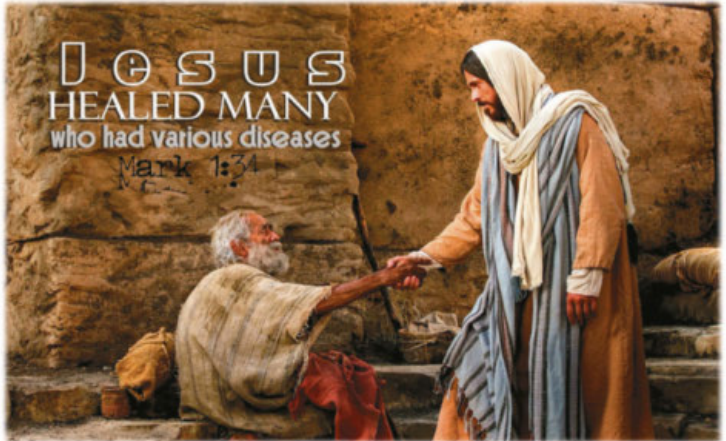


FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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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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Visiting Priest	Rev. Brendan Hankins
Deacon	Gerardo de Santos
Deacon	Carlos Pineda
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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.

ANOIDNTING 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.

Sister Angeline Huong Nguyen



I am Sister Angeline Huong Nguyen. I am currently the Coordinator of the Vietnamese Religious Education Program at St. Nicholas Church. I entered the Lovers of the Holy Cross of Los Angeles in 1993 and made my First Vows in 1999. I started to work as Coordinator of Vietnamese Religious Education Program at St. Nicholas Church in 2000-2003. I returned in 2008-2011, and again in 2022 until now. It is a blessing for me to have the opportunity to teach the youth of this parish about Jesus, so that they come to know Him as our model, our inspiration and our Savior. The Religious Education Program provides a loving and compassionate atmosphere where our students can learn and live the message of Jesus. Through our efforts, our students deepen their Catholic Christian identity and faith through religious instruction, formation of conscience, prayer, worship, and an understanding of and involvement in areas of Christian service.

Because I was called to join God's missionary work, I felt able to share God's love with the children. Knowing the difficulties that children and their families face in today's life, I pray to God and bring their intentions to Him. I see children in the program as the seedlings and witnesses of the Church in these challenging times. Therefore, I hope that we continue to pray and to support the parents in their responsibility as the primary religious educators of their children. Through growth in their faith, the children can be witnesses of love to people whom they encounter or interact with in their lives.

WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY

	Week of Jan. 15-21, 2024	Week of Jan. 15-21, 2023
Sunday Envelopes	\$5,550.00	\$9,015.00
Sunday Loose	\$6,188.00	\$3,104.00
Electronic	\$3,345.73	\$2,938.31
Total	\$15,083.73	\$15,057.31

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!

2nd Collection

There will be a 2nd collection this week for National Needs. This Combines the collections for Catholic Campaign for Human Development; the Catholic Communication Campaign; Catholic Home Missions; and the Catholic University of America. Thank you for your generosity.

2023 DONATION STATEMENTS

Year-end donation statements are now being mailed out to all those who donated \$250 or more to St. Nicholas Church in 2023. These statements can be used for tax purposes. If you gave less than \$250 during 2023 and would like to receive a statement, please contact Len Goswitz (Parish Business Manager) at (949) 837-1090 or lgoswitz@st-nicholaschurch.org. Thank you for supporting our parish!

St. Nicholas Parish Library

The Parish Library is open on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Library is in Room "C".



Mass Intentions for the Week

<u>Sunday:</u>		
7:30 AM	Evelyn Bautista	(D)
9:00 AM	For the Parish	
11:00 AM	Lucille Meyer	(L)
	John R. Schulte	(D)
	Jeff Drake	(D)
	Priscilla Tabo	(D)
<u>Monday:</u>		
9:00 AM	John Perak	(D)
<u>Tuesday:</u>		
9:00 AM	Judy McCarthy and	(D)
	Lee Maher	(D)
<u>Wednesday:</u>		
9:00 AM	Maria Le Dung	(D)
<u>Thursday:</u>		
9:00 AM	Michelle Curtis	(L)
	Fauls Family	(L)
	Gilma Tenorio	(L)
	Kelly Reslock	(D)
	Benedicto A. Apolinario	(D)
<u>Friday:</u>		
9:00 AM	Gunawan Hasan	(D)
<u>Saturday:</u>		
8:30 AM	Theresa	(D)
4:00 PM	Joseph Arevalo	(D)
6:00 PM	Raul Ruiz Mendoza	(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.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: I am filled with restlessness until the dawn. (Jb 7:4)

Psalms: Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted. (Ps 147) Or: Alleluia.

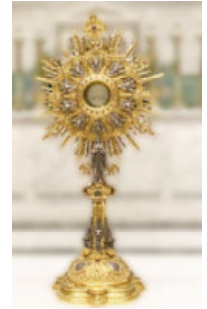
Second Reading: If I preach the gospel, this is no reason for me to boast, for an obligation has been imposed on me, and woe to me if I do not preach it! (1 Cor 9:16)

Gospel: He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons. (Mk 1:34)

HOLY HOUR

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

Come and spend an hour of Prayer, Reflection, Adoration, and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.



Our monthly day of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is the 2nd Wednesday of the month, beginning after the 9:00am Mass.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK


Sunday:	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (see 3a)/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Jerome Emiliani;
	St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Saturday:	St. Scholastica, Virgin

Next Sunday: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

New Life Catholic Charismatic Community

Come join us for a special evening of Prayer, Praise & Worship on **February 5, 2024** at St. Nicholas Parish Center, Room 104, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM. At this meeting we will also be honoring our sister Jona Malabanan for the first year anniversary of her death. Light refreshments will be served. Please join our prayer and fellowship sessions through *ZOOM* on the remaining Mondays. While we may be physically apart, our hearts remain connected in prayer and unity. We look forward to sharing these moments of faith and fellowship with you. For additional information/inquires, please contact Dolly at 714-510-4428 or Ivan at 949-245-5895.

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Ten weekly sessions to be held in the St. Nicholas Parish Center, Room 201.

Content will focus on the Gospel Accounts of Matthew, Mark and Luke, in the Christian Canon of books, obtained from Saint John Paul the Great Catholic University, Escondido, California, School of Theology. Source materials recommended for this study are: Bible (English translation), Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) and Documents of Vatican II.

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

St. Nicholas



All women of the parish are welcome!
We meet on the third Saturday each month from 10am to noon in the Parish Main Hall.

February 17 ~ Dr. Nové Deypalan,
St. Nicholas Parish Music Director,
will present
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at 949-378-6749
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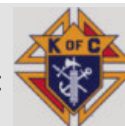


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Pancake Breakfasts:	Sundays, April 7 and June 2, after all AM Masses in the Parish Center.
Parish Pasta Dinner:	Saturday, May 18 after the 4:00 PM Mass.
Lenten Fish Bake:	Fridays, beginning February 16 and continuing all Fridays during Lent with the exception of Good Friday, March 29th.
Wheelchair Drive:	March 2nd & 3rd.
Mother's Day Rose Sale:	May 11th & 12th.

Confirmation & Youth Ministry



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

C2: Sunday, February 4
C1: Sunday, February 11

The 5th Faith Sharing of the year will be held on **Saturday, February 3rd** in the Parish Center immediately following the 4PM vigil Mass. Students are encouraged to bring their families & friends. Come and join us for fun activities, and to learn about the Faith. Food & drinks will be provided. Please feel free to check the Ministry's Google Calendar (link available on the parish website) for upcoming events.



Do you wear a hearing aid or but have trouble hearing every word in the church?

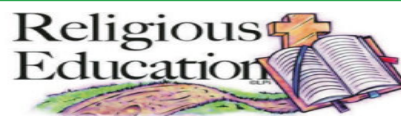
St. Nicholas Parish has installed a HEARING LOOP in the church for those of you that wear a hearing aid but still have trouble hearing every word. A HEARING LOOP is a special type of sound system for use by people with hearing aids. It sends clear pure sound to your hearing aid or CI (cochlear implant) without background noise.

*If you are wearing a hearing aid, please set it to the **"T-COIL" SETTING**. If you do not know if you have a T-Coil, please take the card, available in the church pews, to your audiologist.*

If you do not wear a hearing aid and would like to listen in the loop, please go to the sacristy at least 15 minutes prior to the beginning of Mass to check out a listening device.



Please join the Federation of Filipino Rosary Groups of Orange County (FFRGOC) at the 4pm Mass and their monthly Rosary on Saturday, February 3rd. Please note the Rosary is recited immediately after the Mass. On February 3rd the group will meet in the Small Hall.



RE classes continue to meet **Monday– Wednesday** in the Parish Center. For questions regarding School of Religious Education, please call Al Lopez, School of Religious Education Coordinator.

Apostolate of the Returning King (ARK) will meet on Thursday, February 8th at 9:45 am Parish Center, Rm. 104. Join us!

We will meet on our regularly scheduled 1st Friday of the month in March.



The Knights of Columbus will offer their first Fish Bake Dinner of Lent to parishioners and guests in the Parish Center on Friday, February 16th. These dinners will continue

on every Friday during Lent, with the exception of Good Friday. Serving will be from 5:00pm to 6:30pm and will consist of battered cod, potatoes, coleslaw and beverages. The charge for the meal will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Family pricing will be available.

We anticipate a great turn-out for this parish event, as well as Stations of the Cross which begin at 7 PM.



STATIONS of the CROSS

St. Nicholas Parish will have stations of the cross every Friday, starting **February 16TH**, 9:30AM & 7:00PM in English in the Church, 7:00PM in Spanish in the small Hall, and 8:00 PM in Vietnamese in the Church.

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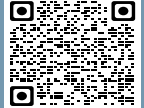
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Spanish: 6:30 PM

Vietnamese: 8:00 PM

