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 Bui**
Parochial Vicar	**Rev. Phuong Nguyen**
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: 8:30AM

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)

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,

This week we hear about the Sadducees who are questioning Jesus about the teaching of resurrection from the dead. They are lawyers who tend to overthink things when they do not understand something. We often do the same and Jesus reminds us of this as He reminded them to not overthink or over analyze situations.

In this situation the Sadducees were presenting a reasonable question. "Whose wife will the widow be since she married all seven of the brothers?" This is a reasonable question for human beings to ask; however, Jesus was presenting a teaching about eternal life that man has a difficulty in comprehending because it is out of our human experience. He is teaching about eternal life and the resurrection of our souls. We come from God, and we return to God after our last earthly breath. We are His and our primary purpose in this earthly life is to journey back to Him from where we came.

The important thing to reflect upon is our relationship with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We belong to Him who gives us people in our life to journey with and to discover His love so that we will be prepared to be with Him and all our loved ones in eternal life. We need human connections and relationships in this world, but in eternal life we are all one with the Lord.

During this month of November, let us remember and pray for all our loved ones who have gone before us into eternal life and continue to pray with them for a successful journey through this earthly life until we meet again for all eternity in the Heavenly Kingdom.

Fr. George P. Blais

WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY

	Week of Oct. 24-30, 2022	Week of Oct. 24-30, 2021
Envelopes	$11,498.51	$9,421.00
Loose	$4,400.00	$3,371.50
Electronic	$1,087.30	$1,523.19
Total	**$16,985.81**	**$14,315.69**

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!

"O Jesus concealed in the Blessed Sacrament…in you lies all my hope."

- St. Faustina

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	All Souls' Day Novena	
9:00 AM	Edgar Stencel	(L)
	Yoshio Tanaka	(D)
	Mary Flores	(D)
11:00 AM	For the Parish	
Monday:		
9:00 AM	All Souls' Day Novena	
Tuesday:		
9:00 AM	All Souls' Day Novena	
Wednesday:		
9:00 AM	All Souls' Day Novena	
Thursday:		
9:00 AM	All Souls' Day Novena	
Friday:		
9:00 AM	Frank Madero	(L)
	Nelly Amezcua	(D)
	Alfred DiDomenico	(D)
	Antonio Locanas	(D)
Saturday:		
8:30 AM	Maureen Peterson	(L)
4:00 PM	For The Parish	
6:00 PM	Zulma Valencia	(D)

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: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time; National Vocation Awareness Week; Daylight Saving Time ends
Tuesday: Election Day
Wednesday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Thursday: St. Leo the Great
Friday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day; Remembrance Day (Canada)
Saturday: St. Josaphat

ADORATION

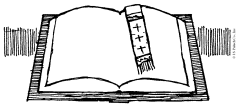
Our Monthly Day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is this Wednesday, November 9th, beginning after the 9AM Mass and continues until just prior to the 9AM Mass on Thursday, November 10th.

We invite and encourage you to spend some time with Our Lord in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

HOLY HOUR

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The King of the world will raise us up to live again forever (2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14).
Psalm - Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full (Psalm 17).
Second Reading - May the Lord encourage and strengthen your hearts (2 Thessalonians 2:16 - 3:5).
Gospel - Those who are deemed worthy of the coming age can no longer die (Luke 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]).

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 Rosalie Souza 949-457-1092

Join the St. Nicholas Sewing Group!

Mondays
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Small Hall

CALIFORNIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSITION 1
Proposition 1 is a worst-case scenario for abortion in California. It is an expensive and misleading ballot measure that allows unlimited late-term abortions — for any reason, at any time, even moments before birth, paid for by tax dollars. Prop 1 isn't needed. Sadly, California already has some of the most permissive abortion laws in the nation that would remain in effect without the amendment, including our current limit on late-term abortions that are permitted only for the life and health of the mother. Prop 1 destroys this common-sense limit. California does not limit state spending on abortion, and with thousands more traveling from other states, the cost will be in the hundreds of millions. Don't hand lawmakers a blank check to pay for abortions, and don't let them make California an "abortion sanctuary." To learn more, visit www.CAcatholic.org/Prop1

ALL SOULS' DAY NOVENA

We remember our loved ones throughout the month of November. Our Novena Mass at 9am will be offered for them from November 2nd - 10th.

Save The Date:
Preparation for the Holy Season of Advent

On Wednesday, November 30th, the **Unity Group** will have a **Eucharistic Adoration** presented by our multi-lingual parishioners. Join us for one hour before the Blessed Sacrament in preparation for the holy season of Advent.

St. Nicholas Parish 9th Annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Dinner

Thursday, November 24, 2022
Dinner will be served at 1:00pm in the Parish Hall.

If you would you like to donate time or money to defray the cost of the meal, please make check payable "*St. Nicholas Thanksgiving Dinner Fund"* or call Del Moses at 714-931-0820.

AS THE HOLIDAYS APPROACH US BEWARE OF EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE SCAMS

If you received any email or phone text messages from Father George Blais or anyone else from the parish requesting assistance with money transfers, iTunes gift card purchases, or any other type of monetary support, PLEASE DISREGARD, these are scams. Always check with the office directly before responding to any such email to verify authenticity.

Confirmation & Youth Ministry

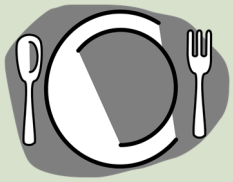
Confirmation Classes have begun for the 2022-2023 academic year. All classes are held upstairs in the parish hall.

Next Class Meetings:
C1: 11/13/22 9AM
C2: 11/6/22 9AM

Our Next Faith Sharing event will be held on Saturday, November 19th 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).

SENIOR SINGLES LUNCH



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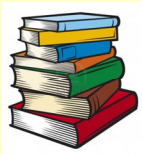
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The volunteer catechist, teachers' aids, and staff are happy to see many SRE students returning as well as many new students, Welcome! This pass 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

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER

The Knights of Columbus lead the Rosary in the church, Monday mornings at 8:05am. Everyone is invited to attend. The Rosary will last 15-20 minutes. All prayer intentions welcome. Please join us.

St. Nicholas Parish Library



The Parish Library is open on the first and third Sunday of each month from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm. Come check it out!

DIOCESE of ORANGE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

"Programa de Planificación Anticipada"

El sábado 11 de noviembre y el domingo, 12 de noviembre después de totals las misas, representantes de los Cementerios Católicos visitarán nuestra parroquia para hablar del Programa de Planificación Anticipada. Las familias interesadas a recibir información sobre planificación anticipado se puede registra después de misa con uno de los representantes. N**o le impone ninguna obligación a recibir la información.** Si desea mas información del cementerio y del Programa de Planificación Anticipada por favor llame al: **888-543-5020**

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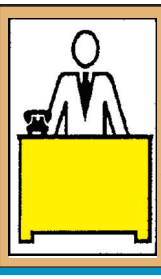

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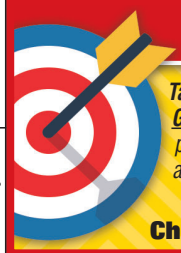

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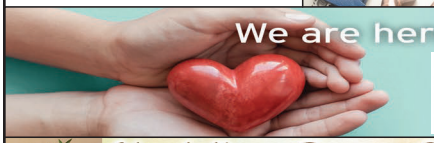

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We appreciate your generosity.

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

DIOCESE of ORANGE CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

"Advance Planning Program"

On **November 11th & 12th after all the Masses,** representatives from Catholic Cemeteries will be visiting our parish to explain the Advance Planning Program to us. All interested families who would like to receive information on the benefits of Advance Planning may sign up outside after mass with a representative.

There is no obligation in receiving the information.

If you have any questions or would like more information regarding Advance Planning Program, please call: **(888) 543-5020**

VETERANS DAY
Friday, November 11, 2022
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

Parish office is open on Veterans Day

Holiday Boutique 2022

Weekend of November 12 - 13

The St. Nicholas Sewing Group is having a major fundraiser on

Saturday, November 12th from 2pm to 6pm and Sunday, November 13th from 7:30am to 12:30pm

Christmas decorations, children's clothing, baby items, fashion tote bags, ever-popular bow-tie scarves, crochet & knit caps/wraps/ponchos/lapghans, mug mats, quilts, household items and much more!

Come start your Christmas shopping early!!