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**
In-Residence	**Bishop Thanh Nguyen**
Visiting Priest	**Msgr. John Campbell**
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 back inside the church.**

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

Pastor's Message

Dear Parishioners,
Today we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and ends the Christmas season. In the Gospel of Luke that we hear today, John the Baptist is asked if he is the Messiah. His response is clear that he is only pointing the way to the Messiah. John baptized with water and told the people that one mightier than him will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit.
It is important to note that Jesus did not need to be baptized if baptism was only to wash away sins. Jesus was and is like us in all ways but sin; therefore, baptism was not necessary. He was baptized however for at least two significant reasons. The first was to show solidarity with John and the importance of being baptized with water, and the second is to mark the beginning of His public ministry.
After Jesus was baptized, the voice from the heaven was heard to say; "You are my beloved Son. With you I am well pleased." When we were baptized, the same voice was heard about us. We are God's beloved sons and daughters and His favor indeed rests on us. Like Jesus, our baptism calls us to action so that we can be like John and point the way to Jesus and proclaim His mighty works. Obviously for those who are baptized as infants, our public ministry does not begin immediately, but after we have grown in our faith and love of God and Jesus, we are called to share what we have received.
With this Feast Day each year, we have the opportunity to reflect on our own baptism and what this event means for us and our Church. This is a time to ask ourselves what we are doing for the Lord and what more He may be calling us to do. In our lives, let us follow the light of Christ that we received in baptism and be His shining light for all to see.

Fr. George P. Blais

Mass Intentions

Beginning in February, we will have new policies for Mass Intentions. We will have one intention per Mass; however, due to the great number of requests for Mass intentions we will have two Masses a week that will be a collective Mass intention. We will try to limit this collective Mass to five intentions. One Mass will be during the week and one Mass will be on Sunday. Please be considerate of others who desire Masses to be offered and not take too many Masses.
Please note that Masses can be offered for a living person or a deceased person, but a specific name should be attached to the intention. We should not be offering Masses for saints as they are already praying with and for us. The customary donation is $10.00 which will be used to help supplement the operating expenses of the parish. Thank you for your understanding and continued generosity of prayer for others.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday:
7:30AM Daisy B. Atienza †
Carlos Lacsina, Jr. †

9:00AM Florita Lacandula †
Evelyn Herring †

11:00AM Jane Burke †

Monday:
9AM Joon Hoo & Sohee Kim †
Rita Phelan †

Tuesday:
9AM Teresa Siy †
Molly Mary Braggs Rego &
Bertie Braggs †

Wednesday:
9AM Santiago Sandig †
Teresa Paniagua †

Thursday:
9AM Domingo & Margarita Siy †
Mary Jo Wargo †

Friday:
9AM Dely Reyes †
McDonagh Family †

Saturday:
4:00PM Tess Gargantiel †
Al DiDomenico †

6:00PM School of Religious Ed. Children,
Peggy O'Donnell's Class

We Remember
All our recently deceased who have entered their new and eternal life in Christ, especially
Do Eun Byun
Grant to all our dearly departed, eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on them forever.

Saints of the Week and Special Observances

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time
Thursday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Our Monthly Day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins this Wednesday, January 12, at the 9AM Mass and continues until just prior to the 9AM Mass on Thursday, January 13. *We invite and encourage you to spend some time with Our Lord in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament*.

DEVOTIONS

2nd Wednesday of the month
7:00PM (English) and 8:00PM (Vietnamese).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk :1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

TODAY'S READINGS

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading — Isaiah speaks of the Servant whom the Lord upholds; he shall bring forth justice to the nations (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7) or Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11.

Psalm — The Lord will bless his people with peace (Psalm 29) or Psalm 104.

Second Reading — Jesus was anointed by God with the Holy Spirit; he went out healing and doing good (Acts 10:34-38) or Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7.

Gospel — A voice comes from heaven proclaiming Jesus as the beloved Son, with whom God is well pleased (Luke 3:15-16, 21-22).

UPDATE MASK MANDATE

Dear Parishioners,
The governor of California has just reinstated the mask mandate for indoor activity from December 15, 2021 – January 15, 2022 regardless of vaccination status; however, the Diocese of Orange has sent guidelines for use in all parishes. The state mandate does not include inside of church during Mass. It is still encouraged for people to wear masks indoors and will be required for those unvaccinated, but for those who are fully vaccinated, it is your choice. We strongly recommend and encourage the wearing of masks for everyone's protection. Please continue to keep good health practices and be considerate of those around you.
Masks will be required indoors for all other activity by all. This includes the offices, meeting rooms, prayer groups, all gatherings of any kind, etc. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Father George P. Blais

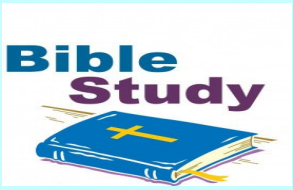
COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please join us in the large hall for Coffee and Donuts on **Sunday, January 9, 2022** after the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses.

FAITH ALIVE

Come and join us every Thursday in room "A" from 10:00am – 11:30am for "Faith Alive". We study the upcoming Sunday Scripture and follow the Sunday missal using "Living with Christ".

Don't miss the fellowship, coffee and snacks. We sometime get together for lunch afterwards, but that is optional. For questions, please call Mary at 949-588-5948.



Please Note Date & Time Correction:

Classes Begin Monday January 24th at 10:00 AM

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH ADULT FAITH FORMATION
"ACTS OF THE APOSTLES"
10-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Classes include live lecture presentations, open book reading and analysis of the biblical text, Catholic teachings and interpretation of the Sacred Scriptures in accordance with the Magisterium of the Catholic Church. Live Q and A is encouraged during class. Learn what and why we believe, through this book from the Christian Canon... the New Testament, beginning with this account of the Early Christian Church by St. Luke.

"ACTS OF THE APOSTLES"

Begins Monday, January 24, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.
in the Saint Nicholas Parish Hall second floor room 201
For additional information, please call Al Guevara at (714) 848-1624.

St. Nicholas Library is Open

Come check it out !

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

CONFESSIONS

CONFESSIONS ARE BACK INSIDE THE CHURCH

WEDNESDAYS 5:00PM
SATURDAYS 9:00AM

Confirmation & Youth Ministry

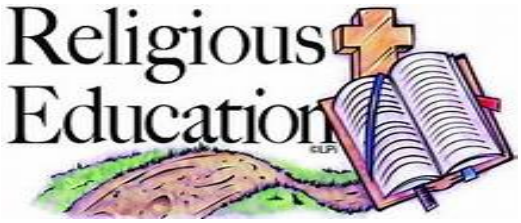
Upcoming Classes: All classes are held upstairs in the parish hall following the 9AM Mass.

C2-1/9/2022
C1- 1/16/2022

Our Next Faith Sharing Event will be held on **Saturday, 1/15/2022** after the 4PM Vigil Mass upstairs in the Parish Hall. Please call the SRE office 949-837-7676 to confirm if you plan on attending this event.

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

St. Nicholas Church 2021-22 Elementary School of Religion



Classes are back in session. Please check your class schedule for future class dates.

HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS SEASON AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

Celebrating the Christmas Season

Christmas decorations looked beautiful in the Church and Parish Center. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers, they did a great job. We appreciate their commitment and time making it festive for our parish community. The many Poinsettias donated in memory of loved ones added to the decorations.

FILIPINO COMMUNITY

The Filipino Group of St. Nicholas would like to thank all who attended our Simbang Gabi. It was a successful celebration of the Filipino tradition which was to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. George P. Blais and Fr. Martin Tran. Maraming Salamat Po!!!

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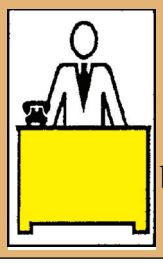

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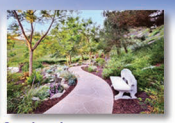

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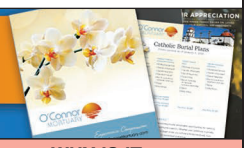

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With your generosity we can help save lives. Please stop by the tables in the courtyard for more information.

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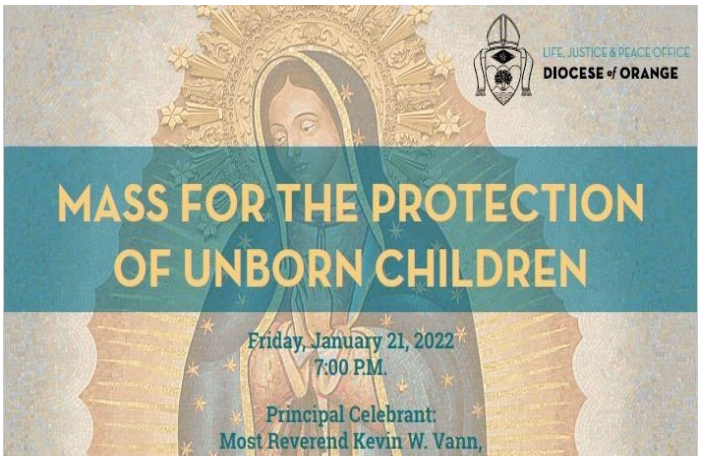

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Come Pray for an End to Abortion with:
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- **Members of Religious Communities**
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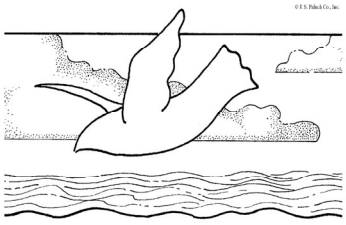

The Baptism of the Lord
January 9, 2022

He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

— Titus 3:5

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Fr. George P. Blais