



## **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**

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Rev. George P. Blais</b>
<b>Parochial Vicar</b>	<b>Rev. Martin Bui</b>
<b>Parochial Vicar</b>	<b>Rev. Phuong Nguyen</b>
<b>In-Residence</b>	<b>Bishop Thanh Nguyen</b>
<b>Visiting Priest</b>	<b>Rev. Jack Sewell</b>
<b>Visiting Priest</b>	<b>Rev. Chin Dang</b>
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Gerardo de Santos</b>
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Carlos Pineda</b>
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Chau Tran</b>

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>Monday-Friday:</b>	<b>9AM (English)</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>8:30AM (English)</b>
<b>Saturday Vigil:</b>	<b>4PM (English) 6PM (Spanish)</b>
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM (English) 5PM (Vietnamese)</b>
<b>Holy Day Vigil:</b>	<b>4PM (English), 6PM (Spanish)</b>
<b>Holy Days:</b>	<b>7AM, 9AM, 12PM (English) 7PM (Vietnamese)</b>

### **RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION) \***

<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>

### **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,

This week we continue to hear Jesus' instructions to the First Apostles as He is preparing to send them out into the world. He tells them, and us, not to be intimidated by the world but to trust in Him. He will provide the words that they, and we, need and the instructions to teach all people His message.

As we are sent into the world to proclaim the Gospel message, we will encounter trials and tribulations. Our society is very counter Christian, and we are surrounded by a "Cancel Culture" mentality. We must have faith and trust that God will be with us and lead us by the Holy Spirit to proclaim His word in and to the world. We need to speak up about who we are and what we believe. We are all called to be the voice that the world needs to hear and just as the apostles were encouraged not to be intimidated by the negativity in the world that they were being sent into, we should not be intimidated by the society that surround us.

This is my final Pastor's Message to you the parishioners of St. Nicholas and I thank you all for your patience, understanding, graciousness, and generosity to me these past seven years. I mostly desire for you to know that I have done my best to be a good steward of the gifts that you have provided for our parish and that my intentions were to always give you what you needed. I apologize to those who have felt that I did not give you what you wanted, but please know that as your shepherd and Pastor it was my role to teach, guide, and provide mostly for your spiritual needs and like you who are parents, to not give what is wanted, but to give what is needed.

May God continue to Bless you, and Mary, our Blessed Mother always lead you to Her Son, our Lord, Jesus. My prayers will be with you, and I ask for your prayers for me. As the Apostles were sent into the world, I send you into our world to be the booming voice of the Good News of Jesus and to proclaim our faith and Gospel to the secular world.

Your Servant among God's Servants,

Fr. George P. Blais, Pastor

## WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY

	Week of June 12-18, 2023	Week of June 12-18, 2022
Envelopes	\$8,200.00	\$12,357.00
Loose	\$3,463.00	\$3,368.50
Electronic	\$2,318.76	\$2,795.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,981.76</b>	<b>\$18,521.29</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!



### Congratulations, St. Nicholas Parish! Pastoral Service Appeal 2023 Update

Congratulations, we have reached our Diocesan PSA goal of \$110,000! Therefore, any pledge moving forward will be returned to St. Nicholas as a rebate. We will receive our first rebate check in June. For those who have not yet pledged, know that your donation will come to St. Nicholas to help cover the cost of enhancing our church sound system. Thank you for your generosity!

Here are the updated PSA numbers:

Number of donors: 237

Amount pledged: \$156,946

Amount received: \$136,249

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

Sunday:

7:30 AM	Father's Day Novena	
9:00 AM	For The Parish	
11:00 AM	Msgr. Robert Monticello	(D)
	Francis DiGiammarino	(D)
	Joseph Sasso	(D)
	Anthony Tamulinas	(D)

Monday:

9:00 AM	Father's Day Novena	
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Tuesday:

9:00 AM	Deceased Relatives of Balledos Family	
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Wednesday:

9:00 AM	Christopher David Melrose	(D)
	Julia Rodriguez	(D)
	Geraldo Castro	(D)
	Deceased Relatives of Rosie Vu	
	Robert Tawara	(D)

Thursday:

9:00 AM	Tess Gargantiel	(D)
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Friday:

9:00 AM	Genelyn Sulit	(D)
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Saturday:

8:30 AM	Teodorica Limbaring	(D)
4:00 PM	Lily Yupoo Chodosh	(L)
6:00 PM	Rachel Kyle	(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:	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Wednesday:	Saint Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
Thursday:	Sts. Peter And Paul, Apostles
Friday:	The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Saturday:	St. Junipero Serra, Priest
Next Sunday:	13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** "Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

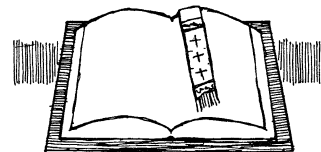
(Jer 20:13)

**Psalm:** Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

**Second Reading:** But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many. (Rom 5:15)

**Gospel:** "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul." (Mt 10:28)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**



**Sunday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35 (14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

**Monday:** Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt 7:1-5

**Tuesday:** Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

**Wednesday:** Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 7:15-20

**Thursday:** Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

**Friday:** Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 8:1-4

**Saturday:** Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53, 54-55/Mt 8:5-17

**Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 (2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42





ST. NICHOLAS PARISH 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
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**Saturday, July 1, 2023 – 1 PM to 8 PM**

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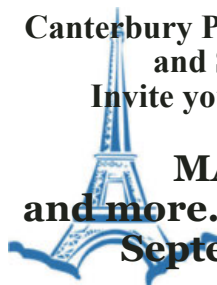
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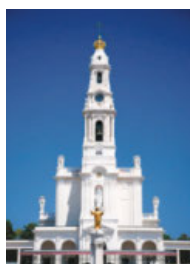
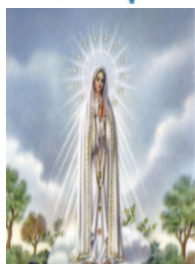
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during the months of June  
through August.

It will re-open on the 1st Sunday  
of September. ***Please return borrowed  
books to the Parish office. HAPPY  
SUMMER!***

**SEWING GROUP**



If you have experience sewing,  
knitting or crocheting, we would  
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If you have any questions, call the Parish Office  
at (949-837-1090) for Cate, the Sewing  
Director, to contact you.

**PARENTS, MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
AND DON'T MISS IT!**

# VBS 2023



**St. Nicholas Church**  
**July 31, August 1, 2, 3, 4<sup>th</sup>**

8:45 am – Noon, breakfast provided. Great  
for children age 6–12 years old.  
Registration forms available in the Parish  
Office or SRE Office.

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*Enrollment for Religious Education classes for the  
2023-24 starts in August with classes beginning in  
September. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming  
events and additional registration information.*

*Children's Sunday Liturgy*  
**St. Nicholas Church**  
**Starting**  
**JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup>**



Children ages 5 to 11 are welcome to join  
us at the 9am Sunday Children's Mass. If  
your child would like to attend, sign-ups  
will be accepted before and after 9am Mass  
outside the church, near the garden area  
alongside the large parking lot area on June  
25th or anytime before this date at the  
Parish Office.

## 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's classes or feel free  
to check the Ministry's Google  
Calendar (link available on the  
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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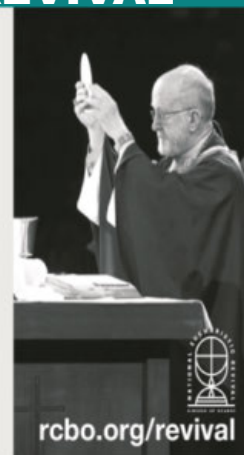
*A book study on This is My Body: A Call  
to Eucharist Revival.*

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he comes.”**

- 1 CORINTHIANS 11:26



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JUNE 25, 2023



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your next  
assignment,  
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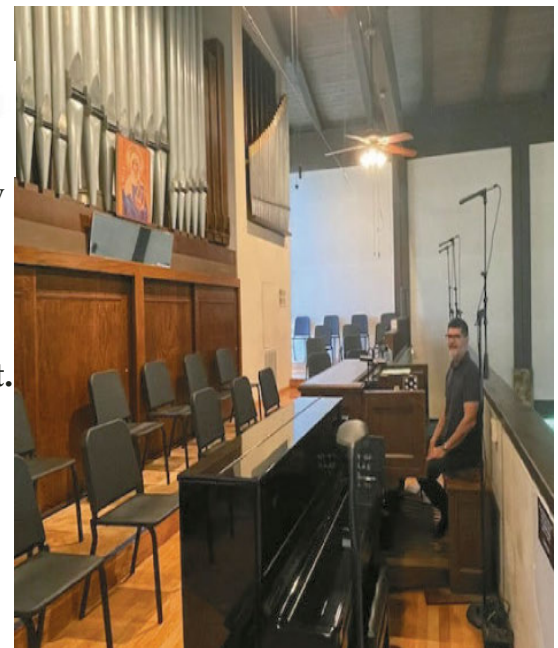
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of  
Luck



Thank you Emett



Many of you may already know that Emett Loera who has been the Music Director at St. Nicholas for the past 13 years has announced his retirement. On behalf of our parishioners, I thank Emett for his years of service to our parish and for his solid gift of music and liturgy that he has provided to us.



It has truly been exceptional. I thank him also for his friendship and support in our working relations these past seven years. His retirement will be effective July 1<sup>st</sup> or shortly after once a new director is hired, but no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>. Please wish him well when you see him.

—Fr. George P. Blais, Pastor