



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: 6:00PM

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 held 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,

A very Blessed Christmas Day and Christmas Season to all our parishioners. We have four different sets of readings for Christmas. They are designated as Christmas Vigil, Mass at Midnight, Mass at Dawn and Mass During the Day. All the readings focus on different aspects of the birth of our Savior, Jesus, the Messiah.

The Gospel for the Vigil Mass is in two parts from the Gospel of Matthew. The first part is the genealogy which is important to us because it gives us a timeline of when Jesus entered the world, and the second part is the same reading we heard last Sunday about how the birth of Jesus came about. The Gospel at the Mass at Midnight is from Luke's Gospel describing where and how these events took place. Mass at Dawn focuses on the response of the shepherds to the news of the birth of the Messiah. The Gospel for the Mass during the Day comes from the beginning of John's Gospel which tells us that Jesus existed from the beginning of time and was revealed to the world on that first Christmas night.

Jesus is the reason for the season, and we must recognize that despite all the commercialism that we have seen over the last few months, today is the beginning of our Christmas Season. For us Christmas is not just celebrated on December 25th. It is celebrated throughout the Christmas Season until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, so that we can reflect on this eternal gift and carry this reality in our hearts every day of our life.

We are Blessed that God loves us so much that He sent Jesus, the Son, into the world to show us His love and what love means. By Jesus' birth, life, suffering, death, and resurrection, we have received the gift of eternal life. It is in Him that we learn about God's love for us because He is God. May God the Father continue to Bless us in Jesus the Son throughout this Christmas Season and the New Year ahead of us, so that we may bring His blessing to all the world. I wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed, prosperous, and healthy New Year.

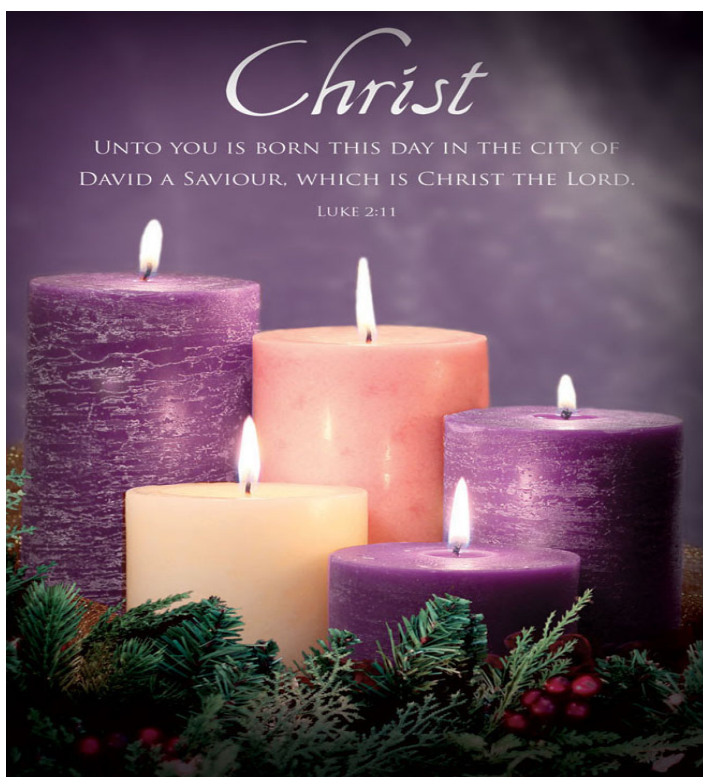
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Christmas Season Message



May the joy and peace that were present at the birth of Christ be present in your home this season.

St. Nicholas Priests and Staff wish each and every one of you a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Mass Intentions for the Week

<u>Sunday:</u>		
7:30 AM	Olga Torres	(D)
9:00 AM	Margie Soto	(L)
	Pedro Juan Pascual	(D)
	Leo & Dolores Abenis	(D)
	Michael Lawrence	(D)
11:00 AM	Neil & Sushoba	(L)
<u>Monday:</u>		
9:00 AM	Alex Tuccio Zecarra	(D)
<u>Tuesday:</u>		
9:00 AM	Victor Heynes	(D)
	& Doris Heynes	(D)
<u>Wednesday:</u>		
9:00 AM	Mary Guina	(L)
<u>Thursday:</u>		
9:00 AM	Peter Thuy Vu	(D)
	Tam Nguyen	(D)
	Tomasa Panaligan	(D)
	John Patrick Glenn	(D)
<u>Friday:</u>		
9:00 AM	Ahmed S. Nacpil	(D)
<u>Saturday:</u>		
8:30 AM	Marlene Schmitt	(D)
4:00 PM	Salvador Abad	(D)
6:00 PM	Inocencio Ortiz Robles	(D)

HOLY HOUR

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

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:36-40
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - All the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God (Isaiah 52:7-10).

Psalm - The whole world has seen God's salvation (Psalm 98).

Second Reading - God has spoken to us through the Son, the very imprint of God's being (Hebrews 1:1-6).

Gospel - The Word became flesh; from his fullness we have all received grace (John 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]).

**Saints of the Week
and Special Observances**

Sunday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Monday: St. Stephen; Kwanzaa begins
Tuesday: St. John
Wednesday: The Holy Innocents
Thursday: St. Thomas Becket; Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
Friday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Saturday: St. Sylvester I; New Year's Eve Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord



We want to communicate more effectively with you. To easily get Father George's Weekly Messages, important Parish News, and stay plugged in to the ministries or groups that you care about join FLOCKNOTE,

by Texting: **SNC1**
To: **84576**

or

Connect online with us at:
snchurch.flocknote.com/SNC1

You can unsubscribe from any updates at any time! Text STOP to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. Text HELP for help.

The Hispanic Group would like to thank all who joined in the celebration of the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Monday, December 12. Despite the cold weather and rain, parishioners showed up at 5:15 am (and earlier) to serenade Our Lady with "Mañanitas" and a Mass.

El Grupo Hispano desea agradecer a todos los que se unieron a la celebración de la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. A pesar del clima frío y lluvia, los feligreses se presentaron a las 5:15 am para darle serenata a Nuestra Señora con "Mañanitas" y una Misa.



PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE



Our faith. Our future.

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 275 donors who have pledged \$135,149, of which \$128,222 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 \$18,851 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!

WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY

	Week of Dec. 5-11, 2022	Week of Dec. 5-11, 2021
Envelopes	\$9,190.00	\$15,519.00
Loose	\$4,351.00	\$3,244.50
Electronic	\$4,705.86	\$1,730.87
Total	\$18,246.86	\$20,494.37

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!



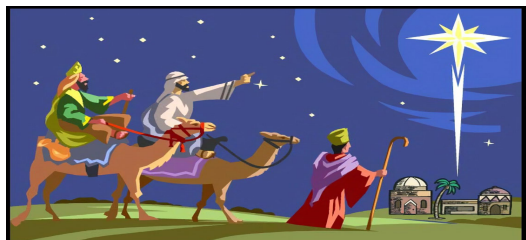
Confirmation & Youth Ministry

In observance of this Holiday Season, there will be no classes or events during the weeks of December 25th and January 1st. Classes will resume January 8th.

Next Class Meetings:

C2: 1/8/23 9AM

C1: 1/15/23 9AM



Christmas Blessings to all our students, their sponsors, and their families.

Check the Ministry's Google Calendar (link available on the parish website) for updates and upcoming events.



COFFEE AND DONUTS

Happy Holidays!



We will not have coffee and donuts on Sunday, December 25, 2022 & Sunday, January 1, 2023.

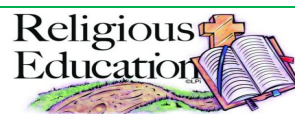
Please join us for at our next Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, January 8, 2023 after the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses in the Large Parish Hall.

A special thanks to all those people that volunteer for this wonderful ministry.



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

If you received an 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.



Merry Christmas SRE Families



The SRE Catechist and teacher aids would like to extend warm wishes of joy and wonder for Our Savior Baby Jesus who was born on Christmas Day. May the 2023 New Year bring many blessings to all your family.

SRE will be on Christmas break from December 22 through January 6th.

All Elementary classes will begin on the week of January 9, 2023. Please call SRE office if you have any questions. 949-837-7676. God Bless.



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.

PARKING LOT ETIQUETTE

Please exercise safety and patience as you maneuver the parking lot.

Watch your speed 5 - miles per hour, do not enter the parking lot through the exit lane at the light, park in designated spots only – not in the red zone, golf carts in designated spots only. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Website Bulletin: St. Nicholas news continues after the ads, on page 8. Please scroll down.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, December 24**

8:30am - regular weekend Mass

Christmas Vigil Masses**4:00 PM (English)***Parish Choir & String Quartet
(3:40pm CHORAL PRELUDE)***6:00 PM (Spanish)****8:00 PM (Vietnamese)****11:00 PM (English)***St. Nicholas Chorale***Sunday, December 25 -
Christmas**

7:30 AM (English)

9:00 AM (English)

11:00 AM (English)

5:00 PM (Vietnamese)

*Organ and Cantor at all the Masses***December 31, 2022 & January 1, 2023**

Sunday Mass Schedule as usual



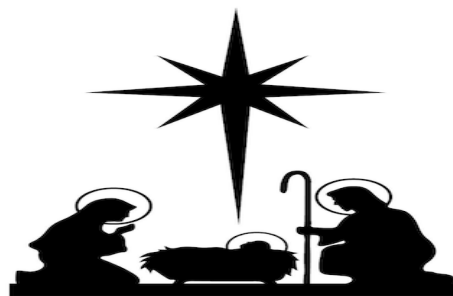
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church for their generous contributions, especially the October and the Thanksgiving collection. With your assistance we are able to continue our person-to-person ministry to our neighbors in need. Thank you for helping us help others!

We invite you to be part of this wonderful Ministry. We visit the homes of our neighbors in need, listen to them, share their concerns, and discern the most appropriate way that we are able to assist them.

If you would like to know more about our ministry, please leave your name and phone /email in the Parish Office.

Reconciliation/Confession Times**Wednesdays 6:00 PM *****Saturdays 9:00 AM**

Please note confessions
on Wednesdays are now at 6:00 PM

*Christ is Born***PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

***Monday, December 26th and
Monday, January 2.***

***May, Joy, Peace, Hope and Love be
with you this Christmas Season and
the New Year.***

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