

November 2nd, 2025
All Souls Day

Welcome to Saint Nicholas and Saint William Catholic Parish

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



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

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, & Wednesdays 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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The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed A Most Comforting Doctrine



I remember once, maybe it was more than once, when the family I was helping prepare the funeral liturgy for their deceased father made the point of telling me: “absolutely no mention of Purgatory.”

They wanted, I imagine, to think their father was perfect, his soul in a perfect state of grace, and was already in heaven. Of course, most of us would like to believe that our loved ones go directly to heaven when they die; and as logic would have it, they would then have no need of our prayers.

Purgatory, among all the mysteries and beliefs of the Church is an extremely rational and comforting doctrine.

No one is perfect. Even those who have lived a good life, in humility, will admit they have lots of room for improvement and many regrets for past transgressions. And that’s where Purgatory comes in; it’s a final opportunity to grow into the most loving, most holy person we can possibly be.

Today, the concept of Purgatory has been rejected by many because of all the negative images of suffering and punishment with which many of us grew up. Actually, I think, for the souls in Purgatory, happiness far outweighs unhappiness. Their salvation is assured; they are more closely united with God than they had ever experienced before; they are on the way to the enjoyment of the Beatific Vision.

“Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.” “Let perpetual light shine upon them.”

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF MOST REVEREND ANDRES C. LIGOT, JCD, DD

NOVEMBER 3, 2025



With praise and thanksgiving to almighty God, the Diocese of San José joyfully announces the episcopal ordination of Most Rev. Andres C. Ligot, JCD, DD, Titular Bishop of Croae and Auxiliary Bishop of San José.

Principal consecrator: Most Rev. Oscar Cantú, Bishop of San José

Co-consecrators: Most Rev. José H. Gomez; Most Rev. Oscar A. Solis

In the presence of: Christophe Cardinal Pierre, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States

Solemn Episcopal Ordination Mass - Monday, November 3, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. PT

Please join us through livestream at [Facebook @dioceseofsanjose](#)



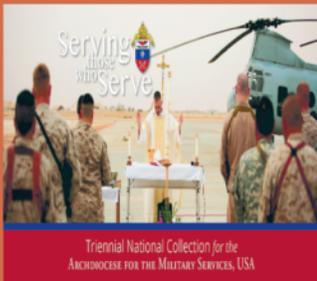
Sunday, November 2nd - All Souls' Day

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.



National Vocation Awareness Week (November 2 – 8) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer, invitation, and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering these vocations.

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God’s call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please pray about how God is calling you to live your vocation more deeply. Encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life.



Our parish will take up the Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA (AMS), this 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.

A Prayer for the Election



Loving God, I ask you to guide me during this important election season: Help me to understand the Gospels, in which Jesus Christ reveals his path of love, mercy & compassion, especially toward those who are poor, sick or struggling in any way. Instruct me on what the church teaches on the important issues of our day: abortion, racism, migration, war and peace, health care, the death penalty, economic justice, care for the environment and on all those questions that I must ponder with your help. Enable me to form my conscience so that I may vote wisely. Loving God, I ask you to bless our nation: Crown it with your compassion. Support it with your care. And nurture it with your love. Amen.

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

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MENTAL HEALTH

Novena

NOVEMBER 1 TO 9
AT 2:45 PM DAILY ON ZOOM
REGISTER FOR LINK



JOIN US FOR
A DAILY 15 MINUTES NOVENA
THIS NOVEMBER
TO PRAY FOR
MENTAL HEALTH





Beaujolais Night

French Raclette will be served with the Beaujolais cuvée 2025

Friday November 21st ————— **6pm**
St William Hall, Los Altos

Signup form :  https://tinyurl.com/beaujolais_2025



Advent Wreath Making

Join us to make your own Advent Wreath for your home!

Sunday, November 30
from 10 am to 1 pm
in St. William Hall

Register to receive Advent candles, the right and greens!





Please join us in welcoming these new members to our Parish Family!
The Muppalaneni Family (Nitin and Neelima), The Moreno Family (Raul & Maria), The Cheong Family (Chon wa & Yoshiko), The Pongo Family (Thomas & Nadia), Nicoll Kane, Joan Ruskus, The Uribe/Mendoza Family (Eric & Angela), The Trillanes Family (Calixto & Jessa), The Bond Family (James & Sarah), The Elizond-Hilton Family (Gabriel & Rachel), and The Mozart Family (August & Megan)



SAVE THE DATE!
December 9 – 11
ADVENT PARISH MISSION
A time of Purification and Anticipation...



ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

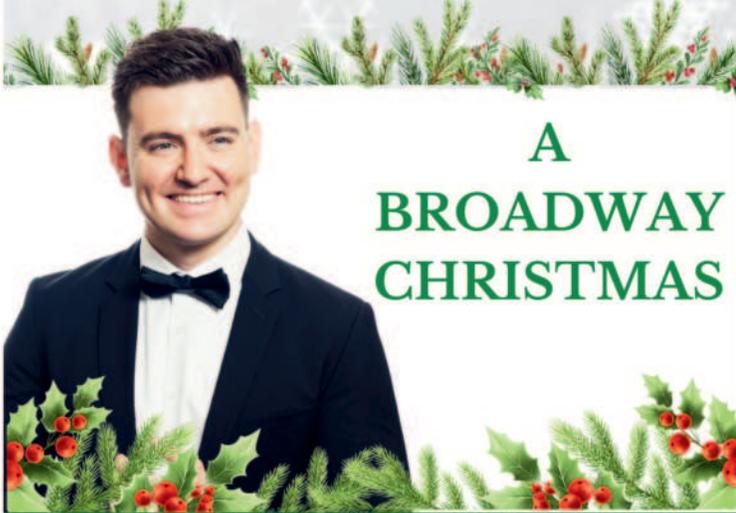


Lunch Bunch

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>

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A BROADWAY CHRISTMAS

SAINT WILLIAM
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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29
PRE SHOW MEET AND GREET - 12PM
SHOW - 1PM

TICKETS \$45



Blue Christmas

Prayer Service
Monday, December 15, 7 to 8:30 pm
Saint Nicholas Church

Join us in
a holy night of prayer
for those who grieve
loss, feel blue or
empty this
holiday season

We come together
to honor your feelings
and to accompany
you in this
time of sorrow

Please register here:

Presented by the Mental Health Ministry



Giving Tree - \$25 Gift Cards Requested

Choose your Charity & purchase Gift Card Accordingly
Please place gift card in an envelope, with the name of the Charity
Return envelope in the Sunday Collection or to the Parish Office

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&
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(Safeway, Target,
or Walmart)

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Refugee Youth
(Target)

Sacred Heart
Homework Club
(Target or Walmart)

St. Vincent de Paul
St. Athanasius Parish
(Safeway)

Catholic Charities
After School
Reading Program
(Linden Tree)

Heritage Home
for Crises
Pregnancies
(Target)

Day Worker Center
(Walmart, Ava's Market,
or La Plaza Market)

Help One Child
Foster Care
(Safeway, Walmart,
or Target)

Please Return Gift Cards by December 5th, Thank You



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

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
November 2, 9, 16
in St. William Hall

Christian Sacraments of Initiation

7 to 18 years old
9 to 11 am
Nov. 1 & Dec. 6
in Teen Center downstairs at St. William

Edge 6th to 8th

Tuesdays 6:30 to 8:00pm
November 4, 18

Intersection 9th to 12th

Sundays 6:30 to 8 pm
November 2, 9, 16
in Teen Center downstairs at St. William

Confirmation 7th to 12th

2nd and 4th Sundays
12:00 noon to 1:30pm,
November 2, 16
in Teen Center downstairs at St. William



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Mass Intentions

All Souls Novena

Sunday, November 2nd All Souls Day

8:00 am - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed
 9:00 am - (SW) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed
 10:00 am - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed
 11:00 am - (SW) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed
 12:00 pm - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed
 5:00 pm - (SW) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed
 5:00 pm - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed

Monday, November 3rd St. Martin de Porres

8:00 am - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed
 12:10 pm - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 4th St. Charles Borromeo

8:00 am - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed
 12:10 pm - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed

Wednesday, November 5th

8:00 am - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed
 12:10 pm - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed
 7:00 pm - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed

Thursday, November 6th

8:00 am - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed
 12:10 pm - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed

Friday, November 7th

8:00 am - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed
 12:10 pm - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed

Saturday, November 8th

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am - (SN) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed
 11:00 am - Handicapped Mass (SW)
 4:00 pm - (SW) † For All the Souls of the Faithful Departed



Stewardship of Treasure Report – September 2025

We have completed the first quarter of the fiscal year (July 25-June 26). Thank you for your support of the mission and ministries of our parish. During the month of September, our average weekly collection was \$24,514.

You also generously donated to various important causes in our September/special collections at \$6,586 (\$1,647 weekly). This brings our weekly September total \$26,161. We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income (less special collections) for JUL-SEP (13 weeks x \$25,000) at \$325,000 and received \$282,000 (-\$43,000). We count on every parish family and household to faithfully participate in the mission of St. Nicholas and St. William Parish by your prayers, your presence, your gifts and your service. We can accomplish by our sacrificial giving of time, talent and treasure. We encourage everyone to consider using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving as a way of giving to the Lord the “first fruits” of the “treasure” we have received. THANK YOU FOR SHARING GOD’S GIFTS!

Sick relatives and friends

Let us pray for

Lorraine Croft, Tony Croft, Matthew Dolan,
 Doug Sarver, Ivana Panontin, 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 November 2, 2025

Sunday:	Wis 3:1-9, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6, Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9, Jn 6:37-40
Monday:	Rom 11:29-36, Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36, Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16b, Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3, Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10, Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9, Lk 14:25-33
Thursday:	Rom 14:7-12, Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14, Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Rom 15:14-21, Ps 28:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, Lk 16:1-8
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27, Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11, Lk 16:9-15

November 9, 2025

Dedication Of the Lateran Basilica

Saturday – (Anticipated)
 (SW) 4:00pm – Fr. Gazzingan

Sunday Masses
 (SN) 8:00am – Fr. Gazzingan
 (SW) 9:00am – Fr. Stanley
 (SN) 10:00am – Fr. Busch
 (SW) 11:00am – Fr. Stanley
 (SN) 12:00pm – Fr. Gazzingan
 (SN) 5:00pm – Fr. Lamba (French)
 (SW) 5:00pm – Fr. Busch

The presider schedule is subject to change without notice.

Stewardship Report: Sep 28, 2025			
	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Basket, Mailed-In & Online Giving: Sep 28, 2025	\$23,387.00	\$24,931.51	(\$1,544.51)
YTD (as of Sep 28, 2025)	\$306,441.24	\$323,547.95	(\$17,106.71)
% of budget YTD			94.7%

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