



## 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 celebrate the Feast of Pentecost, the day that the Church is gifted with the Holy Spirit. It is this Holy Spirit that has been the source of our longevity as a Church. As Jesus ascended into Heaven, He promised that He would send an advocate to remain over the Church and to lead and guide us. This advocate is the Holy Spirit who leads us to God the Father through the Son.

In today's Gospel, John describes how Jesus came to the disciples even though they had locked themselves in a room because of fear. He said to them; "Peace be with you." When they realized it was Him, they rejoiced, and He repeated Himself saying again; "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them saying; "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Like the disciples, sometimes we are afraid and hide from the Lord, but He desires to be with us and guide us. He extends His peace to us and sends us forth into the world to continue His merciful work of love and compassion. He does not send us alone as He did not send the First Apostles alone into the world. We are given the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation and it is this same Holy Spirit that leads us and inspires us to do His will.

We are given authority by the Lord Jesus and guided by the Holy Spirit, to spread the Gospel message to the ends of the world. This sharing of the message is done not only by our words, but also by our actions as we live our Baptismal call to "Love the Lord with all of our hearts, minds, soul, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves." On this Feast of Pentecost, we thank and praise God the Father for sending us Jesus His Son to teach us about His love for us and the Holy Spirit to guide us in living and proclaiming this love.

Fr. George P. Blais, Pastor

### WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY

	Week of May 15-21, 2023	Week of May 15-21, 2022
Envelopes	\$9,834.00	\$7,775.00
Loose	\$3,676.00	\$3,549.00
Electronic	\$2,833.73	\$3,140.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,343.73</b>	<b>\$14,464.79</b>

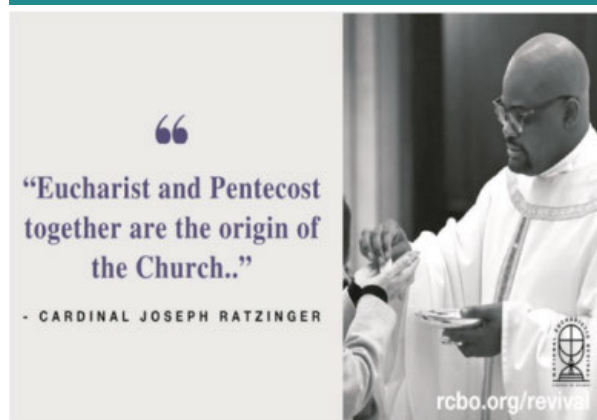
*We invite you to consider using electronic/online giving, a convenient and secure way to make your donations. To do so, you may go to the parish website or call the office for assistance in setting it up.*

*Thank you for supporting our parish!*



**SAVE OCTOBER 20TH & 21ST, 2023 FOR THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS AT CHRIST CATHEDRAL. FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT [RCBO.ORG/CONGRESS](http://RCBO.ORG/CONGRESS)**

### EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



The National Eucharistic Revival aims to be a movement that renews the Church by enkindling a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Join the movement !

**Mass Intentions for the Week**Sunday:

7:30 AM Tess Gargantiel (D)  
 9:00 AM May Magsino (D)  
 11:00 AM Msgr. Robert Monticello (D)  
 Robert Harding (D)  
 Elizabeth Wargo (D)

Monday:

9:00 AM Marina Araos (D)

Tuesday:

9:00 AM Julia Rodriguez (D)

Wednesday:

9:00 AM Dani & David Hughes (L)  
 Remy Everts (L)  
 Byron Rogers (D)  
 Tess Plata (D)  
 Augustine Kim (D)

Thursday:

9:00 AM Wayne & Linda Treinen (L)  
 (50th Wedding Anniversary)

Friday:

9:00 AM Ginny White (D)

Saturday:

8:30 AM Anna Dien Ngo (D)  
 4:00 PM Fr. Ryan Timossi (L)  
 6:00 PM Feliciana Hernandez (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: Pentecost Sunday  
 Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Memorial Day  
 Tuesday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
 Wednesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Thursday: St. Justin, Martyr  
 Friday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs  
 Saturday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs  
 Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

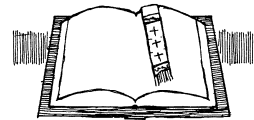
**TODAY'S READINGS**

First Reading: And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104)

Second Reading: For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. (2 Cor 12:13)

Gospel: Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit." (Jn 20:21-22)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/  
 Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/  
 Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14  
 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/  
 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5,  
 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52

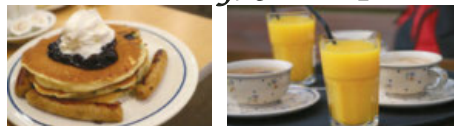
Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12,  
 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10,  
 11/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53,  
 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18



**Knights of Columbus**  
*Pancake and Sausage Breakfast*  
*Sunday, June 4th*



Next Sunday, June 4, 2023, the Knights of Columbus will have a pancake and sausage breakfast after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses. Please plan to attend this parish event with your family and friends.



**Adult Faith Formation**

St. Nicholas' Faith Formation Ministry recently concluded "The Search" program offered through FORMED a parish paid subscription available free of charge to all parishioners. "The Search" program offered parishioners a chance to view videos with discussion, reflection and meditation in a small group setting.

Throughout the year, Adult Faith Formation Ministry is working to bring events and programs to spiritually enrich the life of this parish community. Please check the bulletin for future events, trips or programs.

**March 2023 Christ Cathedral Trip**



**CENA Y BAILE**

El Grupo Hispano de San Nicolás los invita a esta  
**Fiesta en Comunidad**

**28**  
**Mayo**  
**2023**

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Salón Grande  
5:00 PM

Contribución:  
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por persona

**Información: Cristina Gonzalez**  
**949-485-9496**

**JOIN US THIS SUNDAY!**

**You are invited to attend a Dinner Dance Fundraiser sponsored by the Hispanic Community, Sunday, May 28, 5:00 PM, Parish Hall. There will be food, D.J. music, dancing and more. Cost is \$40 per person.**

**WELCOME NEW PARISH MEMBERS**

St. Nicholas Welcoming Committee and the Knights of Columbus invite all newcomers to the parish to a complimentary pancake breakfast in the parish center on **Sunday, June 4 after the 9:00 and 11:00 Masses**. At that time you can learn about the various ministries at our parish and get to know other newcomers. Please identify yourselves to the Welcoming Committee members who will have a table near the doorway or to a Knights of Columbus member.



*If you have not registered with the Parish and would like to do so, please stop by the office and pick-up a Parish registration form.*

**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE & DONUTS THIS WEEKEND, MAY 28TH.**



**SEE YOU AT OUR BREAKFAST ON SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH!**

## Confirmation & Youth Ministry



**Confirmation Classes have concluded for the 2022-23 academic year. Please stay tuned for information on summer events & registration for next year.**

**Congratulations to all of our newly Confirmed!!!**



## MEMORIAL DAY MASS



Diocese of Orange Catholic Cemeteries will be celebrating Mass at various cemeteries on Monday, May 29 to honor our deceased veterans and other faithful departed. List of cemeteries, times and locations can be found in the Orange County Catholic newspaper. *Mass will be celebrated by Most Reverend Thanh Thai Nguyen at Ascension Cemetery, 24754 Trabuco Road, Lake Forest at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 29th.*



## JESUS TE LLAMA



*Retiro de Formacion*

**Diacono  
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**3 de Junio 2023**

**Parroquia San  
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**7:30 am-7:00 pm  
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- La Oracion
- La Misa
- Alabanzas
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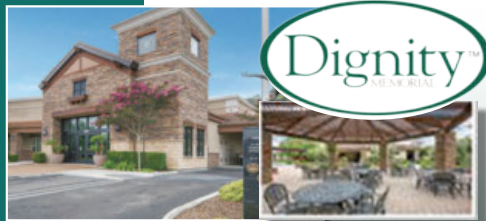
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For more info visit [www.homefrontamerica.org](http://www.homefrontamerica.org) or [www.missionsjc.org](http://www.missionsjc.org)

**Our St. Nicholas Choirs performed at CHORALFEST 2023" on Sunday, May 21st Hope you were able to join us.**



### **Join Our Ministries This Week In Prayer, Reflection & Adoration:**



**Morning Prayer:** The Knights of Columbus lead the rosary in the Church Mondays, 8:05 am.

**Hispanic Group:** Rosary & Adoration, Mondays, 7:00 pm in the Church.

**Divine Mercy Group:** Monday-Friday 3:00 pm in the Church.

**Faith Alive:** studies the upcoming Sunday Scripture and follow the Sunday missal using "Living with Christ", Thursdays at 10 am, room A.

**Charismatic Prayer Group:** Wednesdays, 10:00 am, room A.

**Holy Hour:** Wednesdays, 7:00 pm in the Church.

### **HELP WANTED**

#### **MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT PART-TIME (WEEKENDS)**

Position is physically demanding and involves all aspects of property maintenance. Candidate should be able to follow instructions and work independently. Please send or drop off resume, or pick up a job application at the Parish Office.



Remember -  
our fallen heroes.  
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that we are free.

**Parish Offices will be closed  
On Monday, May 29, 2023, in  
observance of Memorial Day.**