

Welcome to
St. Nicholas & St. William
Catholic Parish



... for I am meek and humble of heart Mt 11:25-30

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 9, 2023

Sunday Masses

St. William - Saturday (Vigil) at 4:00pm
Sunday at 9:00am, 11:00am, & 5:00pm

St. Nicholas - Sunday at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00noon,
& 5:00pm (French)

Livestream Mass

Sunday at 11:00am <https://snswwparish.org>

Drive up & Park Communion

St. William - Sunday from 12:30 to 12:45pm

Confessions

St. William - Saturday from 2:30 to 3:30pm

Daily Masses

St. Nicholas - Monday - Saturday at 8:00am
Monday - Friday at 12:10pm

Adoration - Thursday 8:30 to 9:30am

Sacrament of the Sick:

First Saturday of the month during 8:00am Mass
St. Nicholas Church

Sacramental Care: If you are in need of Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, Confession, or Holy Communion, call the Parish Office for assistance (650) 948-2158.

St. Nicholas Church open for prayer & reflection:
Monday - Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm

Parish Office: 473 Lincoln Ave., Los Altos, CA 94022

Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm

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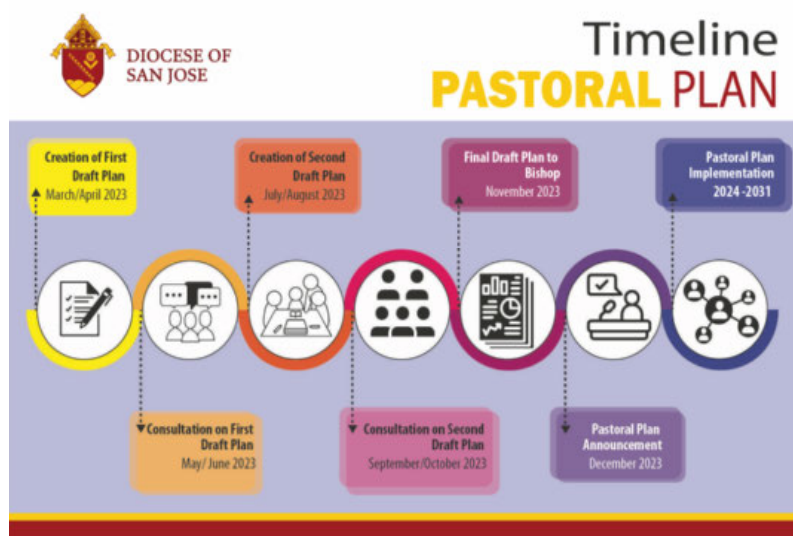
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St. Nicholas Church
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St. William Church
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**“Where there is no vision,
the people perish.”** Proverbs 29:18

I’m reminded of the scene from Lewis Carroll’s *Alice in Wonderland*. Alice encounters the Cheshire Cat. Alice asks the Cat for directions: “Would you tell me, please, which way I ought to go from here?” The Cat replies: “That depends a good deal on where you want to get to.” When Alice says she doesn’t really know where she wants to go, the Cat famously replies, “Then it doesn’t matter which way you go.”



The priests of our Diocese are collaborating with Bishop Cantú to develop a Pastoral Plan that will lay out a vision for our Church over the next several years. I want you to be informed of the work we are doing, so when the time comes for our parish to begin the implementation process, we will be ready.

The Church of today is not the same as it was 100, 50, or even 20 years ago; yet we are still functioning within the same structures and modes of evangelization. Although we treasure our Catholic tradition, we must recognize that the Catholic population has shifted. Society has changed over the past several decades. Our Catholic institutions are no longer as effective or sustainable as they once were.

We need to ask ourselves what our parishes, ministries, and institutions need to look like to effectively share the faith in a way that engages new disciples of Christ and is sustainable for generations to come. This pastoral planning process allows us to move our ministries forward to meet people where they are while remaining constant in mission and rooted in faith.

Our Diocese needs a Spirit-filled renewal, especially in the aftermath of a historic pandemic. The pandemic has only accentuated and exacerbated the sacramental, pastoral, catechetical, and financial challenges seen in the dioceses across the country before the pandemic.

We need to address the challenges facing the Catholic Church today. In every age and in every place, the Church must read and address the signs of the times. The total percentage of the U.S. population identifying with a particular religion and observing religious practices continues to decline. Religious adherence is highest among baby boomers and decreases with each subsequent generation. Additionally, young adults are postponing marriage and having fewer children when they do marry.

This trend is consistent in the Diocese of San José and has contributed to a steady decline in Mass attendance, sacraments, Catholic school enrollment, parish religious education enrollment. Stewardship support of our parishes and schools has also steadily declined in the Diocese of San José, consistent with the trend across the country.

The 50th Jubilee of the Diocese of San José in 2031 joyfully coincides with the 500th anniversary of Mary’s appearance and message to St. Juan Diego, which set in motion an unimaginable, dynamic evangelization of the Americas where previously the response to the Gospel message had been somewhat limited. Through her presence, message, and intercession, the Gospel message spread deeply and broadly. Thus, Bishop Cantú convened a diocesan synod to listen and discern with the faithful how we can spiritually renew our diocese in preparation for our 50th jubilee.

Fr. Matt

WELCOME VISITORS

Thank you for your interest in our parish. Whether you're just visiting, looking for a new parish home, or are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith, we welcome you! Here are some practical details that may be helpful to you.

We are **St Nicholas & St William Catholic Parish** — a single parish with two churches and a school. The parish office is centrally located next to St. Nicholas Church (473 Lincoln Avenue in Los Altos), and a mile northwest of St William Church (611 S. El Monte in Los Altos), and a mile northeast of St Nicholas School (12816 S. El Monte in Los Altos Hills). We also have two parish halls and an outdoor Tent in which to gather and celebrate.

Our daily Masses are held at St. Nicholas Church and weekend Masses are celebrated at both churches. You will find the bathrooms for St Nicholas Church in the parish hall next door and at St William you will find them in the vestibule on either side.

All are welcome and we love when families include their children in worship. If you sit towards the front it can be easier for little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. Sing the hymns, pray and say the responses so children can learn from you. If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. We believe the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home here!

All are welcome to join us in prayer. Catholic services can be confusing for non-Catholics. As Catholics, we pray and participate in the Mass by standing, sitting and kneeling at different times. As a guest you are welcome to follow along with the postures as you feel comfortable, or you can sit. The words of the hymns, prayers, and readings can be found in the books in the pews, organized by date.

For Catholics, **Holy Communion**, not only nourishes us with the Body and Blood of Christ, it is also the source and summit of our unity, our communion, the profession of our faith as the Body of Christ. **Those who do not profess the Catholic faith are asked not to receive communion, but are encouraged and welcome to join the communion line to receive a blessing.** Simply cross your arms in front of your chest. That will tell the priest or the minister that you are not receiving communion, but would like a blessing.

If you find you would like to join our parish, we invite you to register at our website: <https://snswwparish.org>



Join Us For Donuts!

Gather for hospitality every Sunday after our morning Masses: 8, 9, 10, & 11

Volunteers needed for July & August!

Please contact Candy Berenguer:
candace.hamill@dsj.org

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for 2023

JULY For a Eucharistic Life



We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

See the monthly intentions for the whole year here:
<https://popesprayerusa.net/popese-intentions/>



Pope Francis wrote the encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* in 2015 about caring for the Earth to every single person in the world. Read our Bishop's letter committing our diocese to the goals of the pope and the worldwide church. <https://www.dsj.org/bishop-cantu-message-on-laudato-si-action-platform/>. Join efforts in our parish to work with the goals. One of the goals is **Care for the Poor**. Check out the Laudato Si Action Platform at <https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/about/>

St. Ignatius Day Morning of Recollection



**Monday, Jul 31
10:00am - 1:00pm**

*Morning of Recollection
for Women and Men*

Please join us and other friends of *El Retiro* as we celebrate the Feast Day of our Founder, St. Ignatius of Loyola. Experience the beauty of our 38 acres while celebrating the gift of St. Ignatius to the Church. Perhaps you may recall a special retreat made here and spend some time remembering how the Lord is active in your life. Lunch will be served. Registration \$40.00. Sign Up By Friday, Jul 28 at 3:00pm at <https://jrc.retreatportal.com/events/>



Bridges to Community will be collecting new children's backpacks and \$25 Target gift cards (for school supplies). The backpacks and gift cards will be given to the children of low-income families in the Alta Housing community who are enrolled in a summer reading and study group program. Alta Housing provides low- and moderate-income housing for families in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

New backpacks will be collected this weekend, **July 8/9 and July 15/16** or take them to the parish office at St. Nicholas during the week. Place the gift cards in an envelope marked "Bridges to Community" and either:
 (1) Include the envelope with the backpack at Mass,
 (2) Put the envelope in the collection basket at Mass, or
 (3) Drop off the envelope at the parish office.

This is a chance to give something from your heart that will make a real difference in the growth and development of children in our local communities. Please consider purchasing and donating multiple \$25 gift cards, along with a backpack.

*Thank you, parishioners, for your generosity.
 You really do make a difference.*

BLOOD DRIVE

Saint Nicholas Saint William

Sunday, July 30, 2023

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Saint William Hall

611 S. El Monte Avenue

Los Altos, CA 94022

To make an appointment, visit donors.vitalant.org.

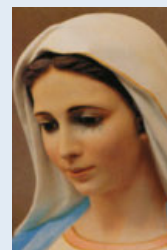
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Pray the Rosary in Community following 8:00am Daily Mass at St. Nicholas Church

Gather in front of Mary's statue in St. Nicholas Church to pray the Rosary together on: **Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday** at the conclusion of the 8am Mass. On Thursdays, after the 8am Mass you are invited to Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction. **All are welcome!**



Join our Virtual Rosary Group every day at 3:00pm on Zoom. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/snsw-rosary> to request the link or contact Catherine Campbell, catherine.raffa@dsj.org.



AN AFTERNOON OF REFLECTION AND REMEMBRANCE

All grieving mothers, grandmothers are invited to an Afternoon of Reflection & Remembrance at the Chapel Building at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Lafayette. Join Fr. John Auther, S.J., Rita Morton, grieving mother and founder of Sacred Sorrows, and Mrs. Susan Hickman, grieving mother and author, as they present this mini-retreat titled *New Things: Discovering Pathways to Peace*.

WHEN: Sunday, July 30th

TIME: 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

WHERE: QUEEN OF HEAVEN CEMETERY
 1965 Reliez Valley Road
 Lafayette, CA 94549

HOW: To register or for more information, visit

www.sacredsorrows.org

Reservations are required - Suggested donation \$25



MAY WE PRAY FOR YOU?

The concept of Intercession is mentioned more than 80 times in Scripture. The ultimate example of intercession is Jesus, who stood

before God as our Intercessor when He gave Himself for us on the cross. Our parish has an intercessory prayer team who prays daily for others. **We would love to pray for you and invite you to confidentially share your prayer requests with the team using this link:**

<https://tinyurl.com/snsw-prayer-request>

If you feel called to join our Intercessory Prayer Team visit: <https://tinyurl.com/snsw-join-prayer-team>



Join Our Parish Prayer Team! We invite registered parishioners to join our Parish Prayer Team. Our coordinator receives prayer requests and sends one consolidated prayer

request email each weekday. Prayer team members are committed to praying for these intentions in a timely and confidential manner. To sign up to join the Parish Prayer Team go to <https://tinyurl.com/snswprayerteam> or click on the Prayer Team button on our website <https://snsparish.org>

Faith Formation

Registration for fall is now open on our website.
Parent meeting 8/7
First Class 9/10
10am to 11am

RCIA Youth

We look forward to helping your older children receive their sacraments! Fall registration is now open

EDGE

Registration for fall is now open on our website.
6th to 8th grades meet on Sundays at 3:15 to 4:45pm
Youth Ministry Kickoff - Sep 10 - 6:30pm

theIntersection

Registration for fall is now open on our website. 9th to 12th grades meet on Sundays at 6:30-8:30pm

Youth Mass Sundays 5pm St. William | All youth, 6th to 12th grade, join us in the front pews!

WYD Dining for Dollars!

Thank you to our local businesses who are helping support us!
All through the month of July, just bring a paper or digital copy of this flyer on these days and a percentage of your purchase goes to support our youth at no extra charge!



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St. Nicholas Catholic School



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Two Positions Available

Perfect Afternoon Part-Time Role!

Located in Los Altos Hills, St. Nicholas Catholic School has been educating Transitional Kindergarten thru Eighth-grade students for over 60 years! Currently, we are in search of two part-time aides for our Extended Care Program. Up to 18 hours per week.

The ideal candidate for this position must be 18yrs of age, have experience and enjoy working with children. This person should be responsible, reliable, and have a positive attitude. Professionalism, initiative, good communication and collaboration skills with other staff members, teachers and administrators are also required. This is a great position for a retired person looking for a rewarding part time job.

Our program is an extension of our school and all staff members are required to provide a supportive, caring environment that is aligned with the mission and philosophy of our school. Together, we strive to support and work with parents as partners, as well as being a role model for students and families.

Responsibilities/Duties include:

- Constant overall safety & supervision of students
- Provide and interact with children in a manner consistent with the St. Nicholas School mission and philosophy.
- Responsible for making sure students are properly signed in and/or signed out before leaving the premises
- Assist with homework
- Prepare snack
- Plan and implement age-appropriate daily activities (indoor/outdoor)
- Assist in maintaining a clean facility

HOW TO APPLY: Interested candidates should contact St. Nicholas School 650-941-4056 or send resume to stacyfrench@stnicholaslah.com



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Memorial Service for Ellen Clark
Saturday, July 15 at 1:00pm
St. William Church,
with a reception following in the hall.

Did you know our parish has a subscription to
Bishop Robert Barron's
Video Library?

<https://tinyurl.com/snswordonfire>



GREETING CARDS

Through Catholic Charities Inmate Services, Bridges to Community collects unused greeting cards (all occasions w/envelopes) for inmates inside our county jails so they can keep in touch with family and friends on the outside. They are also collected for Active Military Personnel and Vets. Please do not include solicitation letters and envelopes. Cards can be left in the Church Vestibules or Parish Office.



Hunger is an ongoing problem, and we can all help. As you are grocery shopping, please think about picking up an extra item or two for the families in our community who are in need. (Regular-sized items rather than large-sized packages are preferred.) Some of the foods most useful are:

- Pop-top non-condensed soups
- nuts/trail mix, granola bars
- crackers, cookies, & snacks
- shelf-safe milk & juice & juice boxes
- instant coffee, tea, & hot chocolate
- Oatmeal, flour; sugar; oil, baking mixes
- Hispanic, Asian, & Indian items



Both churches have a white food bin inside the front entrance where you can leave your food any time you come to Mass. The July donations will go to St. Francis of Assisi in East Palo Alto.

Second Collection Report

Catholic Communications: 6/11	\$4,656.25
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Thank you for your continued generosity!

Stewardship Report: June 11, 2023

	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Basket, Mailed-in & Online Giving: 6/5-11	\$22,438.75	\$21,326.03	\$1,112.72
YTD (as of 6/11)	\$1,321,110.20	\$1,254,115.07	\$66,995.13
% of Budget YTD			105.3%

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions for the week of July 9, 2023

St. William Church

Sat	4:00pm	Dick Maciaszek †	Kostelec Family
Sun	9:00am		
	5:00pm	Joseph Blackall †	Loving Family
		Junie Ledesma †	Loving Family

St. William - In-Person & Livestreamed

Sun 11:00am People of the Parish

St. Nicholas Church

Sun	8:00am	Jack Maloney †	Loving Family
	10:00am	Andrew John Burbird †	Real Family
		Paul Harrison Davis †	Real Family
	12:00pm		
	5:00pm		
Mon	8:00am	Hong Family - Intention	
	12:10pm		
Tue	8:00am	Birthday Intention	
	12:10pm		
Wed	8:00am	Cesare & Rita Fraguglia †	Larry Guslani Family
		David & Mary Montini †	
	12:10pm	Chen Family - Intention	
		Gloria Wing †	Friend
Thu	8:00am		
	12:10pm	John J. Daly †	Mary Hardy
Fri	8:00am	Nelson Family - Intention	
	12:10pm	Dawn Family - Intention	
Sat	8:00am		

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Let us pray for Anastasia Adams, W. M. Andrews, Eric Banuelos, Susan Berger, William Brugnoli, Steve Castain, Lida Co, Joanna Cross, DeBell Family, Shannon Lilly Ekedal, Basil Ford, Valerie Gawron, Diane Geschke, Madonna Haley, Emily Hanken, Faris & Libby Kahwajy, Arlene Kramer, Ray Light, Lisa McBride, Florence Mendoza, Josie Mendoza, Gary Mirka, William Newkirk, John Ocampo, Ivana Panontin, Katherine Paternoster, Nacho Quintana, Anne Rullo, Carol Sarno, Anne K. Sturm, Bob Sumbis, Marie Torrise, Connie Weaver, Tracy Weiss, Bob Wilmering, Pete Wismann, Sally Wood, & Hank Zoeller that Jesus will be a source of strength & comfort.



Parishioners of St. Nicholas & St. William Parish are invited to share the name of a loved one (or themselves) for the prayer list in our bulletin. This prayer list is for those who are sick, hospitalized, or in need of healing. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself, please obtain their permission. **Names are kept in the bulletin throughout the month they are received. If you need to extend the listing for an additional month, please contact the parish office at 650-948-2158.**

Readings for the week of July 9, 2023

Sun: Zec 9:9-10/Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14 (see 1)/Rom 8:9, 11-13/ Mt 11:25-30
Mon: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15ab/Mt 9:18-26
Tue: Gn 32:23-33/ Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, and 15/Mt 9:32-38
Wed: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10 11, 18-19/Mt 10:1-7
Thu: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 10:7-15
Fri: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39 40/Mt 10:16-23
Sat: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 Mt 10:24-33

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