

February 1, 2026  
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Welcome to Saint Nicholas and Saint William Catholic Parish

**Pastor:** Rev. Matthew D. Stanley | **Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Michael Gazzingan  
**In Residence:** Rev. Warwick James | Rev. Gregory Kimm | Rev. Randy Valenton



## 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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# Let the Children Come to Me

by Catherine Campbell

In today's Gospel, we hear Jesus tell us "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land." We know the children are our future, they will inherit our churches here on earth and they are also our present. In Matthew 19:14 we read, but Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." With this, you may be asking yourself or wanting to ask us, why we did not put in a crying room for our youngest parishioners when we did our remodel if we are to bring our children to God, to church?

When we realized we needed to update the bathrooms (adding in a family bathroom that accommodates a wheelchair too) and adding a drinking fountain, we had the desire to update the confessionals to make them more of a chapel, a confessional room instead of the old fashion confessionals, we could have added a crying room on the one side verses making it a dual catechumen dismissal room/face-to-face confession room. Father Matt and many though have the opinion that the children should be with us, seeing the awe of the mass, being part of the body of Christ with us all. We know there will be some crying, but the idea is to have us all in one community, all together in Christ. The saying goes, "If your church ain't crying, your church is dying." Our pastor is welcoming our children to be present!

Therefore you will hear the occasional crying. You will also see our church growing in faith and community too! We want all to feel welcome, so while you may miss a word or two, feel free to smile at the parents willing to bring their children to Christ and know it could be difficult for them. I remember that phase of my life with young twins. Yet these children are with us from the outpouring of love and truly are a gift not just to their own families, but to us all as a parish. And if you feel you ever need to calm a child more, or you yourself need some air, know you can still hear as we have speakers beyond the vestibule outside!

We are already seeing the effects of having our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program where the children, while sitting in the pews, are seeing the colors of the mass and liturgical season, hearing the music that starts with welcoming in Christ in the Book of the Gospels thus celebrating our joy to be with Christ, hearing the bells that say look at this miracle happening before us all as the Holy Spirit comes down for the transubstantiation, to seeing one another, wishing peace to everyone. The children see these gifts of the mass!

We saw cleansed souls last weekend as many of our children made their First Reconciliation and then in the Rite of Welcome lit their baptismal candles to renew their baptismal promise to live a life with Christ. Children described this sacrament of reconciliation as making them feel fresh, joyfull, very decent, happy, nothing to feel bad about any more and from scared to happy!

May we all see as a child, humbling ourselves before Christ, seeing and feeling the purpose of our beautiful Mass and stepping forward into our faith to bring ourselves in union with Christ!



**St. Nicholas Catholic School**  
**Our Mission**  
 St. Nicholas School is a Catholic community serving the whole child, where students develop their faith, pursue academic excellence, lead by example, and are inspired to care for others with compassion.



**Our Core Values**



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St. Nicholas School Mass  
 Saturday  
 February 7  
 4:00 pm  
 St. William Church

Next Sunday at the 9:00 am Mass at St. William we will celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and First Eucharist for Duncan Naylor. We pray for Duncan this week as he prepares for this important event in his life.




*Ash Wednesday*  
*February 18th*

**Masses**

**St Nicholas**  
 8am, 12:10pm, & 7pm  
 Confessions & Adoration 6pm

**St William**  
 12:10pm, 5pm, & 7pm(French)

**SOUP MAKERS NEEDED!**




Lenten S.O.U.P Suppers - Friday's during Lent  
 Are you able to Bring a hot \*meatless\* soup for 8-10 people.  
 If so please sign up to let us know which Friday works best for you:  
<https://tinyurl.com/lent-2026-soup>

Please be sure the soup you provide does NOT contain meat or meat stock (bouillon) as we abstain from meat and meat products on the Fridays in Lent.  
 Vegetable stock/bouillon is OKAY.

Questions, please contact Amy Blalock-Castillo at 650-948-2158, x 2201

**Stewardship of Treasure Report – December 2025**

We have ended the first half of the fiscal year (July 25-June 26). Thank you for your support of our parish's mission and ministries. In December, our average weekly collection was \$34,510. You also generously donated to various important causes through our December special collections, totaling \$11,844 (\$2,961 per week). This brings our weekly December total to \$37,471. We budgeted our Sunday Offertory income (less special collections) for JUL-DEC (25 weeks x \$25,000) at \$650,000, and we received \$647,600 (-\$2,400). Our 2025 Christmas collection stands at \$120,000. 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!

Palms for Ash Wednesday  
 Ash Wednesday is just a couple of weeks away (February 18). It is time to return your blessed palms from last year, so that we may prepare the ashes for this year. Please bring them with you to Mass over the few weekends and place them in the basket in the vestibule. We will burn these palms at the end of Mass on Sunday, February 11.





## FROM GRIEF TO HEALING

**ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW GRIEVING OVER THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?**

Our grief group is for those who seek consolation after the death of a loved one—be the death recent or long ago. We give voice to our unique journeys of grief and find healing and spiritual growth.

A 6-week series on Saturday mornings 10:30am to 12:30pm  
February 21 – March 28

Where: St. Nicholas Parish hall

For more information and to sign up, please call or email:

Carin Powers (415) 990-9577 [carinp23@gmail.com](mailto:carinp23@gmail.com)

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Next Sunday, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that are still struggling to recover from former communist rule. It also aids communities throughout the region that are affected by the war in Ukraine. Funds support pastoral care, catechesis, renovations of church properties, and seminary formation. Your contribution restores the Church and builds the future in this region. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection next week.

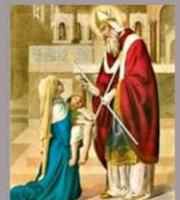


On Monday, February 2, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord**, which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas Day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy. If you would like to have candles blessed at Mass, please bring them with you.

### Blessing of Throats

In memory of St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, there will be a special blessing of throats after the 8:00 am & 12:10 pm Mass on Tuesday, February 3.

We ask St. Blaise to protect us from all throat diseases.



Our monthly **Bridges to Community** meeting will be Monday evening, February 8th at St. N Parish Hall, 7:30-9pm. New members welcome. If you are interested in what we do to help in our community, please join us for our meeting.

# Faith Formation and Youth Ministry

Registration is still  
*OPEN ONLINE*

## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

3 to 5 years old

## Faith Formation & Parents

1st to 5th graders

Sundays 10 to 11 am

Feb. 1, 8

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

Feb 10, 24

## Intersection 9th to 12th

Sundays 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Feb 1, 8

in Teen Center downstairs at St. William

## Confirmation 7th to 12th

2nd and 4th Sundays

12:00 noon to 1:30pm,

March 3 w sponsors & 15th

## Retreat March 6-8

in Teen Center downstairs at St. William

## Teens and Young Adults at Revs vs Sems



## EDGE Makes Dog Toys for Shelter



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# Spaghetti & Bingo

# Spingo!

February 7th



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**Mass 4pm - Dinner 5pm - Bingo 6pm**

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**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

Hosted by St. Nicholas School, PTG, & St. Nicholas and St. William Parish

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 1st – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SN) † Matthew Heiler by Marrone Family;  
† Pastor Vigo  
9:00 am (SW) † Claver Aboy by Shabe Family  
10:00 am (SN) † Carla and Richard Scudellari by The Olson Family; † Dan Brunello by The Garner Family  
11:00 am (SW) Roseo Panontin and Sandra Panontin (Intention) by Ivana Panontin; Joseph and Celeste Courand (Intention) by Ivana Panontin  
12:00 pm (SN) People of the Parish  
5:00 pm (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed  
5:00 pm (SW) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed

### Monday, February 2nd – Presentation of the Lord

8:00 am (SN) † Candy Hernandez by The Hennigs; † Merche Vigo  
12:10 pm (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed

### Tuesday, February 3rd – St. Blase & St. Ansgar

8:00 am (SN) † Corneliu Stan; † Jim Linnell  
12:10 pm (SN) † Cessie & Pete Wismann by Loving Daughters

### Wednesday, February 4th

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

### Thursday, February 5th – St. Agatha

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

### Friday, February 6th – St. Paul Miki & Companions

8:00 am (SN) † Maida Kostelec by Loving Family; † Rose Ladstatter by Loving Family  
12:10 pm (SN) Ruby Lagdamen (Health) by Christina Del Rosario

### Saturday, February 7th – Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed  
4:00 pm – SNS Mass (SW) † Richard Gorman by The Garner Family

## Sick Relatives and Friends

Let us pray for Benjamin Backs, Sarah Bond, Steve Castain, Lida Co, Tony Croft, Douglas Eustice, 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

February 8, 2026

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday – (Anticipated)

(SW) 4:00pm – Fr. Stanley  
Sunday Masses

(SN) 8:00am – Fr. Valenton

(SW) 9:00am – Fr. Stanley

(SN) 10:00am – Fr. Gazzingan

(SW) 11:00am – Fr. Stanley

(SN) 12:00pm – Fr. Gazzingan

(SN) 5:00pm – Fr. Didier (French)

(SW) 5:00pm – Fr. Gazzingan

The presider schedule is subject to change without notice.

## Stewardship

Stewardship Report: Jan 4, 2026			
	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Mary, Mother of God, Jan 1, 2026	\$3,024.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,024.00
Basket, Mailed-In & Online Giving: Dec 29-Jan 4, 2026	\$22,534.00	\$24,931.51	(\$2,397.51)
YTD (as of Jan 4, 2026)	\$822,934.90	\$804,089.04	\$18,845.86
% of budget YTD			102.3%

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Thank you

## Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34



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