

**OCTOBER 23, 2022**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



Whoever exalts himself  
will be humbled and  
whoever humbles himself  
will be exalted!

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## **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**

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Rev. George P. Blais</b>
<b>Parochial Vicar</b>	<b>Rev. Martin Bui</b>
<b>Parochial Vicar</b>	<b>Rev. Phuong Nguyen</b>
<b>In-Residence</b>	<b>Bishop Thanh Nguyen</b>
<b>Visiting Priest</b>	<b>Msgr. John Campbell</b>
<b>Visiting Priest</b>	<b>Rev. Jack Sewell</b>
<b>Visiting Priest</b>	<b>Rev. Chin Dang</b>
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Gerardo de Santos</b>
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Carlos Pineda</b>
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Chau Tran</b>

#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Monday-Friday:</b>	<b>9AM (English)</b>
<b>Saturday Vigil:</b>	<b>4PM(English) 6PM(Spanish)</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM (English) 5PM (Vietnamese)</b>
<b>Holy Day Vigil:</b>	<b>4PM (English), 6PM (Spanish)</b>
<b>Holy Days:</b>	<b>7AM, 9AM, 12PM (English) 7PM (Vietnamese)</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>8:30AM</b>

#### **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,**

After last week's Gospel about the corrupt judge and the importance of perseverance in our prayer, Luke continues in Chapter 18 speaking of humility in our prayer. Jesus presents a parable about the prayer of the Pharisee and the tax collector. The Pharisee is proud and arrogant in his prayer while the tax collector is humble and acknowledges his sinfulness. We are reminded and encouraged by this parable to keep our prayer simple and humble. In our prayer life, we should be like the tax collector and not like the Pharisee. Sometimes we can think that we are better than other people because we come to church and attempt to lead a Holy life, and this is an example of us being like the Pharisee. We must strive to be more like the tax collector as we acknowledge that we are sinners who need God's love, compassion, and mercy.

Our prayer should not be a competition or comparison of our lives to other people but an acknowledgement of who we are as God's simple and humble people. When Jesus taught the disciples to pray, He gave them the "Our Father," which is a simple humble prayer, and He encourages us to be humble in our prayer.

There are many forms of prayer and devotions in our church because each of us needs to have a prayer style and / or devotion that leads us to God and not make us look better than our neighbor. We must find a prayer life that works for us like the example of the tax collector. In our prayer life, God invites us to be in union with Him as we communicate our thanks, praise, successes, failures, needs, and faith to Him.

**Fr. George P. Blais**

### **WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY**

	Week of Oct. 10-16, 2022	Week of Oct. 10-16, 2021
Envelopes	\$7,856.00	\$14,351.00
Loose	\$4,679.50	\$3,110.00
Electronic	\$1,652.79	\$2,222.68
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,188.29</b>	<b>\$19,683.68</b>

We invite you to consider using electronic/online giving, a convenient and secure way to make your donations. To do so, you may go to the parish website or call the office for assistance in setting it up. Thank you for supporting our parish!



World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. This weekend, October 22nd & 23rd, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. There will be a second collection. Thank you for your generosity.

### **PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE**

Thank you to all who have contributed to the 2022 Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA). Our assigned goal this year is \$110,000. To date, there are 266 donors who have pledged \$125,720, of which \$111,432 has been received. This means we have already exceeded our goal, and anything above that goal will come back to us as a rebate. Because of your generosity, we have regularly exceeded our goal by a significant amount for the past several years. Based on this positive trend, our budget for the current fiscal year includes an anticipated PSA rebate of \$44,000. This means that between now and December 31, 2022, we hope to receive an additional \$28,280 over what has currently been donated.

If you have not yet donated to the 2022 PSA campaign, please consider making a contribution before the end of the year. Donation brochures are available in the Parish Office, or you can use the online option which can be accessed on the parish website. May God bless you for your generosity!

## Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday:

7:30 AM For the Parish  
 9:00 AM Manolito Abesamis (D)  
 11:00 AM Luis Maria & (D)  
 Maria Del Carmen Rojas (D)

Monday:

9:00 AM Rafaela A. De Mesa (L)  
 Michael Guina (L)  
 Aurora Manrique & (D)  
 Severiano Arqueta (D)

Tuesday:

9:00 AM Al DiDomenico (D)

Wednesday:

9:00 AM Steve Begin (D)

Thursday:

9:00 AM Tess Gargantiel (D)

Friday:

9:00 AM Maria Mau Pham (D)  
 Ronald Gryzanoski (D)  
 Ines Anundarain (D)  
 Sol Naber (D)

Saturday:

8:30 AM Cezar Dizon (D)  
 4:00 PM Lolita Tagapolot (D)  
 6:00 PM Godeardo Sepulveda (D)  
 James & Mary Constantine (D)



## HOLY HOUR

Saint Nicholas Church will  
 celebrate a HOLY HOUR  
 every Wednesday  
 at 7:00 pm in English.

*Come and spend an hour of prayer,  
 Reflection, adoration, and benediction with  
 the Blessed Sacrament.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Eph 4:32 — 5:8; Ps 1:1-4, 6;  
 Lk 13:10-17  
 Tuesday: Eph 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-33;  
 Ps 128:1-5; Lk 13:18-21  
 Wednesday: Eph 6:1-9; Ps 145:10-14;  
 Lk 13:22-30  
 Thursday: Eph 6:10-20; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;  
 Lk 13:31-35  
 Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5;  
 Lk 6:12-16  
 Saturday: Phil 1:18b-26; Ps 42:2, 3, 5cdef;  
 Lk 14:1, 7-11  
 Sunday: Wis 11:22 — 12:2; Ps 145:1-2,  
 8-11, 13-14; 2 Thes 1:11 — 2:2;  
 Lk 19:1-10

*We remember all our recently deceased who  
 have 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.*

## Saints of the Week and Special Observances

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary  
 Time; Mission Sunday  
 Monday: St. Anthony Mary Claret  
 Friday: Ss. Simon and Jude  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

## TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The LORD is a God of justice who hears the cry of the oppressed, the orphan, the widow, the lowly (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18).

**Psalm** — The Lord hears the cry of the poor (Psalm 34).

**Second Reading** — The crown of righteousness awaits me (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18).

**Gospel** — The tax collector stood at a distance, beat his breast, and prayed, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner" (Luke 18:9-14).





### St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul thanks the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church for their ongoing generosity that enables us to assist those in need. With expenses rising, there are some in our area in danger of becoming homeless, especially women with children and elderly individuals. Vincentians make home visits and review the situation of these neighbors to determine the appropriate assistance. We share information about food pantries and helpful agencies. With your help, we have prevented evictions, utility cut-offs, etc.

\*If you are interested in learning more about the Society, you may email Joan Grampp at [jgrampp428@gmail.com](mailto:jgrampp428@gmail.com).

**On October 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have a second collection at all Masses. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul. We appreciate your generosity!**



#### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 23, 2022

The prayer of the lowly pierces the clouds;  
it does not rest until it reaches its goal,  
nor will it withdraw  
till the Most High responds.

— Sirach 35:17–18a



**Our St. Nicholas Parish Choir at Geneva Presbyterian's "FROM HEALING TO HOPE SERVICE", on Sunday, October 16th.**

### ALL SOULS' DAY NOVENA

We will begin our nine-day novena for All Souls starting on November 2nd and ending on November 10th. Envelopes are now available in the Church & in the Parish Office for you to list the names of those you wish to have remembered. You may include your offering in the envelopes.

Mass will be offered once a day from November 2nd-10th. Spiritual Bouquet Envelopes will be placed in the Sanctuary during these Masses. Bring the All Souls envelopes to the Parish Office or place them in the weekend collection basket.



**American  
Red Cross**

**Blood  
Services**

St. Nicholas Parish invites you to a  
Community Blood Drive  
**Thursday, October 27, 2022**  
**7:30am to 7:30pm**

To schedule an appointment or for  
more information, go to

**[RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.RedCrossBlood.org)**

**Use Sponsor Code: stnicholas**

#### **CORRECTION FOR SEWING GROUP BOUTIQUE DATES**

**Dates for the Sewing Boutique were  
wrong on Oct. 16 issue of the  
bulletin. Please note the correct  
dates:**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH  
& SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH.**

**At the Boutique, there will be  
Christmas décor, children's  
clothing, bow-tie scarves, wraps,  
crochet & knit caps and much  
more... Mark your calendar and  
plan to attend.**



## Confirmation & Youth Ministry

Confirmation Classes have begun for the 2022-2023 academic year. All classes are held upstairs in the parish hall.

### Next Class Meetings:

C1: 10/30/22 9AM

C2: 10/23/22 9AM

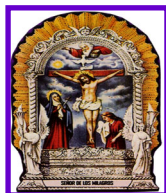
Our First Faith Sharing event will be held on Saturday, October 22nd upstairs in the Parish Hall immediately following the 4PM Mass. Students are encouraged to bring their sponsors, family, friends, etc.

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).

The Hispanic Group of St. Nicholas Church invites you to the procession and Mass honoring

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**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29;**

**PROCESSION-5:15 PM/MASS-6:00 PM**

Please join us in the Parish Hall following the Mass for light refreshments.

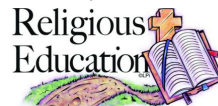
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El grupo Hispano de la Iglesia de San Nicolas, Laguna Woods, les invita a la procesión y Misa en homenaje al Señor de Los Milagros  
Sábado, 29 de octubre; Procesión 5:15 PM/  
Misa 6:00 PM.

Después de La Misa los invitamos al Salón grande para compartir bocaditos y refrescos.

Join us for Coffee and Donuts!  
This Sunday after all the Masses in the Large Hall.



The volunteer catechist, teachers' aids, and staff are happy to see many SRE students returning as well as many new students, Welcome!  
This past week we had the students learning about the Bible story on Genesis and God's Love in creating everything. The ultimate creation was when God created man and woman in His image and likeness. This is very important to understand, for our value and worth is a dignity given to us by God alone. We are all precious in the eyes of God. All that God creates is Good!  
--God Bless



## Knights of Columbus Annual Past Grand Knights & Veteran's Dinner, Saturday, November 5th

Attention all military veterans of St. Nicholas Parish. The Knights of Columbus wish to honor you and your family at this year's Thirty-First Annual Past Grand Knight's Testimonial and

Salute to Parish Military Veteran's Dinner to be held on Saturday, November 5.

During the dinner a video of our parish veterans in their service uniforms and another more recent photo of them will be viewed. Should you or your veteran wish to be included in the video, please email the two pictures to Jim Pacelli at [jpacelli1@cox.net](mailto:jpacelli1@cox.net). If you need help sending the pictures, contact Jim or any St. Nicholas Knight. Photos previously sent are still on file with the Knights and will be used again.

## Parking Lot Etiquette

We have received some concerns about cars being hit in the parking lot. Please be cautious when driving through the parking lot and if you hit something please leave your contact information on the car that you hit. Also please do not hold up traffic by backing into parking spots and park in designated areas only. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.



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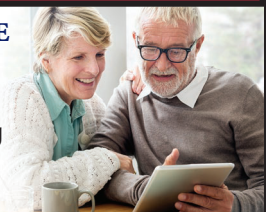
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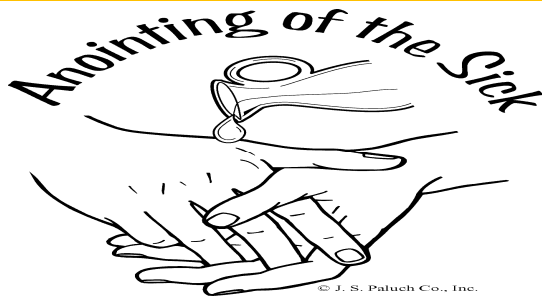
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A Parish Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick will be held  
Sunday, October 30, 2022  
at 12:30 P.M. at St. Nicholas Catholic Church,  
Laguna Woods

All are invited. Your prayers are important  
and your presence a source of consolation.



### **Mass of Remembrance**

Our Annual Memorial Mass remembering and honoring our loved ones who we have lost this past year will be held on November 5th at 11:00 am. If you have a family member or friend whose Funeral Mass was not held at St. Nicholas Church and you would like to remember and honor them, please join us at the Mass.



### **St. Nicholas Parish 9th Annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Dinner Thursday, November 24, 2022**

We would like to share a meal with friends and family,  
especially those who would otherwise be alone on  
Thanksgiving Day.

**Dinner will be served at 1:00 PM**

Please drop off the bottom part of this form at the Parish Office or  
contact Del Moses at (714) 931-0820 for a reservation.

**Reply no later than November 7th**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Will you attend? Yes ☐ No ☐ How many People: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to donate time or money to defray the cost of the meal?

Please make check payable to "St. Nicholas Thanksgiving Dinner Fund".

Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Money: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to:

Cook on Tues. Nov. 22nd: \_\_\_\_\_ Cook on Wed. Nov. 23rd: \_\_\_\_\_

SERVE on Thursday, November 24th: \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer's meeting will be held on Tuesday,  
November 8th at 7:00PM, Room B.  
Please call Del Moses at 714-931-0820 for more information.**

