

October 26th, 2025

Welcome to Saint Nicholas and Saint William Catholic Parish

Pastor: Rev. Matthew D. Stanley | **Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Michael Gazzingan & Rev. Johannes Busch



SUNDAY MASS

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

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

LIVESTREAM MASS Sunday at 11:00am - <https://snswparish.org>

DRIVE UP AND PARK COMMUNION St. William - Sunday from 12:15 to 12:30pm

CONFESSIONS

St. Nicholas Church Saturday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm & Wednesday from 6:00pm to 6:50pm

DAILY MASS

St. Nicholas Church Monday - Saturday at 8:00am, Monday - Friday at 12:10pm, & Wednesday's 7:00pm

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

ADORATION

St. Nicholas Church Thursday 8:30am to 12:00pm & Wednesday 6:00pm to 6:50pm

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

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

PASTORAL CARE

If you are in need of Anointing of the Sick, Confession, or Holy Communion, call the Parish Office for assistance

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Dear St. Nicholas and St. William Parishioners
A Lesson in Humility and Compassion
In today's Gospel from Luke,
we hear the message
“...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled,
and the one who humbles himself will be
exalted.”



This can be challenging to embrace in our modern culture: the call to humility. At St. Nicholas Catholic School, this virtue is woven into our daily life through our pillars of being Christ-like Citizens and Community Leaders. These core values remind our students that greatness does not come from boasting, but from serving others; that strength is found not in judgment, but in kindness; and that true leadership begins with the humility to admit our mistakes and seek forgiveness. Every day, our teachers and staff help our students practice these virtues in the classroom, on the playground, and in their relationships with one another.

One of the most profound ways our students come to understand humility and compassion is through the Seeds presentation during Compassion Week. Each year, our 7th and 8th graders listen to powerful stories from community workers who serve unhoused youth in our area. These workers paint pictures of the humanitarian efforts to help the teenagers who, just like our students, attend school during the day and then spend the night in a shelter, motel room, or a tent. Many of these young people care for their dogs who provide them comfort, companionship, and hope through their struggles.

What is most striking every year is the impact on our junior high students. The same children who bring such energy to our classrooms fall silent as they listen to these stories. In that quiet, you see they have been moved, and this exercise of understanding through compassion and humility has resonated with them.

We close this experience with our students taking action. They write heartfelt cards of encouragement, assemble care packages filled with essential items, and include treats and supplies for their dogs. It is a simple yet powerful way for them to live out the Gospel message: one who humbles himself will be exalted.

Our school's mission continues to share these types of experiences with all our students. To help them walk in humility, serve with compassion, and see Christ in others.

With gratitude,
Jan Popolizio
Principal
St. Nicholas Catholic School



ALL SAINTS DAY – Saturday, November 1

The Solemnity of All Saints is one of the most important days in the liturgical year. Our Mass schedule: 8 am at St. Nicholas Church and 11 am at St. William Church. Since this Solemnity falls on a Saturday, the obligation to attend Mass is lifted.

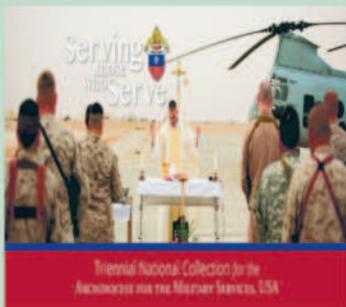


Sunday, November 2nd - All Souls' Day

All Souls' Day is unique on the liturgical calendar. Neither a solemnity, nor a feast, this commemoration outranks other feasts and even takes the place of a Sunday in Ordinarily Time. Our annual **Mass of Remembrance** will be celebrated at the 4pm Mass on November 1 (St. William Church). You may bring your All Souls Day envelope to Mass then or on Sunday. These envelopes will remain near the Easter Candle, along with the Book of the Names of the Dead, throughout the month of November as we pray for all our beloved dead throughout the month.

Children's Faith Formation Mass

Sunday, November 2 at the 9:00 am Mass – St. William Church
These monthly Masses are geared toward families with younger children. We are encouraging our young people to volunteer to serve as Liturgical Ministers, especially at these Masses. Please encourage your family members and friends to get involved.



Our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), next Sunday, November 2.

The AMS provides pastoral care to Catholic men and women serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, enrolled at a U.S. Military Academy, being treated as a patient at any of the 153 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Centers, or who work for the federal government beyond U.S. borders - including those from our own parish and diocese. The AMS does not receive any funding from the government or military and has no parishes from which to receive a weekly assessment

Upcoming Liturgical Ministry Workshop



Lector Workshop

NOVEMBER 4

St. William Church

6:30-7:30PM

Learn how to serve as a lector! This workshop will review our parish procedures, tips for proclaiming with clarity, and offer a time for reflection on the spiritual aspect of this beautiful ministry. All who are interested in becoming lectors, as well as current lectors (we can always improve), are welcome to join us.



RSVP HERE



Stewardship Thought for the Week

There is an interesting twist we find in today's gospel when we hear Jesus' parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector praying in the temple. The Pharisee is "praying to himself." It doesn't mean he was praying silently. It seems to mean something a lot more troubling, that he is praying to himself; that God is not his prayer's intended audience. The words of the Pharisee are very much centered on himself: he makes claims about his character. He highlights his own perceived virtues. Good stewards of their prayer lives know that a prayer of praise and thanksgiving should focus on the goodness of God. Do your prayers of thanksgiving always stay focused on God's unfathomable, immeasurable goodness and generosity?

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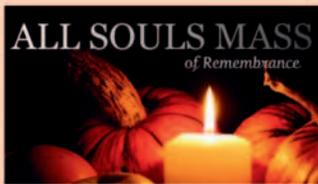

**Beaujolais
Night**

French Raclette will be served with the Beaujolais cuvée 2025



**Friday
November 21st** _____ **6pm**

St William Hall, Los Altos



This year remember your deceased loved ones with an All-Souls' Novena of Masses for the souls of the faithful departed.

The Novena takes place from November 2nd, All Souls' Day, through November 10th, and you can remember your deceased loved ones by filling out the form below.

Requests will be accepted through November 1, 2025.

There will be envelopes at the entrances to the Churches, or you can submit the names online by using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/sns-w-allsouls-2025>



Lunch Bunch

Join us for a Thanksgiving luncheon and social time!

Everyone is welcome!

Bring a friend and come meet new ones!

Menu: Two appetizers, roasted turkey, green vegetable, sweet potatoes, dressing, gravy, cranberry relish, dinner rolls, pot-luck desserts.

Thursday, November 13, 2025

11:30am - 1:30pm Saint William Hall

\$10.00 per person

Sign up online: <https://tinyurl.com/lunch-bunch-nov2025>



This Christmas season, Bridges to Community invites you to share the love of Christ with those in the San Francisco County jails. Each incarcerated person will receive four cards – three to send to family and one written personally for them by a volunteer. This is organized by the San Francisco Archdiocese.

You can help by donating new Christmas cards with envelopes. Please leave your donations at St. Nicholas or St. William by November 16th.

You are also invited to join fellow parishioners in writing cards to prisoners on Saturday, November 22nd, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in St. William Hall.

Your simple act of kindness can bring hope and joy to someone this Christmas.

Thank you



During October, the Church in the United States observes Respect Life Month.

The Catholic Church is the largest charitable provider of social services to women, children, and families in the United States.

Only the federal government, through tax dollars, does more. Catholics have already done much at both the institutional and personal level to help address the problems of poverty, healthcare, education, housing, employment, addiction, criminal justice, domestic violence, and the like that push women towards abortion.

Our Church understands that parents, children, and families need help not just during pregnancy but throughout the whole of life's journey because millions of Catholics already accompany their neighbors in such circumstances. Additionally, such help involves accompanying parents as they make the courageous choice to create an adoption plan for their child, providing a place of genuine belonging and grafting them as a son or daughter onto a new family tree. The Church also extends healing and mercy to those women and men who suffer because of a past abortion.

But we must now do even more.

Hope that Anchors Us

Read the full version at respectlife.org/hope-that-anchors-us.

Facing the end of life, whether for ourselves or someone we love, can stir fear, sadness and deep questions about what lies ahead. Yet, in these moments, we are called

to cling to a hope far greater than anything this world offers.

Christian hope is not just a wish for things to improve; it is a certainty, rooted in a person

who will never fail us. Our hope rests in the One who guarantees it—Jesus Christ, who holds our future in His hands.

Let us fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus Christ.

In life's hardest moments, let us fix our eyes on our Lord Jesus Christ. He walks this path with us, redeems our struggles, and promises a dawn where every tear is wiped away. May His hope light our way, guiding us and our loved ones to our heavenly home with Him.

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County of Santa Clara Launches 988 Phone Number Dedicated to Crisis Mental Health Services

The lifeline, like 911, is staffed 24 hours a day, every day, and provides compassionate support to those having a mental health or substance use crisis.

FALL BACK



NOVEMBER 2nd

NEW SUNSET 9:33 PM

Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Registration is still OPEN ONLINE

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

3 to 5 years old
Faith Formation 1st to 5th
 Sundays 10 to 11 am
 October 19, 26
 in St. William Hall

Christian Sacraments of Initiation

7 to 18 years old
 9 to 11 am
 November 1
 in Teen Center downstairs at St. William

Edge 6th to 8th

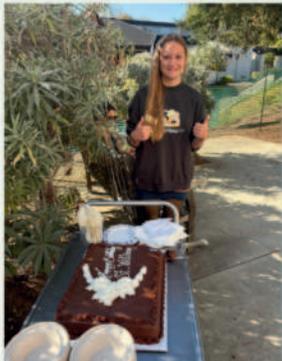
Tuesdays 6:30 to 8:00pm
 October 28

Intersection 9th to 12th

Sundays 6:30 to 8 pm
 October 26
 in Teen Center downstairs at St. William

Confirmation 7th to 12th

2nd and 4th Sundays
 12:00 noon to 1:30pm,
 November 1st
 w/sponsors
 in Teen Center downstairs at St. William



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Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 26th

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 am (SN) † Christine de la Isla by Loving Family
 † Ahnalia Cowherd by Loving Family
 9:00 am (SW) LISA CHAN DINH (Birthday) by Thuy Tran
 † Connie Leu Becker Geer by The Kenarney Family
 10:00 am (SN) † Charlie Kirk by Loving Parishioner
 Tom Ward (Health) by Sue & Eileen
 11:00 am (SW) People of the Parish
 12:00 pm (SN) † Sr. Katherine Hanley by SNSW Parish
 † John Phelps by The Kenarney Family
 5:00 pm (SW) Madeleine Fackler (Health) by Eileen Gann
 † Margaret Grapp by Loving Family

Monday, October 27th

- 8:00 am (SN) Carolyn (Birthday) by Loving Family
 12:10 pm (SN) Rey Mendoza (Birthday) by Andrews Family

Tuesday, October 28th

St. Simon & St. Jude

- 8:00 am (SN) Lucas Cox (Health) by Hennig Family
 Eric VanDemark (Health) by The Corrigan Family
 12:10 pm (SN) † Susan Berger by Edmond Berger

Wednesday, October 29th

- 8:00 am (SN) † Jim Noether by Kathy Noether
 12:10 pm (SN) † Fr. Seth Kuupo by MDS
 † P.T. Mathew by Suma Mathew

Thursday, October 30th

- 8:00 am (SN) Shepherd Cremer (Birthday) by Loving Family
 12:10 pm (SN) People of the Parish (Intention) by SNSW Parish

Friday, October 31st

- 8:00 am (SN) † Michael Schroeder by Sally Schroeder
 † Oscar Borin by Family
 12:10 pm (SN) † Thomas Whitney Sr. by Biggs Family
 † Judith Hurley by Biggs Family

Saturday, November 1st

All Saints

- 4:00 pm – Anticipated Mass – All Souls Novena –
Mass of Remembrance (SW)

October Mass Counts

Every October, the Diocese of San José asks that each Parish make an accounting of the number of people who attend Sunday Eucharist. If you notice someone walking up and down during Mass with a pencil and paper in hand, that is what they are doing! We are also tabulating the number of “views” of our online Sunday Mass.

Sick relatives and friends

Let us pray for Benjamin Backs,
 Lorraine Croft, Tony Croft, Matthew Dolan,
 Doug Sarver, Steve Castain,
 Richard Gorman, Pat Haley,
Blanca Nieto, Jason Orellana, and Keilana Soliven.
Jesus - please be a continuous source of strength & comfort for those in need.

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. Please email: amy.blalockcastillo@dsj.org to add a name to the list. Thank you

Readings for the week of October 26, 2025

Sunday:	Sir 35:12-14, 16-18, Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a) 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18, Lk 18:9-14
Monday:	Rom 8:12-17, Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21
Tuesday:	Eph 2:19-22, Ps 19:2-3, 4-5, Lk 6:12-16
Wednesday:	Rom 8:26-30, Ps 13:4-5, 6, Lk 13:22-30
Thursday:	Rom 8:31b-39, Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31
Friday:	Rom 9:1-5, Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20, Lk 14:1-6
Saturday:	Rv 7:2-4, 9-14, Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 1 Jn 3:1-3, Mt 5:1-12a
Next Sunday:	Wis 3:1-9, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Rom 5:5-11

November 2, 2025 All Souls Day

- Saturday – (Anticipated)**
(SW) 4:00pm – Fr. Stanley
Sunday Masses
(SN) 8:00am – Fr. Busch
(SW) 9:00am – Fr. Gazzingan
(SN) 10:00am – Fr. Stanley
(SW) 11:00am – Fr. Busch
(SW) 12:00pm – Fr. Stanley
(SN) 5:00pm – Fr. Busch (French)
(SW) 5:00pm – Fr. Gazzingan

The presider schedule is subject to change without notice.

Stewardship

	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Basket, Mailed-In & Online Giving: Sep 21, 2025	\$27,516.47	\$24,931.51	\$2,584.96
YTD (as of Sep 21, 2025)	\$282,572.24	\$298,616.44	(\$16,044.20)
% of budget YTD			94.6%

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