

## ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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**

**Parochial Administrator** Rev. Martin Bui

**Parochial Vicar** Rev. Phuong Nguyen In-Residence **Bishop Thanh Nguyen Visiting Priest** Rev. Chin Dang Gerardo de Santos Deacon

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

#### Message from our Parochial Administrator

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This week I just want to update you on a few important things that are going on in our Parish. First, I would like to inform you that since our music director, Mr. Emett Loera, decided to retire on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, we have been vigorously searching for a new music director. I am happy to announce we have found a great music director. His name is Dr. Nové Deypalan. He will begin his new post at St. Nicholas on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We hope Dr. Nové will strengthen our music ministry at St. Nicholas with many concerts to come along with a children's choir. We look forward to welcoming him to our St. Nicholas family.

Next, I would like to update you on a couple of ongoing projects to best serve our parishioners. It is very inspiring to witness our seniors with walkers and wheel chairs coming to mass by bus on Sunday. This is why we would like to start these projects to accommodate them, the least we could do is to help make our seniors more at ease as they come to worship at St. Nicholas. One is the automatic push-button for the doors on the big parking lot side and the small parking lot side. We have agreed with a vendor to install those automatic push-button doors in the next few weeks. Our plant manager is working hard on it. The second ongoing project is the overhead cover on the big parking lot entrance into the church. We hope to get the permit from the city in the next couple weeks to start the installation. The overhead cover will help give shade to our seniors after Mass while waiting for the bus in the scorching sun or when it's raining. Also, we plan to place a welcoming table for new parishioners under this overhead cover.

In this Sunday's gospel reading, the Canaanite woman was persistent in her request with our Lord to heal her daughter, a lesson of persistence in our prayer. I believe that if we are persistent in our prayer and our faith, together we will build a great community of faith and love here at St. Nicholas. May the Lord continue to watch over each one of you and your love ones.

--Fr. Martin Bui, Parochial Administrator

#### **WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY**

	Week of	Week of
	Aug 7-13, 2023	Aug 7-13, 2022
Envelopes	\$10,421.00	\$11,546.61
Loose	\$3,421.00	\$3,810.50
Electronic	\$2,665.81	\$1,306.07
Total	\$16,507.81	\$16,663.18

# 2023 PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL UPDATE



#### **Updated PSA numbers:**

Number of donors: 256 Amount pledged: \$167,671 Amount received: \$153,133

# MISSION CO-OP APPEAL & 2ND COLLECTION

On August 26 & 27, 2023 we shall have Fr. Rudy Alumam who will be representing his home diocese of Navrongo-Bolgatanga in Ghana in this year's Missionary Cooperative Preaching. Fr. Rudy will be sharing about the mission of the diocese to provide education for many children in underserved communities in northern Ghana. Forty percent of schoolchildren in this area drop out before they complete grade 6 – this is well above the even sadder national average of 28%. The evangelizing efforts of the diocese are not only aimed at retaining these students in school, but also at offering the children adequate and meaningful education to advance into high school and beyond.

The diocese is also committed to providing lunch for the children while they are in school and obtaining the needed learning and teaching resources for both teachers and students.

Your kindness is very much appreciated for the mission of Fr. Rudy's diocese. Thank you.

#### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**August 20, 2023** 

#### Mass Intentions for the Week

<u>Sunday</u> : 7:30 AM	Lidwina Kim & Sung Family Members Trina Morgan Sung Won Pak Johnny Martinez	(L) (L) (D) (D)
9:00 AM	Frances Mattera (D)	
11:00 AM	For The Parish	
Monday: 9:00 AM	Cruzela Felarca	(L)
<u>Tuesday</u> : 9:00 AM	Eve Romero Julia Andera Carolyn Hithe Julian Barrozo	(L) (D) (D) (D)
<u>Wednesday</u> : 9:00 AM	Maria Thin Pham &   Zoila Poon	(D)
<u>Thursday:</u> 9:00 AM	Betty PagenKopp	(D)
<u>Friday:</u> 9:00 AM	Magno Guerrero	(D)
<u>Saturday:</u> 8:30 AM	Kim Marie Wahlert	
4:00 PM 6:00 PM	Antonio C. Madrid Acencion "Ace" Barragan	(L)) (L)

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: 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Pius X, Pope

Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Rose of Lima, Virgin Thursday: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Friday: St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz,

Priest

#### **HOLY HOUR**

Saint Nicholas Church celebrates HOLY HOUR every Wednesday at 7:00 P.M.

We invite you to spend an hour of Prayer, Reflection, Adoration, and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.

#### **SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**First Reading**: All who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer (Is 56:6-7)

**Psalm**: O God, let all the nations praise you! (Ps 67)

**Second Reading**: For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all. (Rom 11:32)

**Gospel**: Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." (Mt 15:28)

#### **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**



Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

(4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt

15:21-28

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-

37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt

19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12,

13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-

13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps

146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/

Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps

128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

#### TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



#### A MUST-SEE SERIES!

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

Tuesdays, August 22, 29 & September 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, come enjoy some popcorn. Don't miss it!

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a mirar la serie de "Los Elegidos". La serie trata sobre la vida y el ministerio de Jesús de Nazaret. Todos son bienvenidos, los esperamos.

#### **COFFEE & DONUTS**

Don't miss Coffee and Donuts, this weekend after the 7:30am, 9:00am& 11:00am Masses at the Parish Center. Children's Sunday Liturgy at St. Nicholas Parish on Sunday, August 20 and 27.



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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Looking for a volunteer opportunity?

Volunteers are needed to assist the coordinator with Children's Liturgy, 1 hour, 1 Sunday a month. Please call the Parish Office at 949-837-1090, if you are interested.

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There will be a 2nd collection this weekend at all Masses for The Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your generosity.





#### **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

The Great Commissioning! Matthew 28:16-20 (Being Disciples of Christ) "Go, therefore and make disciples from all Nations." At the end of Mass, the Priest or Deacon dismiss us. One of the dismissals is, "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." Have you ever wondered why they do this? Through our Baptism we share in

that commissioning of the first disciples, <u>to go out after Mass</u>, to bring the "Good News" we just heard to everyone we meet. We are to witness to others through our word and deed the message of Jesus. Then when from your living example, someone inquires about our faith, invite them to the RCIA process to learn more about it.

It's amazing how many times people tell us they have wanted to learn about the Catholic faith but <u>have been</u> waiting for someone to ask them! Is someone you know waiting for an invitation? Ask; and tell them you would be happy to journey the faith with them by their side, and praying for them. If you don't know of someone right now that's okay too; please add your prayers to ours for people to hear God's word calling them and to answer it.

RCIA 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.

#### 2023 VBS A Stellar Adventure

30 Students came to experience the Light of Jesus at the Annual St. Nicholas Church Vacation Bible School Event. Students sang, danced, made crafts, launched four pressurized water-air rockets and enjoyed breakfast, all while learning about God. A special thanks to all the teachers and student volunteers. During the month of July, the core team, Sophia, Natallie, Steve, Edwin, Joseph, Ashley, Penny, Al, Royette, Daniel, Maddie and Micah dedicated hours of hard work to make props, set the stage and decorated rooms. And during VBS week, Joyce, Jean, and Cristina were available to help the kids. Special thanks to George Z. who donated funds to feed the children breakfast the entire week.



# Confirmation & Youth Ministry



Classes for 2023-24 begin in October.

To register for confirmation, please visit the Confirmation and Youth Office located in the Parish Center, 2nd floor.



To register 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.

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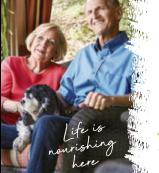
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On August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will have a second collection at all Masses. Please make checks payable to <u>St. Vincent de Paul</u>. We appreciate your generosity!

\*If you are interested in learning more about the Society, you may email Joan Grampp at jgrampp428@gmail.com.

#### IMPORTANT MEETING FOR MINISTRIES

Saint Nicholas Parish will be having the first ministry meetings, under the leadership of Father Martin as our Parish Parochial Administrator. Father Martin and Father Phuong will host the meetings for the following ministries:

- Ministry of Hospitality (Ushers): On Friday, August 25, at 6:00 PM in church.
- **Ministry of Lectors:** On Saturday, August 26, at 10:00 AM in church.
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EM): On Saturday, August 26, at 11: 00 AM in church.
- Ministry of Altar Servers: on Saturday, September 9, at 12:00 PM in the Parish Hall (lunch will be provided), after lunch, the training will follow in church.

The meeting is mandatory, unless you have a good reason to be excused.

--Blessings in Christ, Fr. Martin Bui, Parochial Administrator



