

**JESUS
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ST. NICHOLAS PARISH

24252 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637

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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	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) *

Wednesdays	6:00 PM
Saturdays	9:00 AM

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,

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the Church celebrates "Divine Mercy Sunday." This is a time to reflect on God's great mercy for all people. He loves us so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world to show us His love. Jesus is the expression of God's love in His birth, life, suffering, death, and resurrection, because God is "Love" and Jesus is the manifestation of that love. By His example we can experience God's infinite love, compassion, and mercy.

Eight days after the resurrection Jesus appeared to His disciples through locked doors and He expressed His peace to them. On this Second Sunday of Easter we remember this event in the Gospel. The disciples were still frightened and confused about what had occurred and were meeting to discuss the events including some of the appearances of the Risen Lord. Thomas was not with the rest when Jesus appeared and did not believe their explanation of what occurred in the locked room.

We are often like the disciples in our fear, confusion, or feelings of abandonment when we do not understand some events in our life, but we must rely on our faith that God is always with us, and the risen Jesus is in our midst to bring us peace. Sometimes, we are like Thomas and may doubt our faith and we need to have physical proof to explain the events of life around us. Jesus assures us, as He assured Thomas that He is with us always and desires that we receive and experience His peace.

Jesus breathed on His disciples and sent them forth to continue His mission in the world and He does the same for us. Like the first apostles, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide our journey and ministry in today's world.

On this Divine Mercy Sunday, we are invited to reflect on the great gift of God's love and mercy that we receive and experience in the Risen Jesus. He is our love and our salvation. Like Jesus, we are called to bring the same love, compassion, and mercy to all we meet and encounter. We ask the Lord Jesus to help us in this mission to be examples of His Divine and Infinite Mercy.

Fr. George P. Blais, Pastor

WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY

	Week of April 3-9, 2023	Week of April 3-9, 2022
Envelopes	\$6,710.00	\$12,291.00
Loose	\$7,500.00	\$3,873.00
Electronic	\$6,084.68	\$3,947.98
Total	\$20,294.68	\$20,111.98

Electronic Giving Made Easy

For simple step-by-step instructions on how to start making donations electronically, there is a one-page guide on a table in the vestibule (entry area) of the church. If you need further assistance, please contact Len Goswitz (Parish Business Manager) at (949) 837-1090 or lgoswitz@st-nicholaschurch.org

Pastoral Service Appeal 2023



PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL

Our faith. Our future.

Help us meet our goal!
Diocesan Goal \$110,000
Parish Rebate Goal \$100,000.
 Currently we have received
116 pledges totaling
\$49,549 pledged.

Thank you to those who have
 already made a pledge.

Mass Intentions for the Week
Sunday:

7:30 AM	For the Parish	
9:00 AM	Fr. Augustine	(L)
	William Richard Hardgrove	(D)
	Jonna Malabanan	(D)
	Lolita Tagapolot	(D)
	Larry Dumagat	(D)
11:00 AM	Ryan Abila	(D)

Monday:

9:00 AM	William Carlson	(D)
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Tuesday:

9:00 AM	Carolyn Hithe	(D)
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Wednesday:

9:00 AM	Felonila Castro	(D)
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Thursday:

9:00 AM	Emmanuel Galang	(D)
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Friday:

9:00 AM	Peggy O'Donnell & Family	(L)
	Bich Nguyen	(D)
	Joseph Llamas	(D)
	Xandy Araos	(D)
	Ike Gabrang	(D)

Saturday:

8:30 AM	Anna Chung, Anna Choi & Andrew Chang	(D)
4:00 PM	For the Parish	
6:00 PM	Sylvia Jimenez	(D)
	Elvira Cortez	(D)
	Renato Guerrero	(D)

We remember all our recently deceased who have entered their new and eternal life in Christ, especially Robert Flask and Anne Dung Le Nguyen. Grant to all our dearly departed, eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on them forever.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy); Julian Calendar Easter
Monday:	Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Tuesday:	Income Tax Day
Friday:	St. Anselm of Canterbury
Saturday:	Earth Day

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - All who believed were devoted to the teachings of the apostles, the communal life, the breaking of the bread, and prayer (Acts 2:42-47).

Psalm - Be thankful to God who loves us forever (Psalm 118).

Second Reading - God has given us an undiminished inheritance, safeguarded for us in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Gospel - The risen Christ comes to his disciples with peace and the Spirit. The absent Thomas doubts (John 20:19-31). Matthew 28:1-10 (or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK


Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9;
Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5;
Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9;
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9,
17-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4,
13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5,
18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5,
7-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21;
Lk 24:13-35

ADORATION

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on
the 2nd Wednesday of the month.*

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.*



Invites you to attend an

ESTATE PLANNING SEMINAR

at

St. Nicholas Catholic Church

**24252 El Toro Road,
Laguna Woods, CA**

on

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

from 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Parish Center – Room 201

At the seminar you will learn how to protect and provide for your loved ones, avoid probate, provide a Catholic perspective on health care directives, how to choose your trustee and power of attorney, what is needed to update or create an estate plan, will, living trust and more...

**Participants will receive a FREE
no obligation consultation!**

If you would like to reserve your spot,
please call (949) 837-1090.

Reservations appreciated, but not required.

For any questions, please email
PlannedGiving@OrangeCatholicFoundation.org

Singles Luncheon

Don't miss our next luncheon!
We will gather at 12:30 PM on
Friday, April 21, 2023

19 Restaurant
24122 Moulton Pkwy – Gate 12
Laguna Woods CA 92637



RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Cash only – Limited Seating
RSVP to Joan (949) 855-8755

Join us for the comradery, some funnies,
grace and lots of good conversation.
“Friendship with the love of God in our
hearts.”

PASTA DINNER SAINT NICHOLAS PARISH Saturday, April 22 5:00pm - 6:30pm at the Parish Hall

**PASTA, MEAT BALLS,
GARLIC BREAD,
SALAD, DESSERT,
BEVERAGE**

**\$10 Adults
\$5 Kids (under 12)
(Family Pricing Available)**



**Sponsored by
The Knights of Columbus**

Confirmation & Youth Ministry



Confirmation classes have resumed.
Our next meeting dates are:

C2: 4/16/23 9AM

C1: 4/23/23 9AM

Please visit the Ministry's Google Calendar (link available on the parish website) for updated info.



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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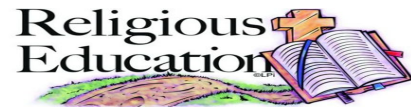
Connect online with us at:

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.



A HUGE THANK YOU to the environment ministry volunteers and everyone who donated Easter lilies that made the church look beautiful for Easter. People were very generous with monetary donations, your generosity is greatly appreciated.



SRE in person classes continue on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Please check your class schedule for specific times and dates.

If you have any questions, please contact
Mr. Lopez at 949-837-7676

FOOD DISTRIBUTION LOCATIONS

Saddleback Food Distribution:

United Methodist Church, 24442 Moulton Pkwy,
Third Friday 9am -10:30 a.m.

Crossline Church:

23331 Moulton Parkway, Laguna Hills, Wednesday
& Friday 9:30am-12:30pm

Lutheran Church of the Cross:

24231 El Toro Rd, Laguna Woods, CA 92637

SENIOR Food Boxes:

Second Tuesday of each month, 2pm-4pm

Senior Fresh food, etc.: (No income requirement)

1st and 3rd Thursday from 8:30am-10:00am



St. Nicholas Library

Come check it out !

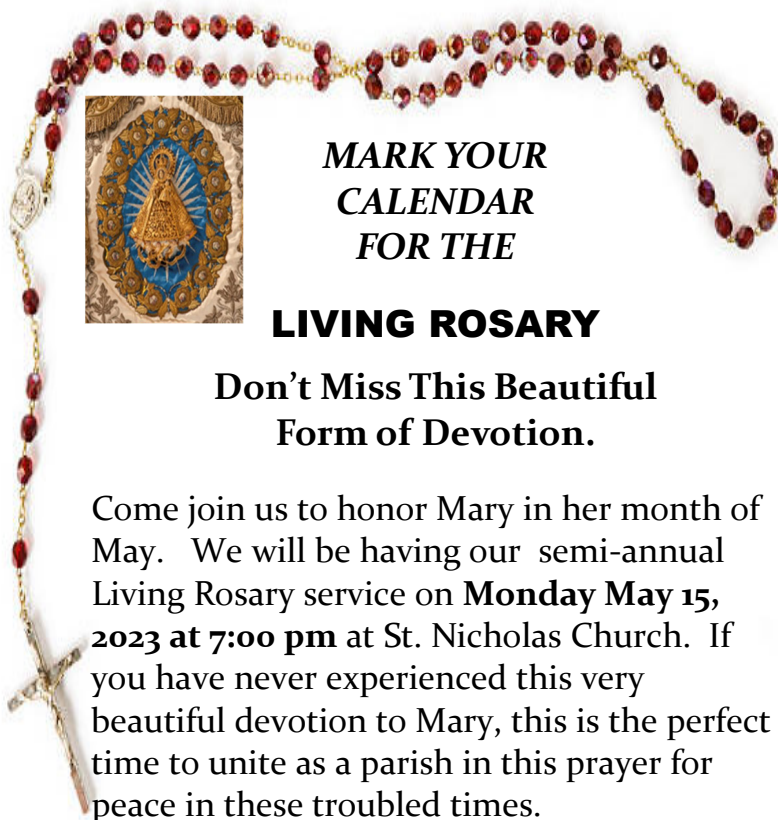
The Parish Library is open on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Library is located in room "C", the building behind the Parish Office.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND DONUTS AT THE PARISH HALL, THIS SUNDAY AFTER ALL THE MASSES.



April is designated National Child Abuse Protection Month. We ask that you keep all children in your prayers.

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



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR
FOR THE
LIVING ROSARY**

**Don't Miss This Beautiful
Form of Devotion.**

Come join us to honor Mary in her month of May. We will be having our semi-annual Living Rosary service on **Monday May 15, 2023 at 7:00 pm** at St. Nicholas Church. If you have never experienced this very beautiful devotion to Mary, this is the perfect time to unite as a parish in this prayer for peace in these troubled times.



**Eternal Father,
I offer You the
Body and
Blood, Soul
and Divinity of
Your dearly
beloved Son,
Our Lord,
Jesus Christ, in
atonement for
our sins and
those of the
whole world.**

Please join the Divine Mercy Group at St. Nicholas Parish for Adoration and prayer on Sunday, April 16th from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. *Come and spend an hour of Adoration, Prayer and Reflection with the Blessed Sacrament.*

**St. Nicholas Parish
ADULT FAITH FORMATION MINISTRY
Is offering an opportunity to participate
In a program from FORMED called...**

Tuesday

**April 11, 18, 25,
May 2, 9, 16, 23.
9:45 am - 11:15 am
Rm. 104-105,
Parish hall
downstairs.**

“THE SEARCH”

**DON'T MISS IT!
Please join us and
invite your friends.**

Thursday

**April 13, 20, 27,
May 4, 11, 18, 25
6:30pm - 8:00pm,
Rm. 104-105, Parish
Hall downstairs.**

Each week we will view a video together followed by small group sharing where we will have the opportunity to discuss the video and reflect on a series of questions. Sessions are offered on Tuesday mornings or Thursday evenings.