

TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU

UNLESS a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit

John 12:24

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 In-Residence Rev. Don Romito Visiting Priest Rev. Chin Dang Rev. Brendan Hankins Visiting Priest Deacon Gerardo de Santos Deacon Carlos Pineda Deacon Chau Tran **Bob Ward** Deacon

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.



Milton A. Tobar Facilities Manager

Hello, my name is Milton A. Tobar, and I am very thankful to be working as Facilities Manager at this beautiful parish of San Nicholas. I oversee the maintenance and custodial needs of the parish. The parishioners and staff have made me feel very welcome.

I am originally from El Salvador, and I now live in Dana Point with my family. I met my wife at The Mission San Juan Capistrano, and we have three children. My oldest daughter graduated from USC in 2022 as a biologist; she now works for USC in the Cancer Research Lab caring for people with cancer. My son works in a restaurant, while studying Computer Science at Saddleback College. My younger daughter is in the sixth grade at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic School.

I have completed studies at Industrial Tech Institute, Loyola Marymount University and CWEA, earning certifications as a Mechanic, Computer Specialist, CA Realtor, Quality Control / Maintenance Operator and Hispanic Pastoral Services Provider.

I have worked as a QC Inspector for an electronic company, a Health Food Supplement Manufacturing Inspector, a Mechanical Engineer for a hotel, a Wastewater and Facility Maintenance Operator for a Water District, and I have experience in Business and Real Estate. In 2016, I started my own business doing preventive maintenance and finish carpentry.

I attended a retreat in 1992 at Our Lady of Fatima Church in San Clemente. From that day on, I have been a church volunteer with my family. We now attend and volunteer at St. Edward the Confessor Church. I have been a coach and referee for AYSO for over ten years.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any maintenance related needs or questions. May God bless our parish community!

WORK WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE CHURCH THE WEEK OF MARCH 18-22, FROM 9:30 AM - 6:00 PM. A NEW SOUND SYSTEM, 4 SCREENS AND CAMERAS WILL BE INSTALLED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE.

Solemnity of St. Joseph is Tuesday, March 19, 2024. St. Joseph, Pray for us.



WEEKLY DONATIONS SUMMARY

	Week of	Week of
	Feb. 26 - Mar. 3, 2024	Feb. 26 - Mar. 3, 2023
Sunday Envelopes	10,670.00	\$10,193.00
Sunday Loose	\$7,335.00	\$3,310.50
Electronic	\$6,601.69	\$6,156.04
Total	\$24,606.69	\$19,659.54

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!

MARCH 17, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday:

7:30 AM Joseph Can Vu and †

Maria Thin Pham †

9:00 AM For the Parish

11:00 AM Jeannie Grimes and

Alysa Cantor

John Chinook Lee † Kun Tac Kim † Tina Mendoza †

Monday:

9:00 AM Lydia Pitsirilos

Tuesday:

9:00 AM Cesar Anchiraico

Thomas Carcel T Juanita Lopez T Peter Halasz T

Wednesday:

9:00 AM Ramon U. Veneracion †

Thursday:

9:00 AM Simon Nguyen Pham †

and Anna khiem Tran †

Friday:

9:00 AM Leo and Dolores Abenis †

<u>Saturday:</u>

8:30 AM Mary Ann Granich

4:00 PM Lena Lee Santangelo Gilgan † 6:00 PM Juan Velez and Jael Martinez †

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: 5th Sunday of Lent

Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop

and Doctor of the Church

Tuesday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the

Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo,

Bishop

Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the

Lord, Holy Week begins

HOLY HOUR

Due to the Lenten Penance Service, there will be no HOLY HOUR on Wednesday, March 20. Please join us at the Penance Service at 7:00 PM.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. (Jer 31:34)

Psalm: Create a clean heart in me, O God. (Ps 51) **Second Reading:** Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (Heb 5:8-9) **Gospel:** "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." (Jn 12:24)

Readings for the week of March 17, 2024



Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13,

14-15 (12a)/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-

33

Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/ Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27,

33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62

or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,

6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-

3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/ Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or

Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52,

53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn

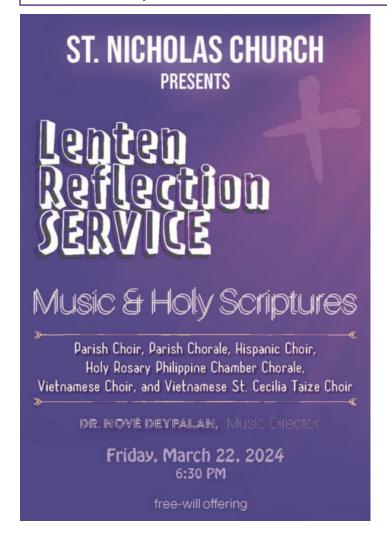
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Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4,

5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10,

11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56





Please take a Rice Bowl Bowl/box for your Lenten

Alms. Boxes are available in the Church and may be returned with your alms at end of Lent.



Tuition Assistance for Students of Parishioners

The Knights of Columbus will be offering tuition assistance to students of parishioners who are or planning to attend a Catholic High School this coming September.

Applications will be available on-line from St. Nicholas Parish website

(https://st-nicholaschurch.org) beginning March 17. Look for Knights of Columbus under ministries and open to find "HS Assistance Information."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Change of time for serving the last Fish Bake Dinner of the Lenten Season, Friday, March 22 in the **Parish Center** 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM

The Knights of Columbus announces a time change associated with their final Lent Fish Bake on Friday, March 22nd. We will begin serving at 4:30 and end at 6:00 PM so interested parishioners will have an opportunity to attend a Lenten Reflection Service, Music and Scripture, beginning at 6:30 pm in our church on the 22nd. We thank you for your support over the past five weeks and hope this change does not inconvenience you.





Dinner consists of battered cod, potatoes, coleslaw and beverages.

Cost of meal is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Family pricing will be available. Don't miss it.

SEWING GROUP MEETS EVERY MONDAY 8AM—12 NOON IN THE SMALL HALL



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HOLY MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Our next Mass will be celebrated on Friday, March 22 at 11:00 AM at The Village, Clubhouse 2 Grevillea. Family and friends are invited. Spread the Word!

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH



AND EASTER MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, March 28 - Mass of The Lord's Supper

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

6:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Vietnamese) 8:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (English/Spanish)

With procession to and Adoration at the Altar of Repose until Midnight.

We will have a special collection for the needs of the poor in our community on Holy Thursday.

Good Friday, March 29 - The Passion of The Lord

9:00am Morning Prayer

12:00pm Stations of the Cross (English)

3:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

(English)

5:00pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

(Vietnamese)

7:30pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

(Spanish)

We will have a Collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday.

Holy Saturday, March 30 - Easter Vigil

9:00 AM Morning Prayer

7:30 PM Easter Vigil – Trilingual (English,

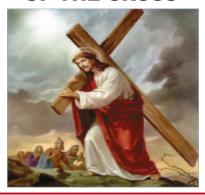
Spanish and Vietnamese) - Parish Choir

PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO 4:00 PM MASS ON HOLY SATURDAY.

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

7:30 AM - Cantor and Quartet
9:00 AM - Parish Choir and Quartet
11:00 AM - Chorale and Quartet
5:00 PM Mass Vietnamese - Vietnamese Choir

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Friday, March 22, 9:30 AM only

Please note there will be no evening Stations of the Cross due to our Lenten Reflection Service.

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.



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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.



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

Due to the Lenten Penance Service, there will be no Holy Hour on Wednesday, March 20.

Checks, cash and credits cards will be accepted at the St. Nicholas St. Patty's event which is scheduled for Saturday, March 16, 2024 From 1 PM - 7PM in the Parish Center.



Catholic Church's Disposal of Blessed Palms

Because they have been blessed by a Priest and, therefore, are holy objects, the palm branches used for Catholic Church services, especially those used on Palm Sunday, should not be disposed of like trash. After the Palm Sunday service, palms may be collected from the worshipers by an usher for disposal. If you would prefer to take your palms home, it may be kept as a holy item. Should you wish to dispose of it, you may bury it or burn it and spread the ashes outdoors in a garden area.