

January 7, 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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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

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| Parochial Vicar | Rev. Phuong Nguyen |
| In-Residence | Bishop Thanh Nguyen |
| Visiting Priest | Rev. Chin Dang |
| Visiting Priest | Rev. Brendan Hankins |
| Deacon | Gerardo de Santos |
| Deacon | Carlos Pineda |
| Deacon | Chau Tran |
| Deacon | Bob Ward |

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

A Message from our Parochial Vicar

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ,

We are celebrating the Epiphany of the Lord this weekend. The Epiphany means that God reveals himself to the whole world.

The author of the Letter to the Hebrew 13: 1-3 indicates that “In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he spoke to us through a son, whom he made heir of all things and through whom he created the universe, who is the refulgence of his glory”. We know that God loves us so much that he gives us his only begotten Son to fulfill his promise of salvation that his Son, Jesus Christ, will save us from our sins.

In the last two weeks, we have celebrated the birthday, the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Everything has been circled around the life of the Holy Family: Jesus, Mary and Joseph within the life of Jewish community. Jesus was born in Bethlehem and his glory was revealed by the Angels who announced to the shepherds who was shepherding around there. The glory of the Lord Jesus was also revealed to Simeon and Anna who were waiting for the Lord Jesus at the temple. However, the salvation of souls is not just for the chosen Israelites, but it is for all nations, for everyone.

In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah describes the fulfillment of God's plan to be for all nations.

All people will come to Jerusalem, come to the Lord. This fulfillment is also mentioned by Saint Paul in the second reading, that gentiles who believe in Jesus are now in the same position as the Jewish people. Saint Paul indicates that everyone can be a son or a daughter of God in the person of Jesus Christ.

The Nativity of the Lord Jesus brings great joy to everyone, however many of his chosen people do not recognize his presence. When the Magi comes to Jerusalem to ask for the information about the Christ, the new king, the present king and his leaders and priests are astonished and do not know about his birth. They do research from Scriptures and laws and figure out the place of his birth. Bethlehem is not far from Jerusalem, but they do not go to look for him. This action may be familiar with those who have faith in God but do not practice faith in their life. Or, we simply care for our body, our earthly life, but we do not care for our souls, our spiritual life. To recognize the presence of God in our life, we need to open our heart through our life of prayer and charitable works.

The celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord helps us to know the revelation of the Lord to all nations. God is always present in our lives, but we must make ourselves present in the service of God and one another. God gives us Jesus Christ as a gift for us; how can we be a gift for others? The Magi offers the Lord gold, frankincense, and myrrh which signifies the power of kingship. But the most valuable gift that the Magi offers to God is their openness to seek God and worship him.

God has blessed us with so many talents and gifts; how can we use them in the service of God and one another? I hope that we can be a shining star, that whenever people see us, they will recognize the presence of God in our life.

Fr. Phuong Nguyen, Parochial Vicar

WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY

| | Week of Dec. 18-25, 2023 | Week of Dec. 18-25, 2022 |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Sunday Envelopes | \$10,146.00 | \$6,103.99 |
| Sunday Loose | \$17,571.76 | \$8,213.00 |
| Christmas Envelopes | \$13,680.00 | \$22,172.15 |
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| Electronic | \$5,558.32 | \$10,791.82 |
| Total | \$48,878.08 | \$48,110.96 |


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Updated PSA numbers:

Number of donors: 283

Amount pledged: \$194,316

Amount received: \$190,664

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday:

7:30 AM Danielle Huynh (D)
Ruby White (D)
Johnny Gleason (D)
Don Reid (D)

9:00 AM Jenny Tan (L)

11:00 AM Maria Le Dung (D)

Monday:

9:00 AM Deceased Friends
of Thanh Vu (D)

Tuesday:

9:00 AM Dorothy Parker (D)

Wednesday:

9:00 AM Tess Gargantiel (D)

Thursday:

9:00 AM Deceased Members
of Relado Family (D)
Lori Boultinghouse (D)
Molly Mary Braggs Rego and
Bertie Braggs (D)

Friday:

9:00 AM John Perak (D)

Saturday:

8:30 AM Norman Gellerman (D)

4:00 PM David Olivieri (D)

6:00 PM Pablo Figueroa (D)

Juana Guadarrama (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: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of
the Church; BVM

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ADORATION

Our monthly day of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is this coming **Wednesday, January 10th beginning after the 9AM Mass** and continues until just prior to the 9AM Mass on Thursday, January 11th.

Saint Nicholas Church celebrates a **HOLY HOUR** every Wednesday at 7:00 PM.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. (Is 60:1)

Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you. (Ps 72)

Second Reading: It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. (Eph 3:5-6)

Gospel: "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." (Mt 2:2)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

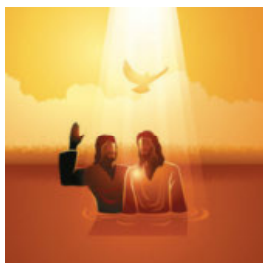
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17



**MONDAY,
JANUARY 8, 2024
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.**

**Lord, inspire in us a deeper
commitment to our
baptismal call.**

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**JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND
DONUTS THIS SUNDAY
AFTER ALL THE MASSES.**



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.

Next week we will have a 2nd collection for the Church in Africa, Latin America and Eastern Europe. Your generosity is appreciated.



MONDAYS:

Sewing Group: Meets 8:00am - 12pm, in the Small Hall.

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

Rosary & Adoration in Spanish at 7:00pm in the church.

WEDNESDAYS:

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

24 hour Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the 2nd Wednesday of the month after 9:00am Mass.

THURSDAYS:

Faith Alive: Thursdays, 10am, Room A, study the Sunday Scripture.

FRIDAYS:

Apostles of the Returning King: Meets on the first Friday of the month at 9:45 am in Room C.

MONDAY-FRIDAY:

Holy Hour Liturgy at 7:00pm in the church.

Divine Mercy Group: meets at 3:00pm in the church.



Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at 10:00 AM in Parish Hall.

On January 20th, our guest speaker, Ursula Wallis, will present The Beatitudes for new year inspiration. All women of the parish are welcome to share faith and fellowship!

For information call Sandy Flynn at 949-378-6749 or Peggy O'Donnell at 949-500-0826."



Saint Nicholas Parish Pasta Dinner



***Saturday, January 20, 2024
5:00 p.m. — 6:30 p.m.***

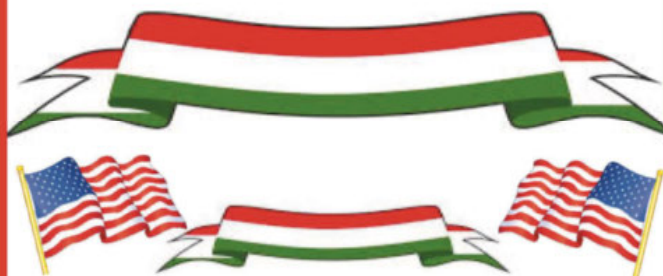
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Confirmation & Youth Ministry



Confirmation classes are held upstairs in the Parish Center at 9:00AM Sunday mornings. Our next class meeting will be:

C2: January 7, 2024

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).

Christmas and New Year's Blessings to all our students, their sponsors and their families.

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Don't miss our next luncheon!
We will gather at 12:30 PM on
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Ministries in Need

St. Nicholas Parish is looking for people interested in serving in the Lector's Ministry and Eucharistic Ministry, please consider joining. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 949-837-1090



SRE classes resume on
Monday, January 8, 2024.
Please call SRE office if you have
any questions at 949-837-7676. God Bless.
**HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS SEASON
AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR**

BEAUTIFUL EUCHARIST Book Study, Rm 201, Parish Center

The Faith Formation Coordinator invites everyone to a 4-week book study using Matthew Kelly's latest book, **Beautiful Eucharist**. Please bring your book, that was gifted to you Christmas day. Join your fellow parishioners as we learn and share about The Beautiful Eucharist! If you did not get a copy of the book, please pick one up at the Parish Office.

Book Study Schedule:



January 9
Introduction and
Chapters 1-3

January 16
Chapters 4-6

January 23
Chapters 7-9

January 30
Chapters 10-12
and Conclusion



NEW LIFE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY

We will meet for Prayer & Worship on
January 8, 2024 in the Parish Center, 6:30pm-9:00pm. Join us!

If you would like more information regarding this group, please call Dolly at 714-510-4428 or Ivan at 949-245-5895.

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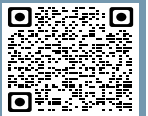
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Bishop Vann celebrated Christmas Mass at St. Nicholas in the early morning.



Beautifully decorated trees were enjoyed by all



HOLY MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Good news!

We can now offer an opportunity to celebrate Mass for those who are not able to attend at church. Family and friends invited!

Mass Schedule for January, 2024

| | | |
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| THE TOWERS Library | 11:00 AM | Fri-Jan 12 |
| PALM TERRACE | 11:00 AM | Wed-Jan 17 |
| THE VILLAGE Clubhouse 1 Dining Room 2 | 11:00 AM | Fri-Jan 26 |
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