

December 28, 2025
Feast of the Holy Family

Welcome to Saint Nicholas and Saint William Catholic Parish

Pastor: Rev. Matthew D. Stanley | **Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Michael Gazzingan



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 6:55pm

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



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The Courage of the Holy Family

Reflection by Amy Blalock Castillo

The Holy Family - Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, they continue to shine before us as more than a gentle Christmas image. They are a living reminder of what trust in God looks like in real life, with real danger, real uncertainty, and real faith. Today's Gospel draws on their hidden courage.

Joseph does not speak a single recorded word in Scripture, yet his silent strength moves mountains. At a moment's notice, "Rise, take the child and his mother," he gets up in the middle of the night, gathers his small family, and flees into the unknown. No hesitation, no debate, no delay. His yes was simply lived.

Most of us like the idea of trusting God... but at two o'clock in the morning, when everything feels uncertain? That is where Joseph stands tall. His faith becomes a mirror for our own: How strong is my faith? Would I have believed the angel? Would I have risen immediately? These are not questions meant to discourage us, but to awaken us.

Mary, too, shows us resilience. She had already surrendered her life to God at the Annunciation, and now her surrender deepens. With a child in her arms and danger at her doorstep, she follows Joseph into a foreign land, trusting that God is already there ahead of them. Her faith is not passive; it is active, courageous, generous.

And Jesus - the vulnerable Child - reminds us that God willingly enters our uncertainty. He sanctifies every family's struggle: the sudden changes, the sleepless nights, the fear of not knowing what comes next. In Him, no hardship is wasted; everything becomes part of God's saving plan.

The Holy Family shows us why faith is not a feeling but a decision. Why trust matters. Why we must support one another in our families, parishes, and communities. Their life teaches us that holiness is born not in comfort, but in our response, in choosing God again and again, even when it's scary or difficult.

So, the question remains: Would I step up as Joseph did?

Not just when life feels dramatic or important, but in the small, hidden moments of an ordinary day? Would I pause long enough to hear God whisper to my heart?

Forgive the person who hurt you? Be generous when it's inconvenient? Protect what is good, even when it's unpopular? Trust HIM enough to take the next step, even if you can't see the whole path.

Joseph didn't wait for the perfect moment - he responded in the moment he had. And that's where it becomes real for us. Faith isn't proven in grand gestures; it's lived in the quiet choices we make every day. It's in the kindness we offer, the patience we practice, the courage we summon when we'd rather stay comfortable.

Joseph shows us that holiness is possible right where we are, with the life we already have. The question is simply: When God nudges my heart, will I rise?

The Holy Family is so important to us because they lived what we are all striving to live: a faith that listens, a love that sacrifices, and a hope that moves forward - even in the dark.

May their example strengthen our homes, steady our fears, and remind us that when God calls, He always provides a way. Like Joseph, may we all learn to rise - quickly, quietly, and with courage.



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation

World Day of Prayer for Peace

January 1, 2026

Holy Mass at 8am & 12:10pm

St. Nicholas Church

Rosary for Peace at 7:30am

We invite you to this prayerful way to begin the New Year.

A Christmas "Thank you"

Thank you for your expressions of kindness and love, for your remembrance of us in your prayers, and for your generous support of our ministry throughout the past year. We are privileged to serve you. We also extend our deepest gratitude to those who helped prepare our worship spaces for Christmas. We are also grateful to those who made donations for our poinsettias, wreathes and Christmas trees. A special thank you to all those who served as Environment Team, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Hospitality Ministers and Ushers, Musicians, and Choir Members. You made this a prayerful and festive Christmas for everyone who celebrated with us the Nativity of the Lord.



The Parish Office will close for the Christmas & New Year Holidays, December 24 – January 4. We will be open again on Monday, January 5, 2026.



Thank you for your generosity in this year's Christmas collection. Although we are not yet able to give you a complete report of the size of your gift given in that collection, we assure you that the love which these gifts represent will enable us to continue the work that we must undertake here at Saint Nicholas and Saint William Parish. For those not prepared for our Christmas collection, we encourage you still to make your gift. Your generosity will help us more than you can imagine.



Dear Friends of Saint Nicholas and Saint William, **Thank you.** It was a great pleasure to welcome you all on Friday evening for our shared gathering. While it was cold outside, the atmosphere inside was warm and joyful as our parish communities came together to share fellowship over wine, bread, and cheese. With the blessing of Father Johannes and the thoughtful décor, including our blue-striped beret volunteers and picnic-style tables, the evening evoked the spirit of a small traditional French restaurant and offered a meaningful moment of cultural and community connection.

This event was made possible through your continued support, generosity, and the welcoming spirit of the parishes of Saint Nicholas and Saint William. With more than 120 attendees, the evening was a wonderful example of parish fellowship and shared hospitality.

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Lidia and Miguel, whose dedication and assistance were essential to the success of the event. Their help with registration, hall setup, and facility access ensured that the evening ran smoothly.

We also wish to acknowledge and thank our sponsor, Brioche Pasquier (Galaxy Dessert), for their generous donation of macarons and dessert selections. Their support contributed greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

With our heartfelt thanks and appreciation,

The Beaujolais 2025 French Team



Children's Adoration

Saturday, January 10
1 pm to 2:30 pm
St. William Church
611 S. El Monte Blvd

Join us for a special Eucharistic Adoration especially designed for your children! We are excited to welcome Fr. Anthony Mary Pendergast from Children of Hope to guide us through this special adoration. This is the perfect way to share Christ with your children.

Let the Children Come to Me
Matthew 23:13

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Word List

**GOSPEL
WORD
PUZZLE**
Find 10 hidden
words from
today's Gospel

MAGI
ANGEL
JOSEPH
DREAM
EGYPT
HEROD
ISRAEL
GALILEE
NAZARETH
CHILD

Christmas Poinsettias & Flowers



Thank you to all those who made donations toward our Christmas Poinsettias. You helped to make our worship spaces look beautiful for the Christmas season. Our Pastor, Fr. Matt, included your intentions at the Christmas Masses he celebrated.



"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."
Jeremiah 1:5

Come and **Walk for Life** with fellow parishioners! Saint Nicholas and Saint William will have a shuttle to and from St. William parking lot to Walk for life in San Francisco on Saturday January 24.

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 St. William parking lot at 7:45am, and you will return by 5:30pm.

Cost of bus is \$30 per person and includes a Saint Nicholas & Saint William custom made BEANIE.

For schedule and registration, please scan QR code or go to:
<https://tinyurl.com/walkforlife2026>
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Saint Nicholas Saint William Blood Drive

Sunday, January 25, 2026
9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saint Nicholas Parish Hall
473 Lincoln Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022

To schedule an appointment, go to www.vitalant.org and enter Blood Drive Code: **SNSW** or Scan QR Code



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THE SANCTUARY YOUTH SERIES

Finally, a faith-based mental health program for our teens

(includes separate parent class too)

We are grateful to be offering this program for eight Thursday nights starting Jan. 8, 2026

Sign up or learn more about this program on our website

Join us!

Save the Date

JANUARY 11TH 2026

Bilingual Mass with the French community followed by a Galette des Rois

11:00am
St William Church, Los Altos

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

January 11, 25

in St. William Hall

Christian Sacraments of Initiation

7 to 18 years old

9 to 11 am

Jan 10

in Teen Center downstairs at St. William

Edge 6th to 8th

Tuesdays 6:30 to 8:00pm

January 6, 13, 27

Intersection 9th to 12th

Sundays 6:00 to 8:30 pm

January 4, 11, 18, 25

in Teen Center downstairs at St. William

Confirmation 7th to 12th

2nd and 4th Sundays

12:00 noon to 1:30pm,

Jan 11 & 25

in Teen Center downstairs at St. William



We welcome eight new catechumens who are preparing to be baptized this Easter Vigil!



Go Tell it on the Mountain that Jesus Christ is Born!
Our thanks to all the children and adult choirs who shared their beautiful gifts with us for our Annual Christmas Concert!

YOU CAN WATCH THE CONCERT LIVESTREAM HERE:



Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 28th – The Holy Family

8:00 am (SN) † Ana Andrada by Loving Family;
Family Krawinkler (Intention)
9:00 am (SW) Special Intention for De Leon
Family by De Leon Family; † Gertrud M. Kraenkel
Novena by Loving Family
10:00 am (SN) People of the Parish
11:00 am (SW) † Paul and Kathy Leo by Loving
Family; † Maria & Ygnacio Martinez by Family
12:00 pm (SN) † Dick Dixon by Loving Wife
5:00 pm (SW) Madeleine Fackler (Health) by
Eileen Gann; † Jesse Sanchez by Maria &
Concepcion Sanchez
5:00 pm (SN) † Rustico Tensuan by Family

Monday, December 29th – St. Thomas Becket

8:00 am (SN) 37th Wedding Anniversary for
Anthony & Marissa Paras by Anthony Paras

Tuesday, December 30th

8:00 am (SN) † Ciriaco B. Mendoza by Andrews
Family

Wednesday, December 31st – St. Sylvester I

8:00 am (SN) Bo Alfonso (Birthday) by Andrews
Family; † Helmut Krawinkler

Thursday, January 1st

Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)

8:00 am (SN)
12:10 pm (SN)

Friday, January 2nd

Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

8:00 am (SN) † Oscar Borin by Family;
Thanksgiving Intention from De Leon Family

Saturday, January 3rd

Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 am (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful
Departed
4:00 pm (SW) Eloiza Hsia (Birthday) by Eloiza
Hsia

Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21
Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and
8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34

Sick relatives and friends

Let us pray for Benjamin Backs, Sarah Bond,
Steve Castain, Tony Croft, James Franklin Farris, Pat
Haley, Ramela Laptalo,
Bart Miaullis, Blanca Nieto, Jason Orellana,
Molly Oshatz, Ivana Panontin, Doug Sarver, 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

<i>Stewardship Report: Dec 14, 2025</i>			
	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Immaculate Conception (Dec 8, 2025)	\$2,868.00	\$2,500.00	\$368.00
Basket, Mailed-In & Online Giving: Dec 8-14, 2025	\$33,992.00	\$24,931.51	\$9,060.49
YTD (as of Dec 7, 025)	\$606,877.50	\$602,294.52	\$4,582.98
% of budget YTD			100.8%

Thank you for your continued generosity!

<i>Second Collections report</i>	
Archdiocese Military Services (Nov 2)	\$7,766.00
Campaign for Human Development (Nov 16)	\$6,847.01

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Save the Date!
Spaghetti Dinner & Bingo
SPINGO!
Feb. 7th

January 4, 2025
Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday – (Anticipated)
(SN) 4:30pm – Fr. Stanley
Sunday Masses
(SN) 8:00am – Fr. Stanley
(SW) 9:00am – Fr. Gazzingan
(SN) 10:00am – Fr. Stanley
(SW) 11:00am – Fr. Gazzingan
(SW) 12:00pm – Fr. Kimm
(SN) 5:00pm – Fr. Didier (French)
(SW) 5:00pm – Fr. Michael

The presider schedule is subject to change without notice.



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