



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
Visiting Priest	Brendan Hankins
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 & SERVICES

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 three 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.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you are homebound and are interested in receiving communion on a regular basis, contact the Parish Office to make arrangements.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

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

INTRODUCTION OF ST. NICHOLAS PARISH STAFF MEMBERS

St. Nicholas Church, like any Catholic parish, is a community of faith, striving to grow closer to God. We are blessed with a very faith-filled congregation, as well as dedicated clergy, staff and volunteers who are here to serve you, the parishioners.

In the coming weeks, one at a time, each staff member will introduce themselves to you in the form of a bulletin article, beginning with the one below. This will familiarize you with the names, faces, job titles and responsibilities of the St. Nicholas staff. They are compensated by your generous donations and they are here to serve you. Feel free to reach out to them for any needs you might have.

Len Goswitz
Parish Business Manager

My name is Len Goswitz. It has been my privilege, for the last 4 years, to serve as Parish Business Manager here at St. Nicholas. My main responsibilities include overseeing parish finances, human resources and general administration. I work closely with Fr. Martin, Fr. Phuong, our deacons, lay staff and volunteers to carry out the St. Nicholas Parish mission statement (which can be found on the cover of our weekly bulletin).



Although I am employed at St. Nicholas Church, I live in Anaheim Hills with my wife, JoAnn, and we are parishioners at San Antonio de Padua Church.

Because of this, my interaction with St. Nicholas parishioners occurs most often in the office, rather than at Masses or other parish functions. It is always a pleasure for me to meet any of you, and I am eager to be of help to you in any way I can. Usually, this would be related to questions about donations, assistance with electronic giving, ministry support, and other finance related matters. Feel free to reach out to me anytime by calling the Parish Office, sending me an email at lgoswitz@st-nicholaschurch.org, or stopping by the office. Together, may we all continue to grow closer to our Lord!

WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY

	Week of Oct. 9-15, 2023	Week of Oct. 9-15, 2022
Envelopes	\$10,507.00	\$13,245.00
Loose	\$4,367.00	\$8,250.50
Electronic	\$2,909.01	\$1,802.79
Total	\$17,783.01	\$23,298.29

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!

**2023 PASTORAL SERVICES
APPEAL UPDATE****Updated PSA numbers:**

Number of donors: 271
Amount pledged: \$178,441
Amount received: \$168,379

**Thank you,
your generosity is appreciated.**

2023 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
CHRIST CATHEDRAL IN ORANGE
OCTOBER 21-22

PRAYER, PROCESSIONS, SPEAKERS AND A LOT MORE!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday:

7:30 AM	For the Parish	
9:00 AM	Mary Abad	(L)
	Buena Abon Reynolds	(L)
	Sol & Mary Naber	(D)
	Fernando Abad	(D)
11:00 AM	Luz & Ernesto Co	(D)

Monday:

9:00 AM	Rafaela A. De Mesa	(L)
	Enriqueta NuFable	(L)
	Manolito Abesamis	(D)
	Thomas Herrick	(D)

Tuesday:

9:00 AM	Tomasa Panaigan	(D)
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Wednesday:

9:00 AM	Florita Carino	(D)
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Thursday:

9:00 AM	Joe Ares	(D)
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Friday:

9:00 AM	Lorraine Carmi de la Cruz-Robles	(D)
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Saturday:

8:30 AM	Olivia & Darren Libang	(L)
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4:00 PM	For the Parish	
6:00 PM	James & Mary Constantine	(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.

ADORATION

Our Monthly Day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

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: Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1)

Psalm: Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading: We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

Gospel: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday:	Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/ Mt 22:15-21
Monday:	Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday:	Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday:	Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday:	Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 12:49-53
Friday:	Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
Monday:	St. John of Capistrano, Priest
Tuesday:	St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
Saturday:	Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Next Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time



2nd Collection this weekend for Mission World Sunday.

World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News. By giving a donation, we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. This weekend, October 21st & 22nd, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. There will be a second collection at all the weekend Masses. Thank you for your generosity



**2023 EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS
Diocese of Orange
October 21-22**

Board the bus: 7:45am.

Depart St. Nicholas promptly: 8:00am.

Coming back: Board the bus: 3:45pm.

Depart Christ Cathedral promptly: 4:00pm.

Reminder: You are welcomed to take your own lunch or purchase from the food trucks.

Thank you in advance for your participation!

SAVE THE DATE

**St. Nicholas Annual
THANKSGIVING DAY
TURKEY DINNER**



St. Nicholas Parish Annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Dinner will be held on Thursday, November 23, 2023 in the Parish Center.

The Thanksgiving Committee will be outside the Church **THIS WEEKEND, SATURDAY, OCT. 21** after the 4pm and 6pm Masses and on **SUNDAY, OCT. 22** after the 7:30am, 9am, 11am Masses **to take reservations for the dinner.**

You may also make a reservation by completing the form which is available at the Parish Office or download off Parish website.

**A MEETING FOR
VOLUNTEERS WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT 7:00 PM.**

For questions regarding this event, please call Del Moses at 714-931-0820.

Join us for Coffee and Donuts! This Sunday after all the Masses in the Large Hall. Thank you for your support.



Save The Date

Holiday Boutique 2023

Weekend of November 18- 19

The St. Nicholas Sewing Group is having a major fundraiser on

Saturday, November 18th from 2pm to 6pm and Sunday, November 19th from 7:30am to 12:30pm

Christmas decorations, children's clothing, baby items, fashion tote bags, ever-popular bow-tie scarves, crochet & knit caps/wraps/ponchos/lapghans, mug mats, quilts, household items and much more!

Come start your Christmas shopping early!!



**NEW LIFE CATHOLIC
CHARISMATIC
COMMUNITY**

Come and join us at our Prayer & Worship every First Monday of the month in Room A. For our **November 6th meeting** we will be in the Parish Center, 6:30pm-9:00pm.

As for the remaining Mondays, we invite you to join us via **ZOOM.**

For further information please call Dolly at 714-510-4428 or Ivan at 949-245-5895.

ST. NICHOLAS "ADULT FAITH FORMATION"

FALL 2023 CATHOLIC



**Every Monday,
September 11 - November 13
at 10:00 A.M.
Room 201,
2nd floor of the Parish Center
Instructor: Al Guevara**

*For information relative to course content,
source material, bible editions, etc., please
call : (714) 640-7502*

**Confirmation &
Youth Ministry**



Confirmation Classes have begun for the 2023-24 academic year. All classes are held upstairs in the Parish Hall at 9:00AM Sunday mornings. The next class meetings will be:

**C1: October 29, 2023
C2: November 5, 2023**

The first **Faith Sharing** of the year will be held on **Saturday, October 28th** in the Parish Hall immediately **following** the 4PM vigil Mass. Students are encouraged to bring their families & friends. Come and join us for fun activities, & to learn about the faith. Food & Drink will be provided.

Please keep an eye out for further announcements regarding important dates for Confirmation and Youth Ministry in the coming weeks, or feel free to check the Ministry's Google Calendar (link available on the parish website).



Federation of Filipino Rosary Groups, Inc. Orange County
www.ffrgoc.org

30th Annual Rosary Rally

Celebration of the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary

**Saturday, October 28, 2023
Holy Trinity Catholic Church
1600 Corporate Drive Ladera Ranch, CA**

Main Celebrant:

Most Reverend Thanh Thai Nguyen
Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Orange

Concelebrants:

Rev. Juan Caboboy – Spiritual Adviser of FFRGOC
Rev. Thomas Paul K. Naval
Pastor, Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church
Invited Priests in the Diocese of Orange

Event Program

**9:00 am - Assembly of Participants
9:30 am - Living Rosary & Procession
10:15 am - Flower Offering in Church
10:30 am - The Holy Mass**

Recommended Attire: Filipiniana /Barong

**** Reception to follow after mass at the Tent Hall ****

RSVP Requested: For Planning Purposes

Please submit your number of Attendees by October 20, 2023

To MaryAnn Puzon at (949) 294-5625 or via Email: preciousgem14@cox.net



*Mary: Our Lady of the Most Holy
Rosary & Queen of the Universe*

For additional information, please contact anyone of the following:

Helen Alonso - (949) 246-5813	Fely Claudio - (949) 275-2442	South Chapter- Amie Ursabia - (213) 324-2600
Walter Bayubay - (949) 521-4237	Wally Claudio - (949) 525-1741	SW Chapter - Rica Werner - (714) 290-8744
Sol Solorano - (714) 882-9912	Mary Ann Puzon - (949) 294-5625	NE Chapter - Evelyn Ruiz - (714) 423-8113
Chat/Marlon Agbayani - (949) 939-7883	Glenn Puzon - (949) 473-0794	NW Chapter- Estela Beltran - (714) 994-4284
Cora Narciso - (949) 632-1243	Lorraine Betts - (714) 402-8248	CE Chapter- Nedy Arrabaca - (714) 331-8840
Nenita Miyata - (714) 317-8600	Vita Valentin - (714) 830-9317	CW Chapter- Lu Katimbang - (714) 794-4158



The Vietnamese and SRE youth invite families to the **TRUNK OR TREAT**—Halloween Event on **Friday, October 27th from 6:00pm-8:00pm** for fun, games and Halloween candy.

The event will be in the Church parking lot. Wear your best haunted costume. **We are accepting donations for candy. Please drop off wrapped candies in the SRE Office.**

If you would like to participate with a haunted car entry, please call SRE office at 949-837-7676 for more details.

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Wednesday, November 1, Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil Mass, Tues. October 31

4:00 PM (English)

All Saints Day, Wed. November 1

7:00 AM, 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM (English)
6:00 PM (Spanish)
7:30 PM (Vietnamese)

All Souls' Day

NOVENA

We will begin our nine-day novena for All Souls starting on November 2nd and ending on November 10th. Envelopes are now available in the Church & in the Parish Office for you to list the names of those you wish to have remembered. You may include your offering in the envelopes. Mass will be offered once a day from November 2nd-10th. Spiritual Bouquet Envelopes will be placed in the Sanctuary during these Masses. Bring the All Souls envelopes to the Parish Office or place them in the weekend collection basket.

Masses on All Souls' Day, Thursday, November 2 (not a Holy Day of Obligation) will be at:
9:00 AM & 5:00 PM

Attention all Military Veterans of St. Nicholas Parish

The Knights of Columbus wish to honor you and your family at this year's Thirty-Second Annual Past Grand Knight's Testimonial and Salute to Parish Military Veteran's Dinner to be held on **Saturday, November 11, 2023.**



You are invited to join us for dinner to view a video of our honored veterans, living or deceased.



Should you or your Veteran wish to be included in the video, please email a picture of your Veteran in uniform and a second, more recent one, to: Jim Pacelli at jpacelli1@cox.net. If you need help sending the pictures, contact Jim or any St. Nicholas Knight. Photos previously sent are still on file with the Knights and will be used again.

**Mass of Remembrance
Saturday, November 4th**



Our Annual Memorial Mass remembering and honoring our loved ones who we have lost this past year will be held on **November 4th at 11:00 am.** *If you have a family member or friend whose Funeral Mass was not held at St. Nicholas Church and you would like to remember and honor them, please join us at the Mass.*



A Parish Celebration of the Anointing of the Sick will be held **Sunday, November 5, 2023 at 12:15 P.M.** at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Laguna Woods. All are invited. Your prayers are important and your presence a source of consolation. Please join us.

- ♦ **Why should you receive the Sacrament?** The Anointing of the Sick conveys several graces and imparts gifts of strengthening in the Holy Spirit against anxiety, discouragement, and temptation, and conveys peace and fortitude. These graces flow from the atoning death of Jesus Christ, for "this was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah, 'He took away our infirmities and bore our diseases.'" (Matt. 8:17)
- ♦ **Who may receive the Sacrament? Those who are:**
 -suffering from chronic or acute illnesses
 -preparing for hospitalization or surgery.
 -preparing for a medical procedure or treatment.
 -experiencing mental or emotional stress with physical symptoms.
 -living with recurring illnesses or disabilities.
 -living with a terminal illness or in hospice care.
 - ...those of mature age or in frail health.