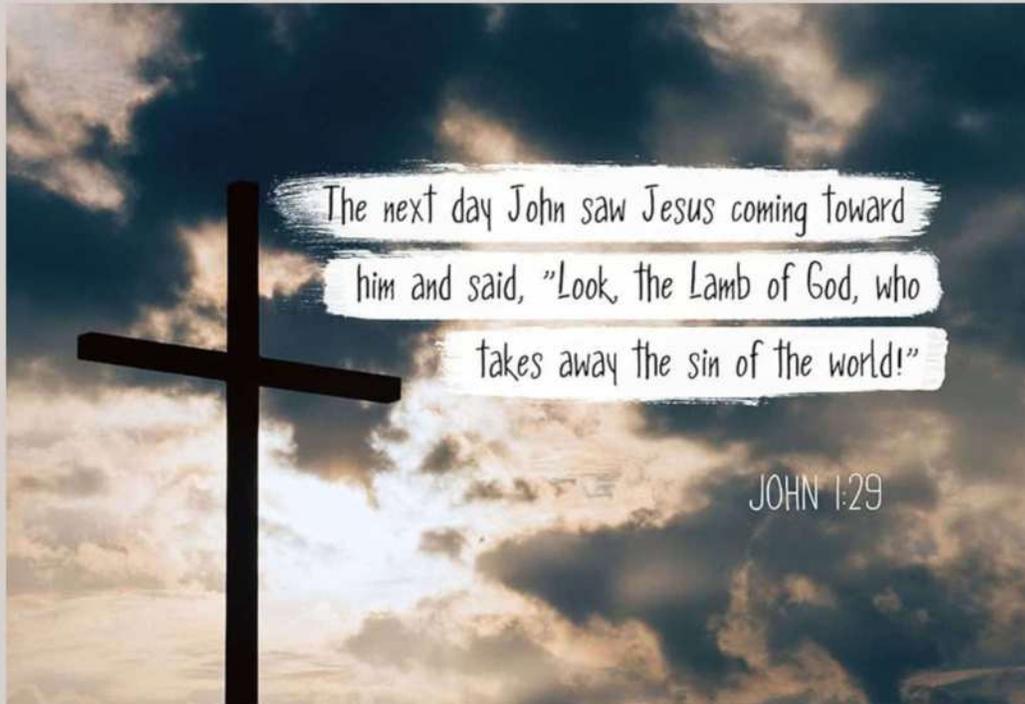


January 18, 2026  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

# 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

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**Sacred Liturgy:  
"The work of the people,"  
undertaken together for the  
glory of God.**

By Fr. Matthew Stanely



My earliest recollection of “liturgy,” which of course was an unknown and unused word in the late 1960’s, was as a child of about 8, at St. Catherine’s Grammar School, in Cleveland, Ohio. The image is still vivid in my mind, of Fr. Egan, our associate Pastor, at the altar, in green vestments, elevating the host at the consecration. It has stayed with me all these years as the very core and center of what life as a Catholic is all about.

The words of the Second Vatican Council, which had already been written by the time of this 8-year old’s experience reflect perfectly the wonder and awe I felt that day: “For it is the liturgy, through which, especially the Eucharist, that the work of our redemption is accomplished.” SC n.1

From the very beginning of my ministry here at St. Nicholas and St. William Parish, I have purposely placed the liturgical life of our parish at the very top of my agenda. Not in any way to diminish or devalue the other ministries, but because of my firm belief in these words: “... the liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed [and] the font from which all her power flows.” SC n. 10

Common sense tells us that most of the Catholic faithful, indeed the vast majority, who venture into our midst, do so on Sunday for the sole purpose of attending Mass. It is in the midst of the Sunday assembly, where people experience in a most unique way what we are all about as a parish community of believers. And so, what we do, we must do well. We must be instruments of “good liturgy.”

Again, the Second Vatican Council makes this point clear: [liturgical ministers] “exercise a genuine function. They ought, therefore, to discharge their offices with the sincere piety and decorum, demanded by so exalted a ministry and rightly expected of them by God’s people.” SC n. 29

I believe that what makes for “good liturgy” is a community firmly grounded in the basics.

- **Prayers that are prayed.**
- **Scripture that is proclaimed.**
- **Gestures that are graceful.**
- **Ritual that is respected.**
- **Space we hold sacred.**
- **Music that touches all of our human emotions.**
- **Silence with a purpose.**

This 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.

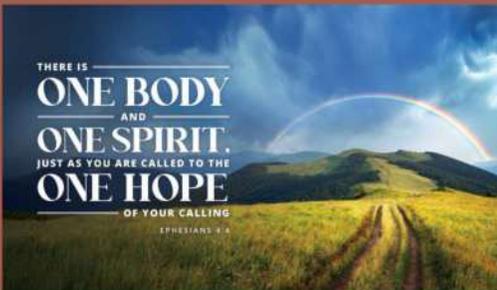
The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, no. 373, designates January 22 as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the “**Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.**”



The over 60 million abortions since the 1973 decisions of Roe v. Wade and Doe v. Bolton reflect with heartbreaking magnitude what Pope Francis means by a “throwaway culture.” However, we have great trust in God’s providence. We are reminded time and again in Scripture to seek the Lord’s help, and as people of faith, we believe that our prayers are heard. And while, on June 24, 2022, the Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization decision overturned Roe v. Wade, right now state and federal laws, in many instances, are still hostile to preborn children. So, great prayer and advocacy is still very needed.



Next Sunday, January 25, at the 9am Mass (St. William), we will celebrate a **ritual of welcome** for the children in our parish who have entered a time of preparation for their First Holy Communion. We will offer them our prayers and our support as they continue to discern God’s unique and precious call given to them at their Baptism.



The theme for the **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2026** is taken from Ephesians 4:4, “There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.” These words of St. Paul see the unity of the community of believers as a vocation, a calling by the Holy Spirit. This requires conversion of heart, which is not possible without openness to reconciliation. This unity is linked to one hope and practiced in communal support, by embracing diversity while maintaining communion.



**Next Sunday’s Second Collection: St. Nicholas School**  
National Catholic Schools Week begins January 25! As a parish, we recognize the value of Catholic education and the vital role of St. Nicholas School in helping our young people reach their full potential in Faith, Academic Excellence, and Service. As a vital part of our community, the parish supports the school through prayer and resources, and the school, in turn, develops our future leaders and citizens rooted in Catholic tradition and values. Thank you for prayerfully considering your contribution to Catholic Education. May God bless this important work for the future of our Church and our Country.

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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](http://www.vitalant.org) and enter Blood Drive Code: **SNSW** or Scan QR Code

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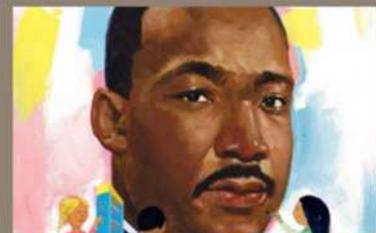
*"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you."*  
 Jeremiah 1:5

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.



**Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday**  
**The Parish Office is closed**  
**on Monday, January 19th**  
 Daily Mass will be at 8:00 am.  
**The 12:10 pm Mass is cancelled.**



**Giving Tree**

Bridges to the Community and its volunteers wish to **thank** the St. William and St. Nicholas parish members who donated so generously to the Giving Tree Project. Over \$13,000 in gift cards were collected and distributed to eight different grateful charities.

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# Spingo!

February 7th



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**RSVP:** <https://tinyurl.com/spingo-2026>

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# Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Registration is still  
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## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

3 to 5 years old

## Faith Formation 1st to 5th

Sundays 10 to 11 am

January 25

in St. William Hall

## Christian Sacraments of Initiation

7 to 18 years old

9 to 11 am

Feb 7

in Teen Center downstairs at St. William

## Edge 6th to 8th

Tuesdays 6:30 to 8:00pm

January 27

## Intersection 9th to 12th

Sundays 6:00 to 8:30 pm

January 18, 25

in Teen Center downstairs at St. William

## Confirmation 7th to 12th

2th and 4th Sundays

12:00 noon to 1:30pm,

Jan 25 with sponsors

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# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, January 18th – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SN) Angela Clark (Birthday) by The Roger Clark Family  
 9:00 am (SW) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed  
 10:00 am (SN) People of the Parish  
 11:00 am (SW) Panontin Family (Intention) by Celeste and Joseph Courand; Jean Bird (Health) by Friends  
 12:00 pm (SN) † Jim Kane by Suma Mathew  
 5:00 pm (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed  
 5:00 pm (SW) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed

## Monday, January 19th – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

8:00 am (SN) † Sharon Maling by Sheila Harrison and Family; † Margarita Castro Capurro by Gissela Carmen Barreda

## Tuesday, January 20th – St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

8:00 am (SN) † Jonathan Hsia by Eloiza Hsia  
 12:10 pm (SN) † Katherine Rose Moore by The Swanson Family; † Carlos Alvarez by Loving Family

## Wednesday, January 21st – St. Agnes

8:00 am (SN) Lisa (Birthday)  
 12:10 pm (SN) Jason Clark (Birthday) by The Roger Clark Family; † Andrew Debell by Debell Family  
 7:00 pm (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed

## Thursday, January 22nd – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00 am (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed  
 12:10 pm (SN) Michael Cabrera (Health) by Christina Del Rosario

## Friday, January 23rd – St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope

8:00 am (SN) Joseph (Birthday)  
 12:10 pm (SN) † Peter Duong by Loving Friend  
 Saturday, January 24th – St. Francis de Sales  
 8:00 am (SN) † Rear Admiral David Rogers by Barbara & Tom McReynolds  
 4:00 pm (SW) † Bill Smith by SN Parish

# 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

## Presider Schedule

January 25, 2026

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – (Anticipated)

(SN) 4:30pm – Fr. Valenton

Sunday Masses

(SN) 8:00am – Fr. Kimm

(SW) 9:00am – Fr. Stanley

(SN) 10:00am – Fr. Valenton

(SW) 11:00am – Fr. Stanley

(SN) 12:00pm – Fr. Bologo

(SN) 5:00pm – Cancelled (French)

(SW) 5:00pm – Fr. James

The presider schedule is subject to change without notice.

## Stewardship

<i>Stewardship Report: Dec 28, 2025</i>			
	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Christmas, Dec 25, 2025	\$120,100.25	\$125,000.00	(\$4,899.75)
Basket, Mailed-In & Online Giving: Dec 22-28, 2025	\$24,253.00	\$24,931.51	(\$678.51)
YTD (as of Dec 28, 2025)	\$794,428.25	\$777,157.53	\$17,270.72
% of budget YTD			102.2%

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

<i>Second Collections report</i>	
SVDP / Outreach (Nov 30)	\$7,819.00
Religious Retirement (Dec 14)	\$8,976.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

## Readings for the week of January 18, 2026

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34  
 Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12  
 Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19  
 Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-2



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