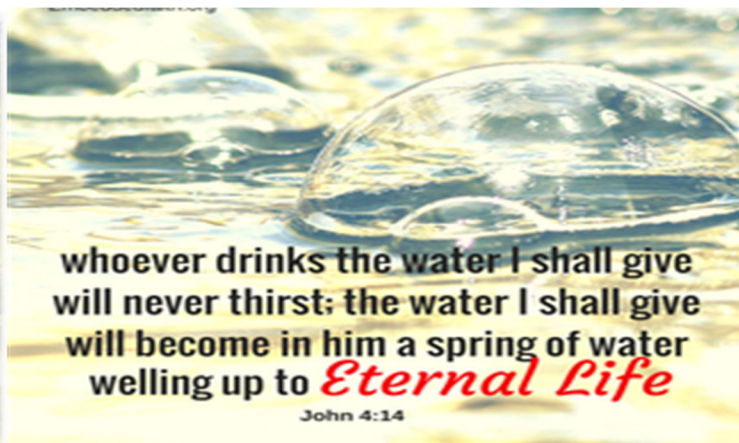


MARCH 3, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

24252 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637

www.st-nicholaschurch.org

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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
In-Residence	Rev. Don Romito
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

PASTORAL SERVICES APPEAL 2024



It is time for us to kick off the annual Pastoral Services Appeal (PSA) for 2024.

As you probably know, the PSA benefits numerous Diocesan ministries and services, but also greatly benefits our parish. Each year, the Diocese assigns a PSA goal for each parish, which is based on a percentage of their unrestricted income from the previous fiscal year. This year, like last year, our assigned goal is \$110,000. Any amount that we raise above the goal comes back to us in the form of a rebate. This rebate money can be used for whatever we feel is most needed.

Let me first give you a recap of the 2023 PSA. We raised a total of \$194,786 from 287 donors. This provided us with a rebate of just under \$85K. As determined by our former pastor, Fr. George, this rebate would be used to upgrade or replace the old faulty sound system in the church. So, within the next few weeks, we plan to not only install a brand new sound system, but also, at the direction of Fr. Martin, four large LED screens that will display the prayers, readings and songs of the Mass, and a modern camera system that will allow us to more professionally livestream Masses and other services in the church. The overall cost of these improvements will be \$130K and will be covered by the \$85K rebate from last year's PSA and \$45K from our Building Fund.

For the 2024 PSA which we are launching this weekend, Fr. Martin, in consultation with the Parish Finance Council, feels that the best use of any rebate money we receive should go towards repairing the significant termite damage that exists on the church, small hall and rectory, and a much needed painting of all the parish buildings. The estimated cost of this work is \$170K. Therefore, the hope is that the 2024 PSA will generate \$280K: \$110K going to the Diocese, and \$170K coming to St. Nicholas as a rebate.

You may have recently received a letter in the mail from the Diocese, inviting you to participate in the 2024 PSA. In response to those letters, \$54,115 has already been pledged, which is a great start to achieving our overall goal of \$280K.

We have about 2,700 registered parishioners. Last year, the number of parishioners who contributed to the PSA was 287. This means that only 10.6 % of our parish community contributed to the PSA. It is important that the PSA be a team effort. If everyone contributed, even a little, we would know that we did it together, and that we all could feel part of this worthy campaign. 2024 PSA brochures will be available in the church and the parish office. Please pick one up and prayerfully consider what you can give to this year's PSA. Thank you for your generosity!

Together in Christ,

Len Goswitz

Parish Business Manager

WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY

	Week of Feb. 12-18, 2024	Week of Feb. 12-18, 2023
Sunday Envelopes	8,968.00	\$11,107.00
Sunday Loose	\$7,271.00	\$4,343.00
Electronic	\$3,128.49	\$2,653.56
Total	\$19,367.49	\$18,103.56

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!

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday:

7:30 AM

Ryan Abila †

9:00 AM

For The Parish

11:00 AM

Len Goswitz
and The De La Cruz Family
Carol Wethington
Everett Stone †
and John Green †

Monday:

9:00 AM

Felicia Herrick

Tuesday:

9:00 AM

Mrs. Culhane †

Wednesday:

9:00 AM

Lauro V. De Mesa †

Thursday:

9:00 AM

Tess Gargantiel †
John & Carol Schuster †
Jo & Ron Rackemann †
Mrs. Pamaran †
Ernesto Samoza †

Friday:

9:00 AM

Nancy Lavan †

Saturday:

8:30 AM

Cecilia Nhung Pham &
Joseph Vinh Pham †

4:00 PM

For The Parish

6:00 PM

Michelle Curtis
Christina Parriachi †
Enrique & Maria Aguirre †

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: 3rd Sunday of Lent

Monday:

St. Casimir

Thursday:

Sts. Perpetua and Felicity,
Martyrs

Friday:

St. John of God, Religious

Saturday:

St. Frances of Rome, Religious;
St. Catherine of Bologna

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent, Daylight
Saving Time begins

HOLY HOUR

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

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

*Come and spend some time in Prayer,
Reflection, Adoration, and Benediction with the
Blessed Sacrament.*



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: "Strike the rock, and the water will
flow from it for the people to drink." (Ex 17:6)

Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your
hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading: And hope does not disappoint,
because the love of God has been poured out into our
hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to
us. (Rom 5:5)

Gospel: "Everyone who drinks this water will be
thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give
will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in
him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn
4:13-14)

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday:

Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/
Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1
Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 Scrutiny:
Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-
15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday:

2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday:

Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6
and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday:

Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16,
19-20/Mt 5:17-19 Thursday: Jer
7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk
11:14-23

Friday:

Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9,
10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday:

Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-
21ab/Lk 18:9-14

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ST. NICHOLAS PARISH



invites you to a Lenten Review:

"LIVING with HOPE & LOVE"

Reflections from
Fr. Christopher Smith's Retreat
led by Fr. Martin Bui

**10am to noon on Saturday, March 16
in the Parish Center
Featuring Soup and Bread**

Inquiries: Sandy 949-378-6747 or Peggy 949-500-0826

First Saturday Novena

March 2, 2024



Join us at the 4:00 PM Mass. After the Mass, we will all proceed to the Parish Center **SECOND FLOOR** for the rosary and novena (in English) . This month's rosary will be sponsored by South Area 5. Everyone is welcome. Invite members, family and friends.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**Every Friday
During Lent
5:00PM-6:30PM
Parish Center**

*Friday Lenten
Dinners*

Dinner consists 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. Don't miss it.**

**JOIN US FOR COFFEE & DONUTS AFTER
ALL SUNDAY MORNINGS MASSES, IN THE
PARISH CENTER. HELP SUPPORT
THIS WONDERFUL
MINISTRY!**



*Rice Bowl Bowl/box for your Lenten Alms, are
available in the Church. Please pick one up
and return with your alms (box) at end of Lent.*



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

St. Patrick's Day

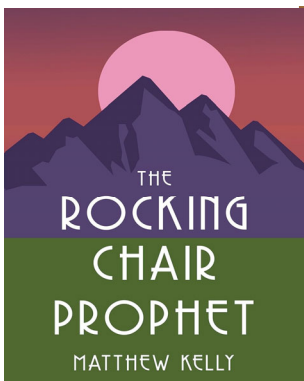
at ST. NICHOLAS PARISH

**SATURDAY
MARCH**



**Starts at 1:00pm
to 7:00pm**

**FOOD, GAMES, DJ, SILENT
AUCTION & MORE!**



The Faith Formation Coordinator is having a book discussion on:

The Rocking Chair Prophet

by Matthew Kelly

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 • 9:45am • Room 201

Books were distributed during the last book study of **Beautiful Eucharist**. Giving readers enough time to finish reading the book by March 5th. If you didn't finish reading it... come anyway. If you don't have the book... come anyways All are welcome!

I AM PATRICK

THE PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND

The Faith Formation Coordinator invites everyone to attend a screening of the movie *I Am Patrick ~The Patron Saint of Ireland* filmed entirely on location in Ireland and England. *I Am Patrick* peels back centuries of legend and myth to tell the true story of St. Patrick. Through historical reenactments, expert interviews and Patrick's own writing, witness the journey from man to Saint.

**Friday, March 15th
9:45 am Room 201**

All are welcomed to attend and wear your **GREEN!**



CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

*Classes Start
March 9, 2024
SIGN UP NOW!*

If you are 18 years of age or older, baptized, and regularly attend Mass and receive the Eucharist, we invite you to come to seven Saturday sessions in preparation for the Sacrament. The sessions will be held from 10 AM to 11:30 AM, beginning Saturday, March 9th, in Room A. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. There will be a registration charge of \$35. If you wish more information, please call Gloria at (949) 768-7228.

Mass for the Lent Season

Music Note:

The **CHANT MASS** parts for LENT can be found in the 2024 Breaking Bread, **numbers 858-864**. Please note it down, as this is not posted or mentioned at Mass.

SPRING 2024 CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

"THE SYNOPTIC GOSPELS"

**Mondays at 10:00 AM
February 5 - April 29
Room 201**



**Please note class
will not meet on
March 11**

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



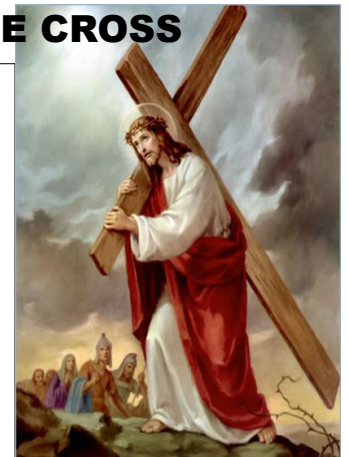
NEW LIFE CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC COMMUNITY

Come join us for a special evening of Prayer, Praise and Worship on Monday, March 4, 2024 at St. Nicholas Parish Center, Room 104, 6:30pm-9:00pm. Light refreshments will be served. Additionally, for the remaining Mondays, we extend an invitation for you to join our prayer and fellowship sessions through ZOOM. While we may be physically apart, our hearts remain connected in prayer and unity. For additional information/inquiries regarding this group, please call Dolly at 714-510-4428 or Ivan at 949-245-5895.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS OF LENT

**9:30AM & 7:00PM in
English in the Church,
7:00PM in Spanish
in the Small Hall and
8:00PM in Vietnamese
in the Church.
Please join us.**



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St. Nicholas news continues
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Please scroll down.**

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ST. NICHOLAS LENTEN MISSION

HOPE AND LOVE IN 2024...REALLY?

Given by Fr. Christopher Smith

Yes, really! Living with hope and love is the miraculous combination Jesus gave us for living our lives to the fullest in a complicated and challenging world. Our parish Lenten Mission invites us to take a deeper look into what this miraculous combination is all about. Please plan to attend.

**MONDAY, MARCH 11 AND
TUESDAY, MARCH 12
9:30AM AND 7:00PM IN THE CHURCH.**

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

PRESENTS

Lenten Reflection SERVICE



Music & Holy Scripture

» Parish Choir, Parish Chorale, Hispanic Choir, Holy Rosary
Philippine Chamber Chorale, & Vietnamese Choir «

Dr. Nové Deypalan, Music Director

Friday, March 22, 2024

6:30 PM

free-will offering

A COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK WILL BE HELD

**AT ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024
AT 12:15 PM**

**We invite all who are
suffering from chronic
or acute illnesses, all
who are elderly,
preparing for
hospitalization or are
having surgery, all who
are terminally ill or are in
hospice care, to come
and receive this
Sacrament of Healing.**



ST. NICHOLAS LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

**Please join us for a
Communal Penance
Service. There will be
a number of priests
hearing confessions.**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20
7:00 PM**

