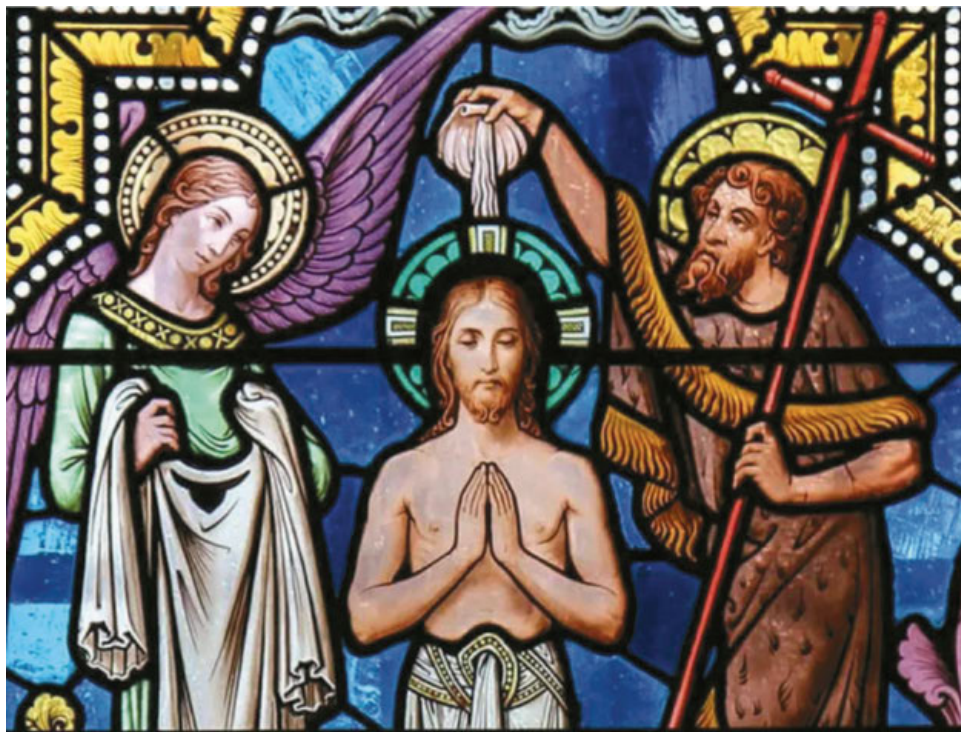


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Sunday Mass

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 12:15 to 12:30pm

Confessions

St. William - Saturday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm
Wednesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm

Daily Mass

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

St. William - Wednesday at 7:30pm (Young Adults)

Adoration

St. Nicholas - Thursday 8:30am to 12:00pm
St. William - Wednesday 6:30pm to 7:30pm

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

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

St. Nicholas Church is open for prayer & reflection:
Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:00pm

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

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30am to 7:00pm

Phone: (650) 948-2158

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The Baptism of the Lord - *Reflection by Clare Lee*

I was talking to my middle daughter this week, and I mentioned I needed to write a reflection on the Baptism of the Lord. Being as well-versed in Scripture as she is, she started telling me about the view when Jesus was being baptized, how the heavens opened up and the voice of God came down to speak to those who were present. The idea of the voice of God struck with me; for in the same way that God's voice sang down upon the witnesses of Christ's baptism, do we not open ourselves up to the heavens when we celebrate through music and song?



Psalm 100 states, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing." Church music plays an important role in music history, as many great composers worked in churches and composed great works inspired by Scripture. Their music is still widely played in the concert. I have sung Requiem by different composers-- Elijah by Mendelsohn, Handel's Messiah, and many more masterpieces. Those pieces are powerful, and can strike straight to your heart.

I love singing in church just as much as I love performing various classical pieces, as it strengthens my spirit and connects me with those in the congregation. My last thought on the sacred music is that, on the last few days of my late father, he was in hospice and ready to leave the physical world. He played Ave Maria over and over again. He even played it for Fr. Olivera after he did my father's final rites. My father was hard of hearing. My brothers and I were wondering if he could even hear anything. Now I think back, he probably played the music for us so we weren't scared and hoping to bring us peace or perhaps it was his prayer. Everyone interprets music differently. May you all have a song to sing in your heart!



Welcome Clare Lee

It's been an amazing year for me and my family. My husband retired after working for 38 years. My oldest daughter got her JD, passed the California bar exam, and started working at a law firm in Palo Alto. My second daughter has worked over a year in downtown Los Altos, and my youngest son finished college and moved back home in December.

We also just adopted a stray doodle puppy making this a three-dog household.

I went on a European Choir Tour with the San Jose Symphonic Choir this summer. We visited Withering Abbey, Austria, one of the most ornate and stunning churches. As a Catholic, it was a very special experience to sit in the choir stalls singing at a Sunday Mass.

I started playing piano when I was 4 years old and took my first voice lesson when I was 14. Later, I came to the US and got my undergraduate and master's degrees in music education. To me, music is not only about notes and rhythm, it is an expression, conversation, and prayer. I joined the choir at St. Simon after my children went to college. Since I retired from being their designated driver, I have had time to do things I enjoy! I now sing at St. Joseph of Cupertino whenever I can. Being able to serve in the music ministry, combining my profession and my faith is a blessing.

Besides teaching piano and directing a children's choir, I enjoy gardening, crafting, traveling and hanging out with friends.

To cap off the year, I volunteered to help out with the Christmas concert. With every performer's effort and dedication, it was a success!

Stepping into the position of music coordinator at this parish, I have met many wonderful parishioners who have offered their support and talent. I have no words to express my gratitude. All I can think of is, "*Glory be to him whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.*" Ephesians 3:20.



On this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we offer our continued support and prayers to all of the children and adults—their families, godparents, and sponsors—who were baptized at our parish in 2024.

*Violet Amato
Jaden Barton
Amanda Bell
Georges Beudet
Aaron Tom-Castillo
Athena Tom-Castillo
Ace Chung
Athena Chung
Hannah Dale
Lisa Dale
Michael Dale
Catherine Dicioccio
Lucas Dorsey
Felix Duvergey
Lily Duvergey
Nina Duvergey
Robin Duvergey
Samuel Ellison
Joseph Eschbach
Mozart Eschbach
Francesca Evans
Lucia Facciolla
Ashley Finklestein*

*Shayan Goshtasb
Lauryn Hong
Michael Kavanagh
Omid Khorasani
Miles Kraus
Tess Kraus
Arianna Lee
Ava Lewis
Angelo Marin
Mateo Marin
Emma O'Kane
Martin Olson
Dominic Redmond
Carson Sheldon
Colette Simon
Daniel Terwelp
Kaleb Wang
Daniel Salas-Williams
James Williams
Anya Wong
Jennifer Wong
Mila Wong
Liam Zack*

Full communion with the Catholic Church

is the process of becoming fully initiated into the Catholic faith for those who have already been baptized in another Christian church.

It involves:

- Making a profession of faith
- Receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist
- Accepting the Catholic Church's teachings on faith and morals

We will celebrate this Rite with **Bruce Charonnat** at the 5:00 pm Mass at St. William on January 19.



9 DAYS FOR LIFE
January 16-24



The U.S. bishops' Committee on [Pro-Life Activities](#) is sponsoring the [Nine Days for Life](#) campaign from Jan. 16-24. It is a multi-faceted [novena](#) for the respect and protection of every human life. Each day, a short reflection accompanies a different intention, suggested actions, and related information. To have these sent to you automatically, [subscribe](#) to receive the novena and daily text messages. <https://www.respectlife.org/9-days-signup>



Please join us in welcoming a new member to our Parish Family!

*Nathan & Erica Byham and Family
Robert & Renee Conley
Andrea Fernandes
Liliana & Sara Sandoval*



Stewardship Thought for the Week

As we celebrate this feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we can study His actions at the Jordan River as a powerful example of servant leadership. We see in Jesus a type of leadership characterized by humility and leading by example. He doesn't just tell the people they need to be baptized. He shows them how and does it Himself to teach them.

To lead like Jesus, we must "walk the walk"

and not just "talk the talk." If we want those we lead to be generous and hard-working, we must show them how to do this by demonstrating generosity and hard work ourselves. Let us be grateful for our amazing God and be reminded that when we are thankful followers of Jesus and servant-leaders in imitation of Him, the Father will be well-pleased with us, too.

Happy Anniversary – St. Nicholas Church

On Sunday morning, December 20, 1942, Archbishop John J. Mitty blessed and dedicated the

Church of St. Nicholas. We give thanks and praise to God for 82 years of celebrating our faith as One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. On Sunday, January 19 (the first "free" Sunday), we will honor this event by celebrating the "Anniversary of a Dedication of Church" at all of our Masses at St. Nicholas Church.





"INTIMACY & AWE"

Marriage as the Sign of Salvation

Made for love, every human person has stamped in his or her body a sign that is a call to communion. Marriage is both a reality of that love, and an icon of an even more profound communion with God Himself. In the mystery of love, there is a necessary tension between intimacy that pulls in, and awe that pushes away.

Presented By Damon Owens



Tuesday: January 28, 2025

6:15PM Cheese and Wine reception
7:00PM Talk

St. William Church
611 S. El Monte Ave
Los Altos CA 94022





Please register at:
<https://tinyurl.com/damonowens2025>



Coat Drive

**January 11-12
and 18-19**

Bridges volunteers will be collecting warm coats and sweaters for both children and adults. When you start clearing closets of those gently used coats and sweaters, you'll be making room for the influx of new winter wraps.

Questions? Call Jan Truitt, 650-305-0055



Outfitting Newborns Drive

January 18-19

Bridges to Community, our parish outreach group will be collecting new clothing for babies in need to be distributed to mothers through the Public Health Nurses in Santa Clara County. Most needed items are little boy outfits age 0 to 6 months (e.g. onesies, play outfits, sleepers) For questions contact Karen Shea-Daley, 650-823-9085.




Come and Walk for Life with fellow parishioners!

Saint Nicholas and Saint William will have a shuttle to and from the St. William parking lot to Walk for Life in San Francisco on **Saturday, January 25**.

The bus will drop us off at St. Mary's Cathedral in San Francisco and pick us up at the Ferry Building, where the Walk ends. The bus departs the St. William parking lot at 7:45 am, and you will return by 6:00 pm.

The bus ride costs \$30 per person and includes a custom-made Walk For Life T-shirt from Saint Nicholas & Saint William. For schedule and registration, please click on: <https://tinyurl.com/walkforlife2025>

Limited seats are available.

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Survey Deadline: February 7. Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STWMZZX>



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FEBRUARY 7, 2025

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Friday Night Café

Catholicism & the Family: *How to Keep the Light On*

Friday, January 31, 2025 | 5:45 - 8 pm
St. William Hall, 611 S. El Monte Ave, Los Altos



Speaker

Rev. Gary Thomas

Inaugural Director of the
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- High school students are welcome to attend!
- Free childcare available for younger children at the Teen Center. Kids younger than 2 are welcome to stay with their parents during the talk.

Evening's Program

5:45 pm Pizza dinner for kids at St. William Teen Center*
6:00 pm Appetizers, drinks, fellowship at St. William Hall
7:00 pm Speaker presentation
7:30 pm Q&A, Discussion, followed by fellowship

The event is **free**, but please
RSVP by Jan. 28, 2025 to help organizers plan the event.
<https://bit.ly/FNC-LightOn2025>



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you who are discerning. **Contact one of
our parish priests for more information**



LIFE TRANSITIONS AS OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION: A FAITH-SHARING GROUP

- Join us on
a weekly journey of the heart, mind, and soul. We all experience
important transitions during our lives. Some are big, sudden events.
Others take place more gradually. Examples are marriage, the birth
of a child, moving to a new place, career change, a midlife crisis, a
health crisis, retirement, aging. We welcome you, as fellow travelers
who have fallen, risen, and struggled, as we share our faith and
discuss how life transitions can offer sometimes hidden opportunities
for spiritual growth and transformation.

Meetings will be held at **St. Nicholas Hall on Saturday mornings,**
9:30-10:30am, January 11 to April 12 (breaks on 2/22 and 3/15).

Questions? Interested in joining? Please contact JJ Card
(jjcard@socio.com; 650-279-5777) or Susan Bernadett Shapiro
(Sbernadettshapiro@gmail.com).

WORLD DAY OF THE SICK

Anointing of the Sick for the Diocese of San Jose

Saturday, February 8, 2025

9:30am - Special Rosary

10am - Mass for the Sick with Anointing

Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph

80 S Market St. San Jose

You will be directed to free parking nearby

- ◆ All Attendees will receive Lourdes water, a Holy Medal and a Holy Card.
- ◆ Prayer Petitions may be submitted for the Malta Members to hand carry to Lourdes on your behalf in May.



Celebration is sponsored
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World Day of the Sick is an observation introduced by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes and is an important opportunity for those who serve in Catholic health ministry to reflect on caring for those who are sick as well as those who provide care to them.

Our Christmas Gift to You!

Copies of **"33 Days to Eucharistic Glory"** are available after Mass. It is the first ever Eucharistic Consecration. This unprecedented spiritual resource presents profound truths, astonishing historical facts, powerful practical examples, a daily virtue to adopt, extraordinary prayers, and inspiring stories—all in an easy-to-follow daily format.



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH PROGRAM

Faith Formation	OCIA Youth	Confirmation	EDGE	theIntersection
Classes on Sundays St. William Hall 10 am to 11 am Jan 12 & 26	9 to 11 am Sr. E. Teen Center Jan 11 & Feb 1	7 th to 12 th grades meet on 1 st & 3 rd Sundays, 12:00 to 1:30 pm Sr. E. Teen Center Jan 5 & 19	6 th to 8 th grades meet on the 2 nd & 4 th Sundays, 3:00 to 4:30 pm Sr. E. Teen Center Jan 12 & 26	9 th to 12 th grades meet on Sundays, 6:30 to 8:30 pm Sr. E. Teen Center Jan 12, 19, & 26

Children's Mass January 12 at 11 am followed by King's Cake | Youth Mass Sundays 5pm St. William - 6th-12th grade



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Today's Second Collection: Church in Latin America

For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands. The work of evangelization is carried out by Christians who meet people where they are—not only in a geographical sense but also in the context of culture. Though the Gospel is unchanging, we have many ways to make it relevant to people of all cultural, ethnic, and linguistic backgrounds. Please be generous toward this collection. Your support truly makes a difference. For information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



2024 Annual Stewardship Report to the Parish July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

We want to thank all of you for your generous giving this past year. With your support we were able to share our faith and continue to share the Gospel message. We are pleased to provide a stewardship report which reflects just a few of the countless activities of our community of faith, including our financial operations for the fiscal year 2023-2024. For us to be successful, we need your continued generosity of time, talent, and treasure. Our parish cannot do this holy work without each one of you working as God's good stewards. *We encourage to review the entire report found on <https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org>*



Stewardship of Treasure Report – November (2024)

Thank you for your ongoing support of the mission and ministries of our parish. For the month of **NOVEMBER**, our average weekly collection was **\$22,572**. You also generously donated to various essential causes in our **NOVEMBER** second/special collections at **\$5,392 (\$1,348/week)**. This brings our **NOVEMBER** weekly average to **\$23,920**. We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income (minus special collections) for **JUL-NOV** (21 weeks x \$24,000) at **\$504,000** and received **\$474,000 (-\$30,000)**.

We use the extra income to maintain and improve our parish campus buildings and grounds. As you know, we depend on your good stewardship practice to fulfill our parish mission. The love these gifts represent will enable us to continue the work we must undertake here at Saint Nicholas and Saint William Parish. Your generosity helps us more than you can imagine

Second Collection Report

Campaign for Human Development: 11/17	\$6,207.00
Religious Retirement: 12/15	\$12,862.50

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Stewardship Report: December 22, 2024

	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Basket, Mailed-in & Online Giving: 11/25-12/1	\$31,387.41	\$24,317.81	\$7,069.60
Basket, Mailed-in & Online Giving: 12/2-12/8	\$25,680.41	\$24,317.81	\$1,362.60
Basket, Mailed-in & Online Giving: 12/8-12/15	\$33,475.91	\$24,317.81	\$9,158.10
Basket, Mailed-in & Online Giving: 12/16-12/22	\$37,521.36	\$24,317.81	\$13,203.55
YTD (as of 12/22)	\$609,486.25	\$614,945.21	(\$5,458.96)
% of Budget YTD			99.1%

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions for the week of January 12

St. William Church

Sat 4:00pm	Chander Mama †	Nakul & Family
	In thanksgiving - Intention	Nakul & Family
Sun 9:00am	Ivana Panontin - Health	Joe & Celeste Courand
	Stanislaw Kazimierczak †	Daughter
5:00pm	Rita Pauli †	Loving Family

St. William - In-Person & Livestream

Sun 11:00am People of the Parish

St. Nicholas Church

Sun 8:00am	Donna Warren †	Maggie Spencer DeLoach
10:00am	Marty Kacin †	Chen Family
12:00pm		
5:00pm(F)		
Mon 8:00am	Tyler Stanley Camba †	Fr. Matt Stanley
12:10pm	Martinez Corona Family - Intention	Loving Family
Tue 8:00am	Rita Pauli †	Loving Friends
12:10pm	Dru Gheorghiu †	Viola Gheorghiu
Wed 8:00am		
12:10pm		
Thu 8:00am		
12:10pm		
Fri 8:00am		
12:10pm	Aaron, Angelyn, & Lily Clark - Intention	Roger Clark Family
Sat 8:00am	Angela Clark - Birthday	Roger Clark Family

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Let us pray for Anastasia Adams, W. M. Andrews, Vicente Bobila Jr., William Brugnoli, Joy Carson, Steve Castain, Lida Co, DeBell Family, Chaz DeCoteau, Jennifer DeCoteau, Bernie Flores, Shannon Lilly Ekedal, Morgan Fielding, Valerie Gawron, Diane Geschke, Kristin Griffin, Pat Haley, Megan Hanken, Jean Harris, Janice Heidmiller, Jeanne Jensen, Faris & Libby Kahwaji, Arlene Kramer, Ray Light, Santiago Majam, Margaret Manoogian, Lisa McBride, Josie Mendoza, Ramon Mendoza, Ruperto Mendoza, Gary Mirka, William Newkirk, Ivana Panontin, Katherine Paternoster, Anne Rullo, Jason Santos, Anne K. Sturm, Sally Ann Thomas, Connie Weaver, Tracy Weiss, Bob Wilmering, Cessie Wismann, and Ryan Zweng that Jesus will be a source of strength & comfort.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Donna Warren

Parishioners of Saint Nicholas and Saint William Parish are invited to share the name of a loved one (or themselves) for the prayer list. 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, we ask that you please obtain their permission.

Readings for the week of January 12, 2025

Sun:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
Mon:	Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20
Tue:	Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28
Wed:	Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39
Thu:	Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
Fri:	Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
Sat:	Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Saturday (Anticipated) - January 18

SW 4pm Fr. Johannes Busch

Sunday - January 19

SN 8am	Fr. Michael Gazzingan
SW 9am	Fr. Matt Stanley
SN 10am	Fr. Johannes Busch
SW 11am	Fr. Greg Kimm
SN 12pm	Fr. Matt Stanley
SW 5pm	Fr. Michael Gazzingan
SN 5pm (F)	Fr. Johannes Busch

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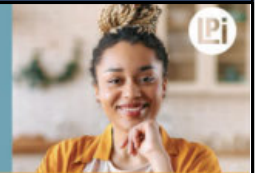
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