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(Mt 17:2)

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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.

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CLERGY

Parochial Administrator
Rev. Martin Bui

Parochial Vicar	Rev. Phuong Nguyen
In-Residence	Bishop Thanh Nguyen
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)

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

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.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Sunday: 8:30AM - 12:30PM; Monday - Friday: 8:30AM - 12:00PM, 1:00PM - 5:00PM

Parochial Administrator's Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In his public ministry, Jesus is usually being hemmed in on every side by his foes, especially closer to his Passion. His disciples, and Peter in particular, feel afraid and anxious for their master's safety. Remember that just before the transfiguration, Jesus asked his disciples whom the people and they themselves think he is. When Peter gives the correct answer that he is Christ, the son of the living God, Jesus congratulates him and then proceeds to warn them and prepare them for his unavoidable suffering, death and resurrection. But Peter is so unprepared for this that he protests visibly. He takes Jesus aside and begins to rebuke him. **"Never, Lord!"** he says. **"This shall never happen to you!"** Jesus sharply corrects him, telling him that he is seeing things from a purely human point of view. Jesus knew Peter needed a vision from God's point of view, to see that in spite of the death sentence hanging over the head of Jesus, God is still with him, God is still in control of events, God will see to it that in the end he triumphs over his foes. What Peter and his fellow disciples needed was for God to open their eyes and then give them a glimpse of God's abiding presence with their master Jesus. The transfiguration is that experience.

We tend to think that when Peter said, **"It is good for us to be here,"** he was thinking about the beauty of the place. But Peter was probably thinking not of the beauty of the mountain top but its safety for his master. He was preoccupied for the safety of his master. But when his eyes were opened at the transfiguration and he saw his master Jesus bathed in the glory of the divine presence, his fear evaporated. And Jesus turns to him [them] and says **"Get up now, stop being afraid."**

Every time we gather for the Eucharist, we experience a moment of transfiguration where our divine Lord is transfigured before our eyes in the form of bread and wine. May the reassurance of God's loving presence with us at communion take away all fear and doubt from our hearts and strengthen us to get up and face with courage the challenges and trials, sufferings and, yes, death, that we must pass through before we can share in the divine glory. This is the hope that Jesus gave us on this feast of His Transfiguration.

- Fr. Martin Bui, Parochial Administrator

WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY

	Week of July 24-30, 2023	Week of July 24-30, 2022
Envelopes	\$8,988.00	\$8,330.00
Loose	\$4,262.00	\$3,433.00
Electronic	\$2,096.96	\$1,511.33
Total	\$15,346.96	\$13,274.33

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!

**PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL 2023
UPDATE**

Congratulations, again, on reaching our Diocesan assigned PSA goal of \$110,000! Any pledge moving forward will be returned to St. Nicholas as a rebate. We received our first rebate check in June. As previously announced, our plan for the rebate funds is to do a major upgrade to our church sound system, which is old and faulty. Our hope is to take in a total of \$210,000, which would be \$100,000 above the Diocesan goal, thereby providing sufficient funds to pay for the sound system project. For those who have not yet pledged, know that your donations will come directly to St. Nicholas and will be used for this project. Thank you for your generosity!

Updated PSA numbers:
Number of donors: 254
Amount pledged: \$165,916
Amount received: \$148,819

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday:

7:30 AM Trung Nguyen & Jack Trinh (D)

9:00 AM Members Deaconate
Class of 2026 (L)
Francis Ramos (D)
Julie Alvares (D)
Nicholas Panastasakis (D)
Robert Anthony DiRenzo (D)

11:00 AM Malloy & Arotcharen Families (L)

Monday:

9:00 AM Erlina Adeva (D)

Tuesday:

9:00 AM Ramiro Adeva, Sr. (D)

Wednesday:

9:00 AM Family of Alberto Almeda
Anne Ruiz (D)
Samuel Leon (D)
Virginia & All Souls (D)

Thursday:

9:00 AM Deceased Relatives of Jech Family

Friday:

9:00 AM Beatriz Bravo (D)

Saturday:

8:30 AM Will Torres (D)

4:00 PM Maria Pham Thi Gung (D)

6:00 PM Ivan Velasquez (D)

We remember all our recently deceased who have entered their new and eternal life in Christ, especially Margaret Stubler, Paul R. Wargo and Yaphet Ayala Nieto. Grant to all our dearly departed, eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on them forever.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Transfiguration of the Lord
Monday: St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs; St. Cajetan, Priest
Tuesday: St. Dominic, Priest
Wednesday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday: St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Friday: St. Clare, Virgin
Saturday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

HOLY HOUR

Saint Nicholas Church celebrates HOLY HOUR every Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Join us for prayer, reflection and quiet time with the Lord.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: His clothing was bright as snow, and the hair on his head as white as wool; his throne was flames of fire, with wheels of burning fire. (Dn 7:9)

Psalms: The Lord is king, the Most High over all the earth. (Ps 97)

Second Reading: When that unique declaration came to him from the majestic glory, "This is my Son, my beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven while we were with him on the holy mountain. (2 Pt 1:17-18)

Gospel: And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. (Mt 17:2)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Monday: Nm 11:4b-15/Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday: Nm 12:1-13/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-13/Mt 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday: Nm 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35/Ps 106:6-7ab, 13-14, 21-22, 23/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Friday: Dt 4:32-40/Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and 21/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Dt 6:4-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51/Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



A MUST-SEE SERIES!

Adult Faith Formation invites everyone to view
Season 1 of The Chosen (8 episodes),
followed by discussion.

Tuesdays,
Aug. 8, 15, 22, 29 & Sept. 5, 12, 19
9:45am-11:30am
Rm. 201-2nd floor, Parish Center

The series is about the life and ministry of Jesus of Nazareth. Primarily set in Judaea and Galilee in the 1st century, the series centers on Jesus and the different people who met and followed or otherwise interacted with him.

No need to pre-register, just show up. Along with the video, you can enjoy some popcorn.
Don't miss it!

UNA SERIE QUE NO SE DEBE DE PERDER LO INVITAMOS A VERLA!

Formación de Fe para Adultos invita a todos a mirar la serie de "Los Elegidos". Después participaremos en una discusión sobre el episodio con grupos pequeños. La serie trata sobre la vida y el ministerio de Jesús de Nazaret. Ambientada principalmente en Judea y Galilea en el siglo I. La serie se centra en Jesús y las diferentes personas que lo conocieron y siguieron o interactuaron con él. Acompañenos los sábados después de la Santa Misa de 6pm el **5,12,19 de agosto y el 2,16, 30 de septiembre, salón 201, 7pm.**

Todos son bienvenidos, los esperamos.

EUCCHARIST ADORATION

Our Monthly Day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is this Wednesday, August 9th beginning after the 9AM Mass and continues until just prior to the 9AM Mass on Thursday, August 10th.

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



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The Knights of Columbus pancake and sausage breakfast is being served today after the 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses, Parish Center. Please bring your family and join us for this parish event.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you at a point in your life where you find yourself standing in front of a door and hear someone calling to you? That is Christ standing there waiting for you to open the door, but the only handle on the door is on your side! It is your choice if you want to let Him in or not. He is always calling us into relationship with Him no matter how long it takes.

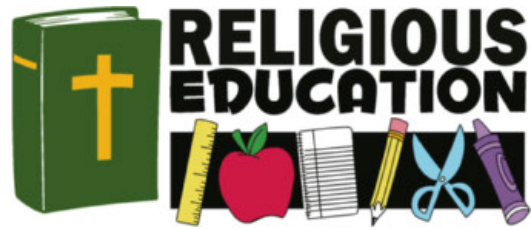
If you are an adult (18+) and are thinking about having a relationship with God, and have not been baptized, the RCIA process is what you are looking for. It will lead you or someone you know into a lifetime relationship with our Lord, to and through the Sacraments of the Church. Additionally, if you are baptized, but have not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, the RCIA process is also for you.

Sessions begin on Sunday, September 3, 2023, at 10:00 AM in Room B (behind the Parish Office). Please call Betty Farrell Scruggs at 949.400.6875 for more information. We have a dedicated team waiting to help answer your questions and get you started on your journey in Faith.

Next weekend, August 12 and 13, the RCIA Team will be outside on the large parking lot side, after the Saturday, 4:00 pm Mass, and the Sunday 7:30 am, 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses, waiting to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you.

SEWING GROUP

**Continues to meet
every Monday
8am –12 noon
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SRE open enrollment/registration for religious education classes for the year 2023-24 begins Monday, August 7.

To sign up your children for Sacramental classes and continuing education, please visit the SRE Office, located in the Parish Center Building, 2nd floor. Classes begin mid-September.

For questions, please call Al Lopez at 949-837-7676.

Inscripciones para clases de educación religiosa para el año 2023-24 comienzan el lunes, 7 de agosto.

Visite la oficina de SRE para inscribir a sus niños en clases sacramentales y educación continua. Las clases comienzan en septiembre. Si tiene preguntas, llame al 949-837-7676 y hable con Alfonso Lopez.

Confirmation & Youth Ministry



Classes for 2023-24 begin in October.

***OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS
AUGUST 7, 2023***

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).

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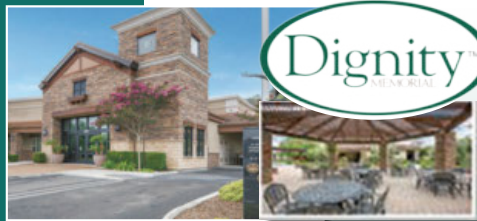
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Bishop Vann celebrated Mass on Sunday, July 30, 2023 and gave a special blessing to Fr Martin Bui for his appointment to St Nicholas Parish as Parochial Administrator. Parish welcomed both!

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