

JANUARY 22, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



**THE LORD IS MY LIGHT
AND MY SALVATION**

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 (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)

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,

After John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus began His public ministry of teaching. His message began with a connection to the message of John as He said; "Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand." John was the last prophet of the Old Testament and the first prophet of the New Testament as he prepared the way for the Lord.

When Jesus began teaching, He invited the first disciples to follow Him, to come and see what He was teaching and doing. He taught in villages and towns and people were amazed at what they heard and observed from Him. The first disciples were simple men who were called from their work as fishermen to follow Jesus. This was a sign that Jesus was sent to gather all people, but He began with the simple common person.

In the responsorial psalm this week, we hear the words; "The Lord is my light and my salvation." Like the first disciples, we are invited to follow that light, the light that we have just celebrated in the Christmas Season. We heard about the light shining in the sky with the presence of the Star that directed the Shepherds in the field and the Three Kings to the child Jesus who is the light of the world.

In the beginning of His public ministry, Jesus called individuals to follow Him, the light of the world. We are invited to do the same and encouraged to invite others to follow Him by His light that shines in and through us. When we receive the "Eucharist," the Body and Blood of Christ, we become that light of Christ for the world. May this light shine brightly in and through us so that others will come and see what we have seen and become disciples of the Lord.

It is important for us to remember that we are inviting people to the Lord Jesus and not to ourselves, we are merely disciples of the Lord.

Fr. George P. Blais, Pastor

WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY

	Week of Jan. 9-15, 2023	Week of Jan. 9-15, 2022
Envelopes	\$9,130.00	\$12,239.00
Loose	\$3,154.00	\$3,104.00
Electronic	\$3,014.35	\$1,956.82
Total	\$15,298.35	\$17,299.82

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!

Reconciliation/Confession Times

Wednesdays 6:00 PM
Saturdays 9:00 AM



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

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

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"If I can give you any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus... We must pray to Jesus to give us that tenderness of the Eucharist."

- MOTHER TERESA



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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday:

7:30 AM Dr. Emanuel T. Ferro (D)

9:00 AM Joan Shannon (D)

11:00 AM Kathleen Porto (L)
Jan McNutley (D)
Cecilia Acob (D)
Deceased Relatives &
Friends of Thong Luu

Monday:

9:00 AM Gloria Friello (D)

Tuesday:

9:00 AM Thomas & Maria
W. Karman (D)
Agatha Phi Thi Nguyen (D)

Wednesday:

9:00 AM Lucielle Meyer (D)

Thursday:

9:00 AM Gerald Drouillard (D)
Eloy Bosquez (D)
Denny Kouri (D)
Norilyn Dumagat Reyes (D)
All Souls in Purgatory

Friday:

9:00 AM Lyn P. Valle (L)

Saturday

8:30 AM Antonio Uy, Sr. (D)
4:00 PM John & Cleo Schulte (D)
6:00 PM Maria Felix de la Cruz Lucio &
Francisco Garcia (D)
Estrellita Libang (D)

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - The burdens that were once laid upon the people have been vanquished (Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3).

Psalm - The Lord guides and saves me (Psalm 27).

Second Reading - Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

Gospel - After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee teaching, proclaiming the gospel, and curing the people (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6;
Mk 3:22-30,
or any of a number of readings
for the Day of Prayer

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22;
Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5;
Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10;
Mk 4:21-35

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6,
23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75;
Mk 4:35-41

We remember all our recently deceased who have entered their new and eternal life in Christ, especially, Carl Jednoralski and Maria Boggio. Grant to all our dearly departed, eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on them forever.

HOLY HOUR

Saint Nicholas Church
celebrates HOLY HOUR
every Wednesday
at 7:00 pm.

***Come and spend an hour of Prayer,
Reflection, Adoration, and Benediction with
the Blessed Sacrament.***

Saints of the Week & Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Day of Prayer for the Legal
Protection of Unborn Children;
St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

Tuesday: St. Francis de Sales

Wednesday: The Conversion of St. Paul;
Week of Prayer for Christian
Unity ends

Thursday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Friday: St. Angela Merici

Saturday: St. Thomas Aquinas



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**

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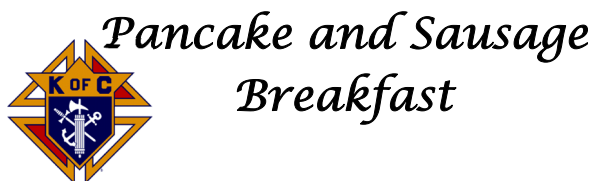
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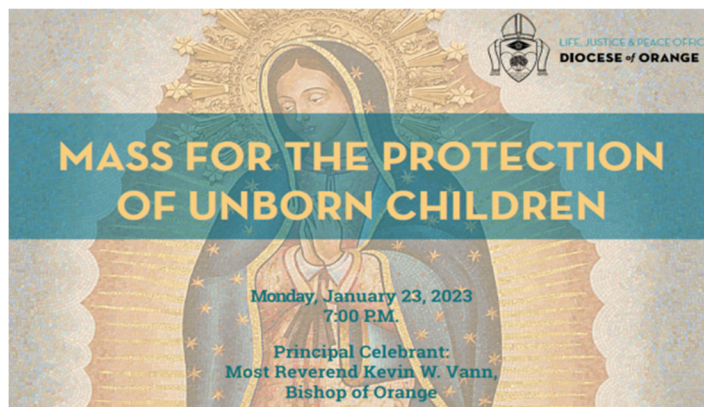


The Diocese of Orange recommends the Programs of Catholic Couples Natural Family Planning (CCNFP), which together with My Catholic Doctor provides FREE teaching of fertility awareness and NFP for Catholic Couples and adult women. If you need more information, please feel free to call at 888-899-8884 or visit their website at www.ccnfp.org to register.

For more information see their posters that are in the vestibule and the cards that are in the Church.



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on Sunday, February 5, 2023. This is the major event for the Knights of Columbus and your patronage would be most appreciated. Please plan to attend with your family and friends.



Join us at the Mass for the Protection of Unborn Children
Monday, January 23, 7:00 PM in
the Arboretum, Christ Cathedral campus
Principal Celebrant: Most Rev. Kevin W. Vann, Bishop of Orange.

FOOD COLLECTION

Food donations may be dropped off on the weekends after the Vigil and Sunday Masses. Please place food donations in the blue barrels that are in the church courtyard. Thank you for not leaving your donations at the parish office or on church property. Dry pasta, packaged and canned food is accepted ONLY. Please check expiration date before dropping off.

*Please, **NO** perishable food, trash, and/or used face tissue in the barrels. People are putting trash in the barrels which creates a real mess on the food donations being collected. Thank you for your cooperation.*



FEED THE HUNGRY



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.

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.



Activate your God-Given Gifts in 2023



Inviting women of all ages to the **Southern California GIVEN Gathering** event on **Saturday, January 28 from 10:00AM to 5:30PM** at Christ Cathedral.

Organized by the GIVEN Institute, and in collaboration with the Diocese of Orange, this community event will inspire all women to receive the gift that they are, realize the gifts they've been given, and respond with the gift only they can give - activating their unique talents for the service of the Lord! The day includes three inspiring talks, Holy Hour and opportunities for Confession and networking. Join us! For more information and to register go to: <https://giveninstitute.com/socal-given-gathering>.



Happy Lunar New Year
2023!

We wish you and your loved ones a year filled with blessings, good health, prosperity, and joy.



Confirmation & Youth Ministry

Confirmation classes have resumed. All classes are held at 9AM upstairs in the parish hall and include attendance at the 11AM Mass.

Next Class Meetings:

C2: 1/22/23 9AM

C1: 1/29/23 9AM

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).



COFFEE AND DONUTS

Please join us for our next Coffee and Donuts, this Sunday, after the 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 am Masses in the Parish Hall. Come support this wonderful Ministry.



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POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH

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JANUARY 19 - 27

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PRAY TO
PROTECT
HUMAN LIFE!



Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, on **Thursday, Jan. 19 to Friday, Jan. 27.**

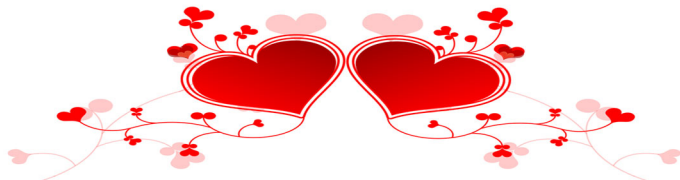
Get daily intentions, brief reflections and more.

Sign up at 9daysforlife.com

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



The American Wheelchair Mission along with the Knights of Columbus is asking for your help in providing wheelchairs to veterans and others in need. Knights will be in the Church courtyard after all Masses this weekend collecting donations. Thank you for your help in advance.



SAVE THE DATE

**Valentine's Gathering
Sunday, February 12, 2023
Parish Hall**

On February 12th, the Unity Group and Parish Ministries will have a brunch after the Masses in the Parish Hall.
More information to come.



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE NEW "BOOK STUDY" MINISTRY

We are introducing a new book study ministry for the Parish. We invite all parishioners to consider joining this book study. The first book that we will look at is ***"Holy Moments"*** by Matthew Kelly.

This be a 4-week study to look at each of the four chapters of the book. The study will begin on **Tuesday, February 7th** after the 9:00 AM Mass in room 201, 2nd floor of the Parish Center and will continue to meet on February 14, 21 and 28. Join us!

ORGAN RECITAL: *It's All Connected!*



**Geneva Presbyterian Church
24301 El Toro Road,
Laguna Woods, CA 92637
Friday, January 27, 7pm in the Sanctuary.**

Join organist Lynnette Ball McGee on a musical journey beginning in Europe and moving across the pond to the United States. Her program will feature musical selections by J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Franz Liszt, John Knowles Paine, and Louis Vierne.

First Saturday Devotion Novena Saturday, February 4, 2023



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 February 4, 2023. This tradition is celebrated for 9 months, which started in in October 2022 until June 2023. We have been praying this Novena and attending Mass at St. Nicholas for the past 30 years. Join us. 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. This month's rosary will be sponsored by South Area 5.

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