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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>Administrator</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**

**MESSAGE FROM PAROCHIAL VICAR**

Dear Family of Saint Nicholas Parish,

I believe this will be the third time I have introduced myself since I became a member of this parish in August 2014 as a seminarian. I hope that you are not tired of hearing my life story again.

I was born and grew up in the north of Vietnam in 1981. I was born in a family of four siblings. I am the oldest child. One of my younger sisters is a Dominican nun living in the north of Vietnam. Another sister and brother got married and are living in Saigon, north of Vietnam. My dad died of cancer 20 years ago at the age of 48. My mom lives alone in the North of Vietnam.

I decided to be a priest when I was 13 years old. The reason was that I wanted to say Mass and to run away from my family. At the age of 12, while my parents were working in the rice field and doing their business, I had to take care of my younger sisters and brother. I cooked and fed them. I also had to raise and feed chickens, pigs and cows. I did not want to do it and the priesthood vocation was a solution to get out of it. I was in the priesthood formation at the age of 13. My dream as a priest was to live a simple and self-supportive life in the countryside. However, my way was not God's way. I was chosen and sent to America in 2008 and spent 8 years at Mount Angel Seminary to study to be a priest. I spent one year at Saint Nicholas Church from 2014 – 2015 to do my internship. I was ordained a priest in 2017 and Saint Columban Parish was my first assignment from 2017 – 2022. I have been assigned to our Parish, Saint Nicholas from 2022 to now.

Looking to the message this weekend's readings on the joy and happiness in the Lord who is our refuge and protection, I continue to surrender my life to the hands of God. Jesus gives thanks to God the Father for revealing his knowledge to the simple and humble ones. In my life experience, I recognize that if I am not simple and humble, God will have no place in my heart and in my vocation. Jesus said, "learn from me because I am humble and meek of heart". Jesus asks us to continue to come to him and offer him our labor and burden. I hope that you continue to support and pray for me because I am still struggling in improving my English skills and familiarity with American culture.

We continue to offer to God our lives, families and parish. We continue to pray for our Parish during this time of priest transition. I ask you to continue to pray for all priests, especially for Fr. Martin Bui and me that we always serve God and God's people with the compassionate heart of Jesus Christ. May God bless us always.

—Fr. Phuong Nguyen, Parochial Vicar

**ELECTRONIC GIVING CARDS**

We wish to thank all who donate to the Church electronically and invite all to consider using this format to contribute to the Church. We are implementing a new courtesy practice for those who give electronically so that you have something to put in the collection basket. We will have small cards available at the doors of the church when you enter. The card reads: "I donate electronically." Feel free to pick one up if you wish to have something to put in the collection basket.



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 received 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: 240  
Amount pledged: \$160,546  
Amount received: \$140,739

**Mass Intentions for the Week**
Sunday:

7:30 AM	For the Parish	
9:00 AM	Augustine Kim	(D)
	Carl Wolff	(D)
	Florencio "Renzy" Biagan	(D)
11:00 AM	Ann Dung Le Nguyen	(D)

Monday:

9:00 AM	Tessie Plata	(D)
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Tuesday:

9:00 AM	Jake L.R. Hortinela	(L)
	Taylor Kai Rohleen	(L)
	Robert Tawara	(D)
	All Souls in Purgatory	

Wednesday:

9:00 AM	Louis Mai	(D)
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Thursday:

9:00 AM	Peter Thuy Vu & Mau Pham	(D))
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Friday:

9:00 AM	Ronald LaFee	(D)
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Saturday:

8:30 AM	Maxie Alvares	(D)
4:00 PM	Mark Foxwell	(D)
6:00 PM	Rocio Zuniga	(D)
	Milly Mendoza	(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:	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. Benedict, Abbot
Thursday:	St. Henry
Friday:	St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Saturday:	St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading:** See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. (Zec 9:9)

**Psalm:** I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God. (Ps 145)

**Second Reading:** For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. (Rom 8:13)

**Gospel:** Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. (Mt 11:29)

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**


Sunday:	Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/Mt 11:25-30
Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33/ Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/ Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19/ Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/ Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/ Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9



**ADORATION**

Our Monthly Day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is this Wednesday, July 12th beginning after the 9AM Mass and continues until just prior to the 9AM Mass on Thursday, July 13th.

*We invite and encourage you to spend some time with Our Lord in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament .*

**Join Some of Our Ministries  
this Week:**

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

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

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



**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.**



**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 .

**Camino 2023**

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**APARTA LA FECHA**

**July 22**

**Registrations open on July 1st**

Registrations in person: July 8, 9, 15 & 16 at the church plaza.

For online registrations look for the QR code in the bulletin.

New this year: Camino for families with younger kids!



**NATIONAL  
Eucharistic  
Revival**

**SAVE OCTOBER 20TH & 21ST, 2023 FOR THE  
NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS  
AT CHRIST CATHEDRAL.**

**Don't miss Coffee and Donuts  
this weekend after the  
7:30am, 9:00am & 11:00am  
Masses at the Parish Center.**



**Catholic  
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**At Christ  
Cathedral**

Catholic Charities of Orange County hosted an open house on June 22 of its Tower of Hope offices on the Christ Cathedral campus.

Prior to the open house, Fr. Robert Spitzer celebrated a special Mass in the Chapel in the Sky.

Catholic Charities of Orange County, founded in 1976, moved its offices from Santa Ana to the Tower of Hope last year.

*Parents sign up your children to learn about God with great music and fun activities.*

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (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. Watch the bulletin for upcoming events & registration information.*

## 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 parish website).**

## Children's Sunday Liturgy St. Nicholas Church



*Next Children's Liturgy will be on*  
**Sunday, July 16.**

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 the 9am Mass outside the church, near the garden area alongside the large parking lot area or at the Parish Office.

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Volunteers are needed to assist the coordinator with Children's Liturgy. Please call the Parish Office at 949-837-1090 if you are interested.

## 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.**



## SEWING GROUP

Sewing Group will not meet for the next few weeks. Please check bulletin for updates.

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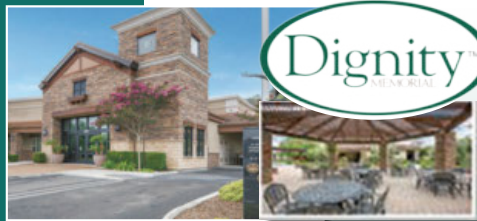


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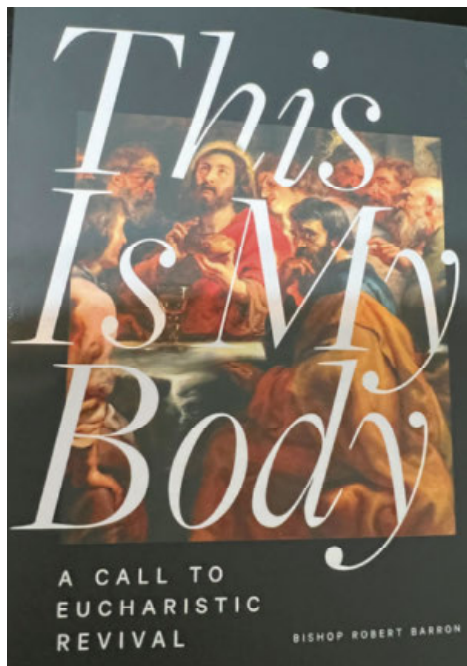


Join the St. Timothy's Caring for the Whole Person Initiative team for a program on Catholic teachings on end of life and decision-making, presented by Fr. Jack Sewell.

All are welcome for this free and informative event on July 15.

Questions? Contact  
Patty.Mouton@alzoc.org

*St. Nicholas Parish Adult Faith Formation brings you  
another opportunity to be part of the  
"NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL" MOVEMENT.*



This June marks the beginning of the National Eucharistic Revival at the parish level. Therefore, St. Nicholas Adult Faith Formation will host a study using Bishop Robert Barron's new book, *This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival*. We will gather to help us restore our understanding and devotion to the great mystery of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist.

***Join us on Tuesday, July 11, 18 & 25  
at 9:30 in the Parish Hall.***

***No need to sign up. Just show up to the 1st  
session. Everyone is welcome.***

If you plan to join us, we ask that you read chapter 6 from the gospel of John prior to our first meeting on July 11th.

**Please mark your calendar!  
Coming in September, 2023 a study called *Jesus and the Eucharist*.**

