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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

We continue in our series of staff introductions, so that you may become familiar 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.

Margarita Aguilar-Rivera
Front Office Coordinator

My name is Margarita Rivera, and it has been my pleasure to be part of St. Nicholas staff since May of 2021. As a full time employee, my main duties include coordinating front office administration, serve as a parish office bulletin editor, performing registrar work, and handling parish calendar scheduling. During my time at St. Nicholas, I have met wonderful people and have built many beautiful friendships with religion at the forefront. This is a very vital and engaging community that makes work very enjoyable and exciting, which definitely keeps me on my toes. There is something new going on every day.


I live in San Juan Capistrano. I have been happily married to my husband for 36 years and have two adult children who are my pride and joy. Coming from a large family keeps me very busy with family gatherings year-round. I feel blessed to have strong religious values and feel fortunate to still have my mom in my life, sharing responsibilities with my siblings in taking care of her. As a staff member, I look forward to many more wonderful experiences working with this community, and feel honored to serve you all in a courteous, respectful and professional manner. I pray that we all work together to continue to make this Parish community thrive.

**WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY**

Because of the approaching Thanksgiving holiday, there was an early deadline for submitting content for this weekend's bulletin. This prevented us from providing the usual Weekly Donations Summary numbers.

Updated PSA Numbers:

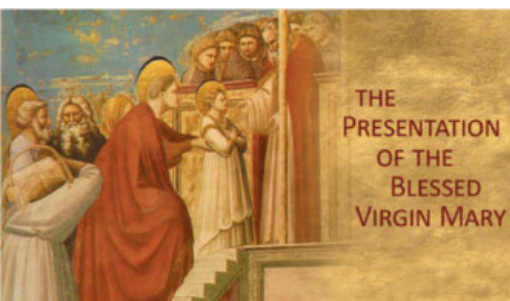
Number of donors: 272
Amount pledged: \$180,941
Amount received: \$171,179



St. Nicholas Parish Library

St. Nicholas Parish Library is open the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 8:30am - 12:30pm. Library is located in room C, next to the Parish Office.

“BREAKING BREAD” MISSALS
The beginning of the Church's liturgical year and the first Sunday of Advent is December 3, 2023. NEW “Breaking Bread” MISSALS FOR 2024 will available and distributed in the next couple of weeks.



Tuesday,
Nov. 21
*Blessed
Virgin Mary
Mother of
the Church,
pray for us*

AS THE HOLIDAYS APPROACH US BEWARE OF EMAIL AND TEXT MESSAGE SCAMS

If you received an email or a phone text message from Father Martin Bui or anyone else from the parish requesting assistance with money transfers, iTunes gift card purchases, or any other type of monetary support, **DISREGARD, DO NOT RESPOND TO THE MESSAGE**, these are scams. Always check with the Parish Office directly before responding to any such email to verify authenticity.

Mass Intentions for the Week
Sunday:

7:30 AM	For the Parish	
9:00 AM	Cathleen M. Brinegar	(L)
	John & Annabel Pagano	(D)
	Anna Dien Ngo	(D)
	Catherine Tran	(D)
11:00 AM	John E. Meade	(D)

Monday:

9:00 AM	Steve Lee	(D)
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Tuesday:

9:00 AM	Ava Sofia H. Perez	(L)
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Wednesday:

9:00 AM	Cecilia Rotulo	(D)
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Thursday:

9:00 AM	Alicia David	(D)
	Ryan Abila	(D)
	Dominic Thanh Nguyen	(D)
	Richard Meier	(D)

Friday:

9:00 AM	Joseph Dinh	(L)
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Saturday:

8:30 AM	Teodula Haislett	(D)
4:00 PM	Rodel Flores & Ahmid King Dadula	
6:00 PM	Thomas & Briana Carcel	(D)
	Andres Carrion	(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

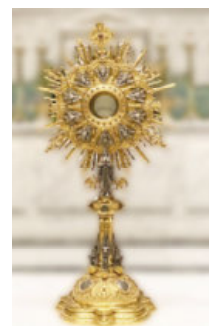
Sunday: 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday:	St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr; Thanksgiving Day
Friday:	St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Saturday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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: She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. (Prv 31:12-13)

Psalms: Blessed are those who fear the Lord. (Ps 128)

Second Reading: But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. (1 Thes 5:4-5)

Gospel: "“Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.”" (Mt 25:21)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK


Sunday:	Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR A
**JOYOUS
CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE**
scheduled for

Saturday, December 9, 2023

5:00 PM- 10:00 PM

St. Nicholas Parish Center

Prime Rib or Salmon Dinner

\$35 per person, no host bar

Formal Attire Preferred

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This event is a fundraiser for the
Knights of Columbus

Members of the Committee will be outside in the
courtyard this Saturday, Nov. 18 after the 4pm and
6pm Masses and on Sunday, Nov. 19 after the
7:30am, 9:00am and 11:00am Masses
taking reservations for the Dinner Dance.



**IN PREPARATION OF
ADVENT**

On **Wednesday,
December 6th,**
the *Unity Group* will have
a **Eucharistic Adoration**
presented by our multi-
lingual parishioners.



Join us for one hour before the Blessed Sacrament
in preparation for the holy season of Advent.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
PANCAKE AND
SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a
pancake and sausage breakfast after the 7:30
a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Masses on
Sunday, December 3, 2023. This is the major
event for the Knights of Columbus and your
patronage would
be most
appreciated.
Please plan to
attend with your
family and friends.



**Join us this Sunday after all the Masses
in the Large Hall for Coffee and Donuts
AND TAMALES!**





HISPANIC GROUP TAMALES SALE

Come support the Hispanic Group Tamale Sale
Fundraiser at the Parish Center **THIS WEEKEND**,
Saturday, November 18 after the 4pm and the 6pm
Masses & Sunday, November 19th after the
7:30am, 9am and 11am Masses (or until they sell
out).



**The Hispanic Group is
also inviting anyone that
would like to help make
the tamales to join them.
Please call Cristina
949-485-9496 for details.**

**Complimentary Pancake Breakfast for all
Newcomers to St. Nicholas Parish**

“St. Nicholas Welcoming Committee and the
Knights of Columbus invite all newcomers to the
parish to a complimentary pancake breakfast in the
Parish Center on **Sunday, December 3** after the
9:00am and 11:00am Masses. At that time, you can
learn about the various ministries at our parish and
get to know other newcomers. Please identify
yourselves to the Welcoming Committee members
who will have a table near the doorway or to a
Knights of Columbus member.

The Knights of Columbus welcome all new
parishioners to the parish and invite them to become
members of the Knights. New parishioners who
have previously been Knights, please know that we
can transfer or reinstate your membership to our
council.”

Confirmation & Youth Ministry



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

C1: December 3, 2023

C2: November 26, 2023

No Class Nov. 19 due to Thanksgiving Break.

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).



SRE Classes will not meet the week of November 20th.

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*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,
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senior single or widowed men and women. We
enjoy monthly gatherings in a social environment to
make new friends and have fun. New members
welcome.

**The Parish Office will be closed
Thursday, November 23rd and
Friday, November 24th.
Have a Blessed Thanksgiving.**

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

GIVE
THANKS



On Thursday, November 23rd, we will have our
traditional "Thanksgiving Day Mass" at 9:00
AM, which will be trilingual. As is our tradition,
the Mass will begin with a Presentation of Colors
and the Presidential Proclamation. At the end of
Mass, Vietnamese Eucharistic Youth will be
handing out a loaf of bread for your
Thanksgiving gathering at home. Have a Blessed
Thanksgiving Day!

There will be a collection to assist our Saint
Vincent de Paul Society who helps the poor in
our community. Your generosity is appreciated.

ANGEL TREE



Our annual **Angel Tree** project for Christmas will start on **Friday, November 25th**. The
Angel Tree will be set up on the small parking lot side of the Church. It will be decorated
with angels that have been colored by our School of Religious Ed (SRE) children.
On the back of each angel is a description of a child or an adult. Please purchase an
appropriate gift for the person described, and **bring it to the Parish Office by Sunday,
December 11th – unwrapped**. Put the Angel on the present and remember the person
who will receive your gift in your prayers. Gifts will be distributed to charitable
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