

January 11, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord

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. William Church Saturday from 2:30pm to 3:30pm

St. Nicholas Church 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

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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CROSSING THE JORDAN

by Michael Sternhagen



I've always thought it a little strange that only a few days after singing "Away in a Manger," we suddenly find ourselves celebrating the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord – where Christ is already a grown man, ready to begin His public ministry. One would think the Church might at least give Him a few weeks to grow up!

It's also curious given that, traditionally, the Christmas season didn't actually "end" until the Feast of the Presentation – forty days after Christmas. So why this rush from manger to Jordan?

The reason is that, from very early on, the Church linked three feasts together very closely: the Nativity, the Epiphany, and the Baptism of the Lord. All three are moments when Christ's true identity is revealed.

At the Nativity, His divinity is revealed in a quiet, almost hidden way – to Mary and Joseph, and to the shepherds who stumble in from the fields. At the Epiphany, the circle widens: Christ is revealed to the nations through the Magi who arrive from far away. And finally, at His Baptism, heaven itself speaks. The Father declares Jesus His beloved Son, and the Spirit descends – and at that moment Jesus steps forward into His public mission.

That word "mission" is important. In Trinitarian theology, the "Divine Missions" refer to the ways the three Persons of the Trinity act in the world for our salvation. (The word mission comes from the Latin *mittere* – "to send.") Christ, the Son, is sent by the Father to reveal Him to us and to reopen the way back to heaven. That reality – His being sent – is made clear for all to see at the Jordan.

And notice where Jesus is standing when this happens. When He steps into the Jordan, He is crossing into new territory. Moses – representing the Law – was never permitted to cross the Jordan into the Promised Land. But Jesus does. He passes through the waters of death and sin, not for His sake, but for ours – opening the way into the true Promised Land.

So how are we to respond to this feast? Not simply by filing it away as one more Bible episode or obscure prophecy about fulfilling righteousness. The Father's words – "Listen to Him" – were meant for us. Something important is happening here, something we should pay close attention to.

In the secular world, the end of Christmas is marked by dried-out trees at the curb, returns at the customer service counter, and maybe a little extra winter weight. But in the Christian world, Christmas doesn't end with cleanup – it ends with calling. Christ is revealed... and then He begins to act.

So as Jesus crosses the Jordan and sets out on His saving work, let us carefully listen to and closely follow Him – for his words and the road He walks will lead us toward the true Promised Land and the fullness of life.

The Reverend Dr. Randy Valenton, DTh, BCC, CGP, MDiv, MA, STB

We welcome Fr. Randy Valenton to our parish. He will be taking up residence at St. William Rectory as he begins his new assignment as chaplain at Children's Hospital at Stanford. Fr. Randy is a priest of Diocese of San Jose, and Fr. Matt's former Parochial Vicar when he served as Pastor at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Palo Alto. Fr. Randy will be available to celebrate Sunday Mass with us.



Father Randy holds a Doctor of Theology in Spiritual Care from Capstone University, a Master of Divinity, a Master of Arts in Theology, and a Pontifical Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology—all from St. Patrick's Seminary and University. Father Randy also earned a Master of Arts in Spirituality and Pastoral Ministries from Santa Clara University and is a Certified Grief Informed Professional.

He is Qualified Bilingual Staff (QBS) in Tagalog.

Commissioning of Liturgical Ministers

Next Sunday, January 18, we will commission those in our parish who serve the assembly that gathers for worship as liturgical ministers: ushers and greeters; lectors; cantors and musicians; extraordinary ministers of Holy of Communion; Mass coordinators; art and environment; sacristans, altar servers, and linen care. Let us both recognize the special role they play in contributing to our experience of worship at St. Nicholas and St. William Parish.



This Sunday is the **Annual Collection for the Church in Latin America**.

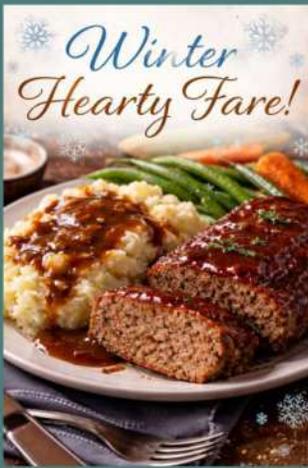
For more than 50 years, this collection has given Catholics in the United States an opportunity to share faith in unity with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout Latin America and the Caribbean islands. The work of evangelization is carried out by Christians who meet people where they are—not 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. Thank you and God bless you. For more information on the Church in Latin America and the many projects funded by the collection, please visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.



Stewardship of Treasure Report – November 2025

We have begun the second quarter of the fiscal year (July 25-June 26). Thank you for your support of our parish's mission and ministries. In November, our average weekly collection was \$26,206. You also generously donated to various important causes through our November special collections, totaling \$14,613 (\$3,653 per week). This brings our weekly November total \$29,859. We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income (less special collections) for JUL-NOV (21 weeks x \$25,000) at \$525,000, and we received \$508,000 (-\$13,000). 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 this 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! Christmas Collection numbers will be available next week.





Join us for a Hearty Winter Fare **Lunch Bunch** and social time!

Everyone is welcome!

Bring a friend and come and meet new ones!

Thursday, January 15, 2026

11:30am - 1:30pm

Saint William Hall

\$10.00 per person

Menu: Two appetizers, salad, meatloaf, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, and pot-luck dessert.



Reservations are a must!

RSVP by end of day Sunday, Jan 11

www.tinyurl.com/lunchbunch-jan2026



"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>
Limited seats available.



Children's Faith Formation Mass
Sunday, January 11 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.



Happy Anniversary – St. Nicholas Church

On Sunday morning, December 20, 1942, Archbishop John J. Mitty blessed and dedicated the Church of St. Nicholas. This past December 20, we gave thanks and praise to God for 82 years of celebrating our faith as One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. On Sunday, January 18 (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.

Spaghetti & Bingo
Spingo!
 February 7th

RSVP

VOLUNTEER

Bring the whole family – Everyone's Welcome!
 Join us for a fun-filled evening of food, prizes, and laughter!

Mass 4pm - Dinner 5pm - Bingo 6pm

\$39 Adults (21+), \$29 (Ages 13-20), & \$20 Kids (up to 12)

Ticket includes: Spaghetti Dinner, Drinks, Dessert, & 1 Bingo card
 Alcohol included for guests 21+

RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/spingo-2026>
 Volunteer: <https://tinyurl.com/Spingo-volunteer-2026>

Extra's - 50/50 Raffle tickets will be available - Sold during event Cash only
 \$5 per additional bingo card, cash only, limited availability
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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

26ⁱⁿ '26 \$500 GIVEAWAY

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We're wishing our donors a prosperous 2026! To give you a head start, 26 will win a special thank-you gift. **Donate Jan. 5-Feb. 8 for 26 chances to win a \$500 Rewards gift card, opt-in required!***

Saint Nicholas Saint William Blood Drive

Sunday, January 25, 2026
 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
Saint Nicholas Parish Hall
 473LincolnAve, LosAltos, CA94022

To schedule an appointment, go to www.vitalant.org
 and enter Blood Drive Code: **SNSW**
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*Terms and condition apply; see vitalant.org/26Giveaway

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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 & Feb 7

in Teen Center downstairs at St. William

Edge 6th to 8th

Tuesdays 6:30 to 8:00pm

January 13, 27

Intersection 9th to 12th

Sundays 6:00 to 8:30 pm

January 11, 18, 25

in Teen Center downstairs at St. William

Confirmation 7th to 12th

2th and 4th Sundays

12:00 noon to 1:30pm,

Jan 11 & 25

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 11th – The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed
9:00 am (SW) † Gertrude M. Kraenkel Novena by Loving Family
10:00 am (SN) † Earlene Minette by SN Parish;
† Rae Bennie by Dennis & Barb;
† Anne Rullo by Loving Family
11:00 am – Bilingual (Eng/French) – King’s Cake (SW)
Vincent Martinez (Health) by Family;
† Lyle Bird by Friends
12:00 pm (SN) † Larry Bennie by Dennis & Barb Fox
5:00 pm (SW) People of the Parish by SNSW Parish

Monday, January 12th – 1st Week in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SN) † Ellen Cody by William Muldowney
12:10 pm (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, January 13th – St. Hilary of Poitiers

8:00 am (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed
12:10 pm (SN) † Fred I. Formosa by Kathleen Formosa;
Lorraine Croft (Birthday) by SNSW

Wednesday, January 14th – Ordinary Time Weekday

8:00 am (SN) † Dru Gheorghiu by Gheorghiu Family;
Victoria (Birthday) by Loving Family
12:10 pm (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed
7:00 pm (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed

Thursday, January 15th – Ordinary Time Weekday

8:00 am (SN) † Elizabeth Masola by Loving Family
12:10 pm (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed

Friday, January 16th – Ordinary Time Weekday

8:00 am (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed
12:10 pm (SN) † Anne Rullo by Barbara Debell

Saturday, January 17th – St. Anthony of Egypt

8:00 am (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed
4:00 pm (SW) † Jim Sweeney by Loving Friend;
† Maureen Hoffman by Forever Friend

Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Sick Relatives and Friends

Let us pray for Benjamin Backs, Sarah Bond, Steve Castain, Lida Co, Tony Croft, James Franklin Farris, Pat Haley, Cianna Holbrook Laptalo, Cianna Holbrook, Bart Miaullis, Blanca Nieto, Susan Ocampo, Jason Orellana, Molly Oshatz, Ivana Panontin, Doug Sarver, Keilana Soliven, and Marita Trobough.
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



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 2025.

Kenzo Robert Garces
Marly Jane Kaufman
Armance Aurore Marie Baillou
Kiera Medal
Elena Coaud
Caleb Patawaran
Kaylee Ramos
Arabella Lily Buccellato
Andres Jose Chanlatte Ramirez
Ellie Kate Lane
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David Colclough
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Presley Colclough
Jackson Giannini
Isabella Maxine Roxas
Laetitia Piganeau
Almudena Morales Arnus
Alison Raleigh

Presider Schedule

January 18, 2026 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

The presider schedule is subject to change without notice.



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