



ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

MARCH 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

CONTACT US

Office Closed April 3 & 6 for
Good Friday & Easter Monday

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MASS SCHEDULE

See inside for Holy Week
and Easter Schedule

SATURDAY: 5:00 pm

SUNDAY: 9:00 am & 12:00 pm

MONDAY, TUESDAY, THURSDAY,

& *FRIDAY: 9:00 am *Healing Mass on Fridays

WEDNESDAY: 7:00 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & MORNING PRAYER

MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY: 8:00 am

FRIDAY: 7:30 am

CONFESSION

WEDNESDAY: 6:00 pm

FRIDAY: 7:40 am

SATURDAY: 4:00 pm

Available by appointment

See inside for
schedule changes for
Holy Week and Easter

CLERGY & STAFF

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The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying:
"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord; hosanna in the highest."

And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked,
"Who is this?"

And the crowds replied,
"This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee."

MATTHEW 21:9-11

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS:
Prearrangement required.
Please contact Fr. Aiden.

1st COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION:
Please contact Heather.

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK:
Please contact Fr. Aiden.

FUNERALS

Please contact Fr. Aiden.

YOUTH GROUP

Sundays | 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Every 1st Friday | 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

RELIGIOUS ED.

CHILDREN'S RE / EDGE:

Sundays | 10:30 am - 11:45 am

SACRAMENTAL PREP:

Saturdays | 9:00 am

OCIC:

Sundays | 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

OCIA:

Tuesdays | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

BIBLE STUDY:

Sundays | 10:30 am - 11:45 am

Monday Morning | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Monday Evening | 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

A community centered on the light of Christ through word, works, and worship.

WELCOME!



St. Nicholas extends a warm welcome to those who have recently joined our parish, are visiting, or are new to the area. Please feel free to stop by the church office and introduce yourself and your family.

If you are joining our parish, please register online:



fairbanks.parishsoftfamilysuite.com

If you are leaving our community, please let us know so we can update your record to keep our database current

CONNECT



St. Nicholas uses FlockNote to send parishioners updates on parish events. To join FlockNote, text the keyword 'Nicholas' to 84576, or contact the parish office.

Religious Education

RE Classes:

RE classes are Sundays 10:30 - 11:45 am.

See Heather for further information.

Sac Prep:

First Communion Retreat & Practice and Confessions will be April 11 beginning at 9 am.

OCIA / OCIC

The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults & Children

OCIA meets every Tuesday, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

For adults in need of the Sacraments or inquiring about the faith. Please contact the

Dir. of Religious Ed., Heather, for more info.

OCIC sessions are Sundays, 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm.

Bible Study

Consider deepening your knowledge of Church teaching this Lent through the various Bible Studies. Sunday or Monday morning we will be studying the Catechism. Monday night we'll study the Creed, i.e., the Church's core beliefs, and the Sacraments. You can also participate in a study that offers practical ways of living out our faith. This last one is for independent study and, if people are interested, it will be available for group study Tuesday afternoons. If you are interested in the Monday night, Tuesday afternoon, or independent studies, please sign up on the bulletin board in the atrium.

All studies meet in the Conference Room.

For more information, scan this QR Code or visit www.stnicholasnp.org/faith-formation



Want to sign up for FORMED?

- Go to formed.org/signup
- Select your parish (using zip code)
- Register with your name and email address
- Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.



Youth Ministry



SUNDAY IN THE YOUTH ROOM

- EDGE (6th-8th grade) - 10:30-11:45am
- HSYG (9th-12th grade) - 4-6pm

No EDGE or HSYG April 5th for Easter Sunday.

FIRST FRIDAYS IN APRIL ~~CANCELLED~~

Due to an unforeseen liturgical scheduling conflict the event for April is cancelled.

The next SNYM First Friday will be on May 1st.

CONFIRMATION

The next class will be on March 29th.

*To RSVP, view the SNYM calendar, and for more information, scan the QR Code above or visit www.stnicholasnp.org/youth-ministry.

Young Adults



GATHER•CONNECT•GROW

GCG will meet for our next gathering on Tuesday, April 28th.

*Please RSVP to attend by Apr. 26th.

Scan the QR Code above or visit www.stnicholasnp.org/young-adults

Adults ages 18-39 are invited to share an evening together, 6-8pm on the last Tuesday of each month at St. Nick's.

Formed.org is an online platform that offers a wide range of Catholic content, including movies, audio books, podcasts, and shows, aimed at deepening the spiritual journey of individuals and families.

STEWARDSHIP

OPERATING FUND STATUS

General Offerings as of	3/22/2026
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,283
Actual Collection	\$ 6,645
Over/(under) Weekly Budget	\$ (638)
Year-to-date Budget	\$ 268,257
Year-to-Date Actual Collection	\$ 324,706
Over/(under) Yearly Budget	\$ 56,449
Expenses Budgeted for the FY26	\$ 519,979
Expenses Year-to-Date	\$ 426,809

Thank you for your generosity!

3% Sunday Collection Contributions

Last Month: Black & Indian Missions - Total Donation \$1,000

This Month: Catholic Relief Services www.crs.org

Next Month: Catholic Home Missions Appeal

www.usccb.org/committees/catholic-home-missions

FY26 Stained Glass Donations: \$18,370

HOW CAN I SUPPORT?

Thank you for prayerfully considering these opportunities to support our church.



*Faith Direct is now upgraded to ParishSOFT Giving

UPDATE for all Faith Direct Contributors:

Please sign into your Faith Direct account to verify that the transfer of your account went smoothly into the ParishSoft Giving upgrade. You will be redirected to the new site if you type in faith.direct/ak237. Log in with your Faith Direct credentials and you should see your account. New donors can also use the site to start contributing electronically. Please let our Finance Manager, Anne, know if you have any questions. Thank you for your continued support of St. Nicholas Parish.



Scan the QR Code and follow the instructions using KD433 for St Nicholas Catholic Church.



Donations to St. Nicholas Catholic Church can also be made at any time via PayPal.

Donations are now being accepted for the Stained Glass Window Project. If you would like to help with this endeavor, you may begin making donations towards the stained glass. Please indicate your donation is for "stained glass windows" when submitting your donation.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

From the Pastor

Brothers and Sisters,

We have reached the final week of our Lenten journey for this year. It is called Holy Week because this is the week



we celebrate the central mysteries of our faith, the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ; the events through which God's holiness is revealed. On Palm Sunday, we do not just wave palms in procession, but we also take our place in the passion of Christ. Palm Sunday calls us to a deeper holiness, one shaped by humility, obedience, and sacrificial love. As we enter Holy Week, may we not only proclaim Jesus as King with our lips, but follow Him with faithful hearts, embracing the cross that leads to the joy of the resurrection.

Please pray for the **Elects** and **candidates** who will receive the Sacraments this week at the vigil, that the spirit of the Lord will strengthen them as they prepare for the Sacraments.

Father Aiden

MASS INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 30

9:00 am | +Ron Murray

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

9:00 am | Special intentions of Emily Armour who is celebrating her birthday this week on April 3

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

7:00 pm | Birthday of Matthew Crawford

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

7:00 pm | +Bob Piser and special intentions of Barry Piser

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 - No Intentions

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

8:00 pm | +David Peissner

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

9:00 am | People of the Parish
12:00 pm | The Departed of St. Nicholas Parish

Mass intentions may be submitted directly through the parish office or via an envelope. Envelopes are available on the bulletin board in the atrium. Suggested donation is \$50 per intention.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter Flower offering envelopes are available around the church if you would like to honor (living) or remember (dearly departed) during the Easter season. **Please submit your envelopes by Tuesday, March 31.**



DAILY READINGS

MONDAY, MARCH 30

Is 42:1-7 / Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 / Jn 12:1-11

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

Is 49:1-6 / Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

Is 50:4-9a / Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34 / Mt 26:14-25

THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Is 52:13-53:12 / Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 / Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 / Jn 18:1-19:42

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

Easter Vigil

Ez 37:21-28 / Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 / Jn 11:45-56 Gn 1:1-2:2 / Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22 / Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 / Ps 16:5, 8-11 / Ex 15:1-6, 17-18 / Is 54:5-14 / Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 / Is 55:1-11 / Is 12:2-6 / Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4 / Ps 19:8-11 / Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28 / Ps 42:3, 5 / 43:3, 4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 / Rom 6:3-11 / Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 / Mt 28:1-10

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 / "Victimae paschale laudes" / Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

REGULAR MEETINGS & TIMES

PARISH POTLUCK:

Every 1st Saturday | 6:00 pm

No Potluck in April

PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Meets 3rd Wednesday | 7:30 pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

Meets 2nd Wednesday | 7:30 pm

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Tuesdays | 6:00 pm

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP:

Wednesdays | 10:00 am

This Month and Upcoming at St. Nicholas

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

Obligatory Day of Fasting & Abstinence

Stations of the Cross 3:00 pm

Good Friday Service 7:00 pm

No scheduled confession at St. Nicholas March 28, April 1, and April 3



School Lunches |

Fri., April 3, 9:30 am

Volunteers are needed this Friday at 9:30 am to pack and deliver lunches for the local school children. Packing will take place in the Social Hall of the church.



Bazaar Quilters | Tues., April 7, 10 am

Help is needed to assemble our first quilt for the 2026 Bazaar. No experience is needed! Group will meet in the Social Hall. Please bring sewing supplies if you have them.

Call or text Dorothy for more info

907-322-0862

EASTER VIGIL, APRIL 4

Mass 8:00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

Mass 9:00 am

Mass 12:00 pm



Holy Week & Easter Signups

If you would like to assist at the Holy Thursday Mass, Good Friday Service, and Easter Masses, please signup on the bulletin board in the atrium.



Congratulating our Graduating Parishioners

Our parish would like to celebrate the Class of 2026! If you, a friend or a loved one, are an upcoming high school graduate, please contact the Youth Minister, Beth Sauer no later than Friday, April 17th, so that each of the St. Nicholas high school graduates can be congratulated by our parish. Beth's contact information can be found on the front of the bulletin.

CATECHESIS: What is Passiontide in the Catholic Church?

Traditionally the final two weeks of Lent in the Roman Rite are used as an immediate preparation for the sorrowful events of the Easter drama. It is a period of time to focus more and more on the Passion and death of Jesus and so accompany him on his way to Calvary.

For several centuries the Fifth Sunday of Lent was known as "Passion Sunday" and marked the beginning of a special sub-season called Passiontide, which extended up until Holy Saturday. During this time the Church's liturgy became more somber and a sorrowful mood was reflected in the various practices that occurred in the liturgy.

Passion Week

The most obvious example of a more somber mood was the veiling of statues and images, which remains an optional practice in the current Roman Missal:

"In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses

remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil."

It was also on the Friday of this initial "Passion Week" that the feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated (it is now fixed annually on September 15). The current Roman Missal still provides an alternative prayer for that day (Friday in the Fifth Week of Lent), remembering Mary's own bitter passion.

O God, who in this season give your Church the grace to imitate devoutly the Blessed Virgin Mary in contemplating the Passion of Christ, grant, we pray, through her intercession, that we may cling more firmly each day to your Only Begotten Son and come at last to the fullness of his grace.

Palm Sunday was seen as the "Second Sunday in Passiontide," and is currently listed in the liturgical calendar as "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion." It is on this day that the Passion narrative is read, the

longest Sunday Gospel reading of the entire year.

The Church beckons us on Palm Sunday to look toward the cross and see Christ's immense love for us, sacrificing himself for our sins. It is a preview of what is to come on Good Friday.

After Palm Sunday, Passion Week gives way to Holy Week and the Church follows Jesus during his final days in Jerusalem. The Passion narrative was traditionally proclaimed during Mass on each day of Holy Week leading up to Holy Thursday. Various other practices occurred during these final two weeks of Lent, such as Stations of the Cross and the Tenebrae services. In the end, Passiontide is meant to be a special penitential period where we focus on Jesus' bitter passion and foster within ourselves sorrow for our sins.

Article Source:

<https://aleteia.org/2017/03/30/what-is-passiontide/>

PRAYER REQUESTS

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Francisco A. & Family, Janelle Allen & Family, Lois Armentor, Aletia Atkinson, Morgan Atkinson, Fred Austin & Family, Callie Jo, C. Bowman & Family, +Patricia Barth, Christopher Brown, Katrina Butler, +Wanda Byerly, Amanda Byrd, Terry & Beverly Cannon, +Marietta Castillo, Chip Channa, Jean Erickson, Bob & Anna Fath, Mary Fish, +Wyatt Fleming, Christina Fortenberry, Frazier Family, Kat Gannon, +Michael Goble, Pat Goble, Cody Gorrell, Lois Gould, +Ashley Groholski, Michael J. Guadagnoli, +Adolfo Guadiz, +Lori Harrand, Harvey Family, Fr. Gerardus Hauwert, Fr. Joe Hemmer, Nathan Horne, John, Donald Jones, Josh & Lauren & Family, Cynthia Julien, Eve Karczmarczyk, Kim, Tom Laridaen, Brian, Lashinski Family, +Maxwell Lashinski, +Eleanor LeBeau, +Chelsey Luker, Casey McKee, Deshawn Miranda, Moon Family, +Ron Murray and family, Nathalie, +Ann Nickerson, Doris Noblet, Evette Odhiambo, Bob Okri, +McKinley Win Ostanik, Heather Patterson, Tom Pendergast, +David Peissner, Powers Family, +Sunday Powers, Gwen Price, Larry Purbis, Rob R., +Daniel Rawson, Rawson Family, +Rosie Shearer, Matthew Smith, +Nicki Snow, Snow Family, Stephanie, Racheal Steifford, Regis Swanson, Daranee Teapthong, Yingyos Teapthong, Maria Terch, Theo, Jim Took, Mike Wehner, Bridget Wells, Harper Wicker, Mary Wing, Arthur & +Rose Wood, +Kaylynn Woody, Woody Family.

WEEKLY GRATITUDE

Thank you to all who have assisted throughout the Lenten season with the Stations of the Cross and the Simple Suppers on Fridays!



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