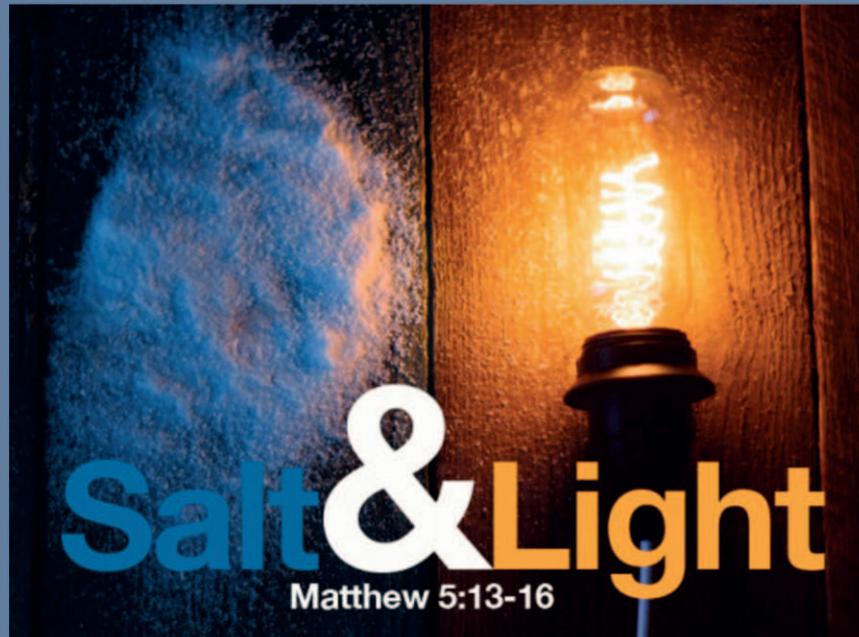


February 8, 2026
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Welcome to Saint Nicholas and Saint William Catholic Parish

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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 - 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

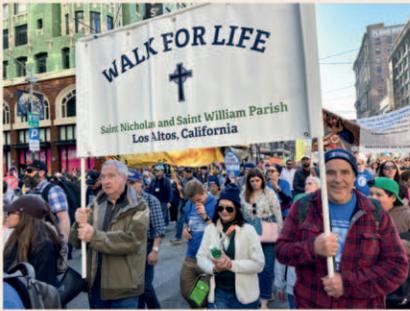
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A Reflection on Walk For Life 2026 - by Lidia Fiandeiro

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart.”

— *Jeremiah 1:5*



On January 24, the 22nd annual Walk for Life drew together tens of thousands of people to advocate for the unborn. The day began for approximately 3,000 attendees with Mass celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral, with Archbishop Cordileone as the principal celebrant. The theme of his homily was "The Love of Friendship and Building a Culture of Life."

After Mass, we gathered at Civic Center Plaza, where various speakers shared powerful testimonies that inspired those present to stand up for the lives of the unborn and their families. Numerous organizations also hosted tables, offering resources for pregnant women, those in need, and those seeking healing from past wounds—particularly those who have experienced abortion and are in need of mercy and restoration.

Following the witness talks, tens of thousands of us—Catholics and non-Catholics alike—began the 1.8-mile walk down Market Street. People from many faith traditions were united in one common goal: to be a joyful witness for life. Some praised the Lord through song, others prayed the Rosary, and many simply walked together in solidarity. The experience is different for each person.

One year, a parishioner thanked me for organizing the bus. She shared that she had never attended before and felt called to participate as part of her healing journey after having an abortion at a young age. She described the Walk for Life as the missing piece in her journey of healing. God's love truly abounds. No matter where we have been or what we have done, He is always waiting for us to return to Him and receive His mercy.

The Walk for Life is not a protest, but rather a public declaration that life is to be protected from the moment of conception until natural death. One of the most joyful and encouraging sights was the presence of the "Pro-Life Generation." Someone remarked to me, "I am really encouraged to see so many young people here witnessing for life." They are the future of the Church; what an amazing testimony.

Our parish has provided a shuttle or bus to the Walk for Life for the past four years, and participation has grown each year—from 10 attendees in 2023 to 44 registered this year. As we look ahead, we invite you to prayerfully consider joining us at the next Walk for Life. Whether you come as a witness for the unborn, in solidarity with mothers and families, or as part of your own journey of healing, your presence matters. Let us continue to build a culture of life together—rooted in truth, mercy, and love. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for the **23rd Walk for Life in San Francisco on Saturday, January 23, 2027, and be a joyful witness that every life is a gift.**



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.



The symbolism of burning palm branches before Ash Wednesday

Palm branches are blessed on Palm Sunday and, in accord with Canon Law, must be disposed of properly, as with all blessed objects. One way to dispose of blessed palms is to burn them, which naturally produces ashes. Using palm ashes on Ash Wednesday connects the beginning of Lent to its end, when we remember the Passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Thus, the season begins with the crucifixion and ends with the crucifixion.



The **Rite of Anointing** the Catechumens
It is one of the minor rites of the Christian Initiation process. Although it is called minor, it is not! In this anointing, the unbaptized receive strength for their journey and help overcome the obstacles Satan places in their path. We will celebrate this Rite with our catechumens at the 9 am Mass NEXT Sunday, February 15.



Ash Wednesday
February 18th

Masses

St Nicholas

8am, 12:10pm, & 7pm

Confessions & Adoration 6pm

St William

12:10pm, 5pm, & 7pm(French)



Fr. Matt will be taking his annual retreat this week. Canon law is very clear in its requirement of an annual retreat for priests, religious, and seminarians. Why is that? If a priest takes time away from his parish, isn't he abandoning his flock? Jesus himself spent much time away from his flock, even making a spiritual retreat for 40 days before his public ministry. Retreats are important. Our spiritual leaders need to make time for themselves to recharge. This requirement for priests is also a signal for us in the laity. We also need to recharge our spiritual batteries, especially if we are parents. Without time for solitude and prayer, we risk not only our own soul, but the souls of those we care for.

Hygiene Drive

Bridges to Community

Help Support St. Leo Marketplace – at all Masses on February 21 and 22
Government assistance (SNAP, WIC) does not cover hygiene products,
often leading to skipping of hygiene purchases to make ends meet.
As we begin Lent, let's support our neighbors at our sister parish, St. Leo the
Great.

Bridges to Community will collect **Hygiene Supplies** after all masses
on the first weekend of Lent.

Please bring toilet paper, laundry detergent, diapers/wipes, soap, shampoo,
deodorant, toothpaste, razors/shaving cream and female hygiene products
to donate to St. Leo's Marketplace.

If you are not able to bring in items in person, consider an online donation at:
<http://tinyurl.com/stleosmarketplace-wishlist>
(delivery charges may apply for orders under \$35)

In this small way, we can make a big impact for those living from paycheck to
paycheck!



*Lenten Parish Mission
with Fr. Joe Kim*

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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

Lynn Hastings (408) 470-8934 lynnhastings26@gmail.com

This 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 supporting the collection next week.



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Cursillo Ultreya

Wednesday, February 25th - 6:30pm - St William's Hall

Social at 6:30pm, Ultreya to commence at 7pm

If you have not yet made a Cursillo, we suggest you go to <https://www.sanjosecursillo.org/> to learn more, applications are available online. There are 2 retreat weekends coming up in April.

Join our Altar Linen Ministry!

Our Altar Linen Angels, with deep love and reverence for the Holy Eucharist, ensure clean linens are available for all Masses. This ministry is done at home on a monthly rotating schedule. Linen cleaning instructions are provided and each member provides linen care for one month. During your assigned month you may pick up the linens on the weekend, take a few hours of your time to launder and press them at home, and then return them the next weekend (or during the week).



Our monthly **Bridges to Community** meeting will be Monday evening, February 9th at St. Nicholas 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.



World Marriage Day, the second Sunday of February, and National Marriage Week USA (February 7 – 14) are observed annually in dioceses and parishes throughout our country as an opportunity to build a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family.

It is more important than ever to spread the word and hope about the value of the institution of marriage. Marriage is the bedrock of our society. When that crumbles, our homes and families crumble, our children struggle, and our communities face the ripple effects. Our nation grows weaker or stronger... tracking and tracing all the way back into each home, family, and marriage.

Does the Church recognize my Marriage?

Like other couples in your parish or family, you may be wondering if the Catholic Church fully recognizes your marriage. Catholic Church law ordinarily requires baptized Roman Catholics to marry before a priest or deacon. Unless they received a “dispensation from canonical form,” Catholics who exchange vows in the presence of ministers from other religious traditions or civil officials are not considered validly married in the eyes of the Catholic Church. Regardless of what happened in the past, the Catholic Church invites you to bring new meaning to your lives by embracing the vocation of marriage and dedicating your family’s mission to sharing God’s love.

Contact Catherine Campell at 650 948 2158 x2209 or catherine.campbell@dsj.org



We are seeking **volunteers** to serve in our **Funeral Ministry** and to be **Wedding Coordinators**. Volunteers assist with funeral/wedding setup, provide support during the Mass, and serve as Sacristans as needed. This is a meaningful way to offer comfort and service to families in their time of need, and also to couples on their Wedding Day. Diocesan guidelines must be met. If you feel called to serve, please contact Michael at 650 948 2158 x2204 or michael.sternhagen@dsj.org



Are you being called to visit the Shrines of Italy on a pilgrimage with Fr. Matt?
There are a few seats still available, visit the link below for information or to sign up:
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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 & Parents
1st to 5th graders
Sundays 10 to 11 am
Feb. 8, Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
in St. William Hall

**Christian Sacraments
of Initiation**
7 to 18 years old
9 to 11 am
Feb 7, March 7
in Teen Center
downstairs at St. William

Edge 6th to 8th
Tuesdays 6:30 to 8:00pm
February 10, 17, 24
Intersection 9th to 12th
Sundays 6:00 to 8:30 pm
Feb 15
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



Vacation Bible Camp VBS

June 22 - 26 at St. Nicholas School 8:30 to 12:30 pm

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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



CRS RICE BOWL

WHO IS READY TO
CHANGE
LIVES THIS
LENT?

***Please pick up a
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the back of
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to give alms this
Lent starting on
Ash Wednesday***

As a parish, we are participating in the Catholic Relief Society's (CRS) Rice Bowl program. As we use these Rice Bowls to give alms this Lent, we will be helping to support people in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste (75%) who are working hard to overcome the challenges of hunger and the impact of climate change as well as those in need in our diocese (25%).

*We will collect the donations online starting on February 22
and at church starting on Palm Sunday.*

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Your 2025 annual contribution statement should arrive in the mail soon. Don't hesitate to contact Lidia Fiandeiro, Business Manager, lidia.fiandeiro@dsj.org if you did not receive one, or if there is some inaccuracy. Remember, the best way for us to keep an accurate record of your contributions is by using the Sunday Offertory Envelopes or Online Giving – call us if you need any assistance.

Thank you for your support!



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Thursdays, 8-30AM to 12-00PM at St Nicholas Church

"From the Eucharist comes the strength to live the Christian life." - John Paul II

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 8th – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am (SN) † Howard Schmitz by Loving Friends
9:00 am (SW) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed
10:00 am (SN) Jordan Fox (Intention) by Mom and Dad; † MaryElaine McEnery by Arlene and Stuart
11:00 am (SW) † Rosalina Galang by Lorraine Uytingco
12:00 pm (SN) † Eileen and Joseph Blackall by Eileen Gann
5:00 pm (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed
5:00 pm (SW) People of the Parish

Monday, February 9th

8:00 am (SN) † Peggy Moe; Tom Varghese (Birthday) by Mary Varghese
12:10 pm (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed

Tuesday, February 10th – St. Scholastica

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

Wednesday, February 11th – Our Lady of Lourdes

8:00 am (SN) † Anne Rullo by Loving Family; † Salvador Acosta
12:10 pm (SN) † Anne Rullo by Loving Family
† Rafael Jimenez by The Bongji Family (Deceased)
7:00 pm (SN) Michael Bongji by His parents

Thursday, February 12th

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

Friday, February 13th

8:00 am (SN) † Charlene Castelli by Loving Family; † Nora Lydon
12:10 pm (SN) † Susan Almon by Loving Daughter; † Noel Villaroman by Christina Del Rosario

Saturday, February 14th – Ss. Cyril & Methodius

8:00 am (SN) † Yvonne Irick by SN Parish
4:00 pm (SW) † Mercedes Molina by Loving 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 15, 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

The presider schedule is subject to change without notice.

Stewardship

Stewardship Report: Jan 11, 2026			
	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Basket, Mailed-In & Online Giving: Jan 5-11, 2026	\$18,816.00	\$24,931.51	(\$6,115.51)
YTD (as of Jan 11, 2026)	\$841,804.90	\$829,020.55	\$12,784.35
% of budget YTD			101.5%

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Thank you

Readings for the week of February 8, 2026

Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10



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