being held in the Parish Center lobby, with both Fr. George and Fr. Martin available.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Sunday: 8:30AM - 12:30PM; Monday - Friday: 8:30AM - 12:00PM, 1:00PM - 5:00PM

Dear Parishioners,

On this Second Sunday of Advent our focus is on John the Baptist. John was sent ahead of Jesus to prepare the way for the Lord. This takes place at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, and it reminds us to always be ready to meet the Lord. John's message was one of repentance and a call to prepare the way for the Lord. This message is just as important for us today as it was when he proclaimed it to the people over two thousand years ago.

We live in a world with many distractions and at a time when the secular society is challenging who we are as Catholics, so we need to hear John's pleas to make ready the way of the Lord and make straight the pathways. Advent is a time to stop the busyness and chaos around us and reflect on the gift of our salvation that we receive through the birth, life, suffering, and death of Jesus. We have the opportunity each day to reflect on God's goodness to us, and in this season especially, we are called to prepare for His coming into our lives.

This week we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in which we remember that Mary, our Blessed Mother, was conceived without the stain of original sin. Wednesday Dec. 8th is this Feast Day, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please see the special announcement which gives our Mass times. Wednesday the 8th is also our monthly day of adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. The Monstrance will be placed on the altar for adoration throughout the day when Mass is not taking place. Adoration will conclude at 8:45 Thursday morning.

Fr. George P. Blais



The Immaculate Conception Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

MASS SCHEDULE

December 7 - Holy Day Vigil

4:00PM (English)

6:00PM (Spanish)

December 8 - Holy Day

7:00AM, 9:00AM, 12PM (English)

7PM (Vietnamese)

O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday:

7:30AM For the Parish

9:00AM Neil Chandran
Robert Harding †

11:00AM Leo & Dolores Abenis †
Tony Locanas †

Monday:

9AM Lauro De Mesa †
Maria Mau Pham †

Tuesday:

9AM Deceased Relatives of Rosie Vu †
Tillie Tuazon †

4PM Mira Castaneda
Marina & Benjamin Araos †

Wednesday:

7am Rosemary Barrett †
Vassilio Papas & Family †

9AM Alex Barraga †
Nicholas Sanchez †

12PM Joann Mucahy
All Mothers of the Parish

Thursday:

9AM Ligaya Barroga †
Deceased members Gargantiel Family †

Friday:

9AM Mario & Edgar Balledos †
Augustine Ronald Pepi †

Saturday:

4PM Rose Dunsmore †
Pedro Sampang †

6PM Renato Guerrero †
Hermogenes Gallardo †

Saints of the week and Special Observances

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent

Monday: St. Nicholas

Tuesday: St. Ambrose; Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day

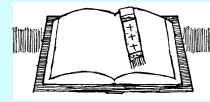
Wednesday: The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Juan Diego

Friday: Our Lady of Loreto

Saturday: St. Damasus I

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13;
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
Eph 1:3-, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab;
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6;
Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b,
15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

TODAY'S READINGS Second Sunday of Advent

First Reading — Stand on the heights, Jerusalem; see your children rejoicing that they are remembered by God. A merciful and just God leads Israel in joy (Baruch 5:1-9).

Psalm — The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy (Psalm 126).

Second Reading — May your love increase in knowledge to discern what is valuable that you may be blameless for the day of Christ (Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11).

Gospel — John proclaims a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All flesh shall see the salvation of God (Luke 3:1-6).

We Remember

All our recently deceased especially *Rosaria Corti*
who entered her new and eternal life in Christ.

*Grant to all our dearly departed, eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine on them forever.*



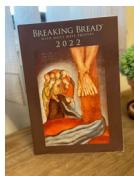
Artworks from the Holy Land



There will be Representatives from the Holy Land next weekend December 11 and 12 after every Mass with Artworks from Bethlehem. We invite you to stop by the display.

As many of you may already know, the situation in the Holy Land is extremely difficult for all who continue to live there. They are faced with very harsh economic conditions, discrimination and hardships in providing for their loved ones. Many have flee looking for a better life and better opportunities. For the Christians that stay behind, they rely heavily on sales of handmade olive wood carving to survive. For most of them, that is the only way they are able to find any work and the only way they are able to continue living in the Holy land.

Our mission is to once again be able to help and support our brothers and sisters and keep Christian presence in the Holy Land. All money that is made from the sales will go directly back to the families. We ask that you find it in your hearts to stop by the display and take a look at the amazing work that is made. Please help support our brothers and sisters by purchasing one of their beautiful items. Thank you, God bless!



NEW ANNUAL PARISH MISSAL

Missals for the new liturgical year were handed out at all the Masses this past weekend.

These are yours to keep for the year. Please do not leave these behind in the church after Mass. Take them home with you and bring them with you when you attend Mass.

We recommend you write your name and telephone number on the first page so that if you lose the missal, we can contact you. These missals are free. However, as we did last year, baskets will be available at each location for any freewill offering you would like to make to help our parish with the cost of these missals. **Please DO NOT BRING BACK your old used missal to the church.** Thank you.

St. Nicholas Library is Open Come check it out !



The Parish Library will be open on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month from 9:00am to 12:30pm.



Pancake and Sausage Breakfast - Don't Miss it! This Sunday



The Knights of Columbus will host a Pancake and Sausage Breakfast this Sunday following all morning masses. We thank all who have joined us at our previous breakfasts.

Please mark your calendars, bring the family, renew old relationships and make new ones at this parish event.



SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend, Saturday, December 4th & Sunday December 5th for Retirement Fund for Religious. Your gift in the collection, helps to provide prescription medications, nursing care and more, for thousands of elderly religious sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked for many years for little, if any, pay. Like many Americans, religious communities face the monumental challenge of funding eldercare. By 2027, retired religious are projected to outnumber wage-earners by more than three to one. We appreciate your generosity.

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**December 10 & 11th
6:30pm-8:30pm**



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Confirmation Class And Youth Ministry

Upcoming Classes: All classes are held upstairs in the parish hall following the 9AM Mass.

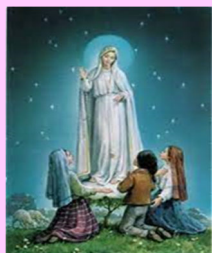
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Our Next Faith Sharing Event will be held on **Saturday 12/11/2021** after the 4PM Vigil Mass downstairs in the Parish Hall.

More details to follow.

Please keep an eye out for further announcements regarding important dates for Confirmation and Youth Ministry or feel free to check the Ministry's Google Calendar (link available on the parish website).



The Federation of Filipino Rosary Groups of Orange County (FFRGOC) will continue the traditional Filipino First Saturday Novena/ Rosary devotion to our Blessed Virgin Mary on **December 4, 2021**. This

tradition is celebrated for 9 months, starting in October until June. We have been attending Mass and praying this Novena at St. Nicholas for the past 28 years. The Filipino choir (HRPCC) will be singing during the 4:00 PM Mass. After the Mass, we will all proceed to the Large Hall SECOND FLOOR for the rosary.

St. Nicholas Church 2021-22 Elementary School of Religion



DECEMBER

SRE Families and Students, we begin a New Season of the Liturgical Year of the Church. The liturgical year begins on the **First Sunday of Advent** a season is a four-week period before Christmas that celebrates the anticipation and coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. The origin of "advent" is from the Latin word *adventus* which simply translates "coming" or "arrival".

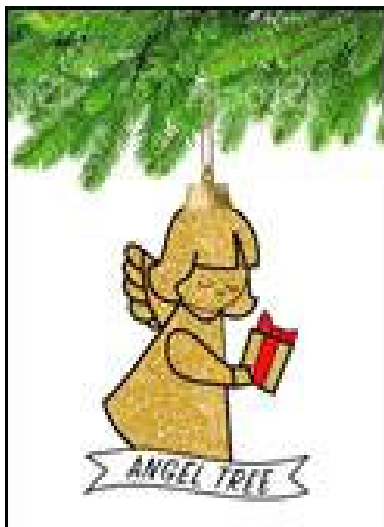
Not only is the Christian meaning for preparation and celebration of the coming of Jesus Christ, his birth at Christmas, but also to celebrate the new life when someone accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior, and lastly, the anticipation of Jesus returning. Many Blessings and a wonderful Merry Christmas.

Mon. Elementary School 4:15 pm – 5:30 pm
Tues. Special Sacraments 4:15 pm – 5:30 pm
Tues. 7th & 8th Intermediate 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Attention: Parents / Students remaining classes for 2021 year are Dec 6th – 7th, Dec. 13th – 14th

If you have any questions please call Mr. Lopez at 949-837-7676 or e-mail office at ajlopez@st-nicholaschurch.org

Our Annual Angel Christmas Tree Project is Back



Angel Christmas Tree Project has began! Tree is located in the alcove on the small parking lot side of the church. Angel Tree will be up and decorated with angels that have been colored by our *School of Religious Education* children. On the back of each angel is a description of a child or an adult.

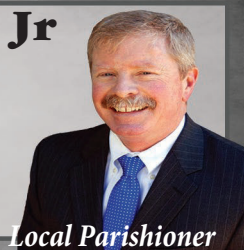
Please purchase an appropriate gift for the person described, and **bring it to the Parish Office by Sunday, December 12th—unwrapped**. Put the Angel on the present and remember the person who will receive your gift in your prayers.

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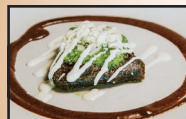


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DEVOTIONS

This Wednesday, December 8th 7:00PM (English) and 8:00PM (Vietnamese)

Donations of Poinsettias



We will be accepting donations of Poinsettias in memory of a loved one to help decorate the Church & Parish Center for Christmas. Please

bring plants to the Parish Office starting Friday, Dec. 17, 2021. Please do not bring them before then. Thank you.

SIMBANG GABI



Come and join us in celebrating Simbang Gabi at St. Nicholas on **December 19, 2021 Sunday) at 6:30 PM**. This is a Filipino tradition and normally a 9 day devotional series of masses in preparation for Christmas. Mass will be officiated by Fr. George P. Blais. After the mass a food to go box will be given outside the church. RSVP to Mary Ann Puzon by 12/12/2021 at 949-294-5625 or preciousgem14@cox.net

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CELEBRATION AT ST. NICHOLAS



Hispanic Prayer Group invites you to honor and celebrate "Our Lady of Guadalupe".

NOVENA

December 3rd –11th at 6:00 PM*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021

6:00 AM Mañanitas and Rosary in the Church

6:30 PM Procession from hall to Church
7:00 PM MASS

Sweet bread and hot chocolate in the hall immediately after the Mañanitas and evening Mass.

El Grupo Hispano los invita a la celebración en honor a Nuestra Señora
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Novena

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6:30PM Procesión
7:00PM Misa

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