

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23 , 2023



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	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,

Today we continue to hear of how the disciples of Jesus encounter Him after the Resurrection. This week's story is Luke's account of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. The two disciples meet Jesus on the road but fail to recognize Him. He walks with them and discusses the scriptures and the recent events with them, and it is not until they sit down to eat that they recognize that it is Jesus that they are with.

Often in our lives, we also may not recognize the Lord in our presence. It is only after the encounter when we take time to reflect on the event that we truly encountered the Lord. Jesus is always with us; however, amid trials and turmoil, and sometimes in darkness and despair we do not realize that He is with us. When we take time to sit quietly with the Lord and reflect on these events, we may see more clearly how Jesus is walking with us and carrying us through our trials.

During this Easter season, we may recognize that Jesus is truly walking with us as we reflect on the events of the early church and remember what Jesus did for us as He came to show us God's love in His birth, life, suffering, death, and resurrection. When we take time to look back at the events in our life it is easier to recognize God in our life, because while we are experiencing turmoil, we may feel abandoned by God.

May God continue to Bless you, and Mary our Blessed Mother continue to intercede with and for us.

Fr. George P. Blais, Pastor

WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY

	Week of April 10-16, 2023	Week of April 10-16, 2022
Envelopes	\$10,877.00	\$10,297.00
Loose	\$3,514.00	\$4,569.00
Electronic	\$2,300.76	\$2,686.82
Total	\$16,691.76	\$17,552.82

	Easter 2023	Easter 2022
Total	\$15,231.01	\$16,656.38

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



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.**



If you participated in the Rice Bowl program for Lent, please turn in your box/Rice Bowl with your almsgiving to the parish office this week.

Mass Intentions for the Week
Sunday:

7:30 AM	Bing Bornasal	(D)
9:00 AM	Deacon Ryan Timossi	(L)
	Martin Bauer	(D)
	June Donovan	(D)
	Stephen O. Blair	(D)
11:00 AM	Anthony Ty	

Monday:

9:00 AM	Alexander, Frances & Adele Froehlich	(D)
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Tuesday:

9:00 AM	Marc Noga	(L)
	Lily Relador	(D)
	Maria Mau Pham	(D)
	Jacqueline Key Leeba	(D)
	Tessie Plata	(D)

Wednesday:

9:00 AM	Daniel Berney	(D)
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Thursday:

9:00 AM	Susan & Judie Christensen	(D)
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Friday:

9:00 AM	Leon Blais	(D)
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Saturday:

8:30 AM	Martha Loan Tran	(D)
4:00 PM	Helen Yzabal	(D)
6:00 PM	Rafael Gonzalez	(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 AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Easter
Monday:	St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
Tuesday:	St. Mark
Wednesday:	Administrative Professionals Day
Friday:	St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort; National Arbor Day
Saturday:	St. Catherine of Siena

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading - God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33).

Psalm - Our God shows us the way to live (Psalm 16).

Second Reading - Our faith and hope are in God who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel - Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK


Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

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

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023

from 10:00 am - 11:30 am

Parish Center – Room 201

**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

Eucharistic Revival

An exciting Journey Ahead



Our world is hurting. We all need healing, yet many of us are separated from the very source of our strength. Jesus Christ invites us to return to the source and summit of our faith in the celebration of the Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to this great mystery here in the United States by helping us renew our worship of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

There are incredible things happening and the Diocese wants you to stay up to date on this amazing movement. Please visit www.rcbo.org/revival to learn more.



The Hispanic Community celebrated Sunday of Divine Mercy at the 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 15. *Gracias por el apoyo de los feligreses que asistieron a la misa del sábado, 15 de abril para celebrar el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia.*

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

Welcome Fully Initiated members!

St. Nicholas Church welcomed the following people as fully initiated members of our community at the Easter Vigil Mass, April 8, 2023:



**Faith Duran
Sue Tawara
Alix Martinez
Gabriel Griffin**



Confirmation & Youth Ministry

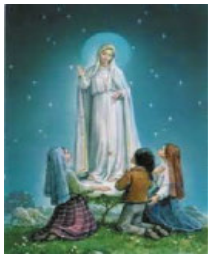
Upcoming Classes: All classes are held upstairs in the parish hall following the 9AM Mass. Our next meeting dates are:

C1: 4/23/23 9AM

C2: 4/30/23 9AM

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

Confirmation Rehearsal will be Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Church. ALL students and their sponsor must attend.



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 May 6, 2023. This tradition is

celebrated for 9 months, starting in October until June. We have been praying this Novena and Mass at St. Nicholas for the past 30 years.

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 (in English). This month's rosary will be sponsored by South Area 2. Everyone is welcome.

MONDAY MORNING PRAYER

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



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.**

Our Lady of Medjugorje

Our Blessed Mother in Medjugorje invites us to pray for peace Monday - Friday at 3:00 PM. Please join the Divine Mercy group at St. Nicholas Parish to fulfill this promise, Monday - Friday at 3:00 PM in the Church.



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, but that is optional. For questions, please call Rosalie Souza at 949-457-1092. Hope to see you all there.

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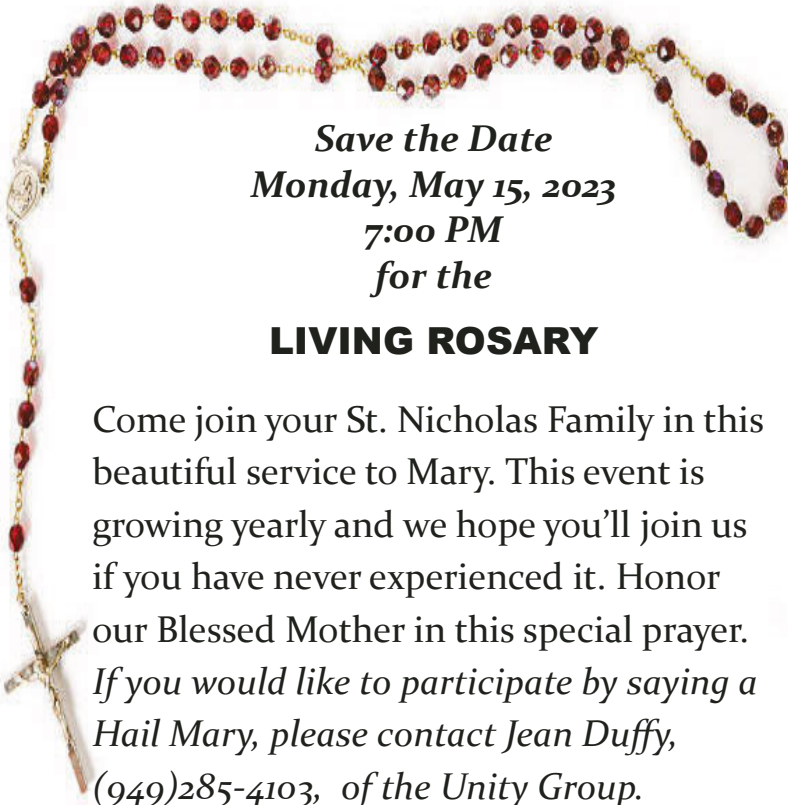
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Presents



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Tuesday

April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23.

9:45am - 11:15am

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April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25

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