

March 1, 2026  
2nd Sunday of Lent

# Welcome to Saint Nicholas and Saint William Catholic Parish

**Pastor:** Rev. Matthew D. Stanley | **Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Michael Gazzigan  
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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](http://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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## LA Youth Day 2026 and LA RECongress

LA Youth Day 2026 is the opening day of the annual Los Angeles Religious Education Congress, a vibrant, faith-focused gathering for young people in middle and high school that brings youth and their chaperones together for prayer, worship, keynote talks, workshops and community building. It's designed to help participants deepen their relationship with Jesus and with one another through interactive sessions and inspiring liturgies. LA REcongress itself, a long-running Catholic event sponsored by the Archdiocese of Los Angeles featuring hundreds of workshops, liturgies, exhibits and speakers for people of all ages to grow in their faith and connect with others from across the nation and world. There was lots of prayer and even some time for Disneyland.

Attending for the first time was truly a blessing. From the great workshops and resources, to the opportunity in most sessions to ask questions and really engage with the speakers. A favorite workshop was "Awaken the Heart" by Julianne Stanz, who challenged us to deliver a strong Catholic identity.

We also heard a beautiful message from Pope Leo XIV to the Church in the United States, reminding us: build bridges to connect, not walls that divide.

A common theme woven throughout the weekend was the call to love all as we love God - that "we love God as much as we love the person we love the least," since every person is made in His image. I found this to be a very powerful message.

If you ever have the opportunity to attend or chaperone, I strongly encourage you to do so!



One of my favorite images from our time in LA, our teens helped a senior walk to his destination.



## THE LAWS OF ABSTINENCE

All Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence from all meat (beast or fowl). The law of abstinence requires a Catholic 14 years of age until death to abstain from eating meat on Fridays in honor of the Passion of Jesus on Good Friday. Meat is considered to be the flesh and organs of mammals and fowl. Also forbidden are soups or gravies made from them. Salt and freshwater species of fish, amphibians, reptiles and shellfish are permitted, as are animal-derived products such as margarine and gelatin which do not have any meat taste.

## Scrutinies with the Elect

On the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent at the 9:00 am Mass, we will celebrate the rites of penance and purification with our Elect, preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The purpose of these rites are to uncover all that would lead them away from Christ, so that they might be able to come to a full Christian life. The support of a parish community is vital to this process. At the same time, these brief rites call us, the baptized, to uproot the sin in our lives to be more faithful to our baptism.

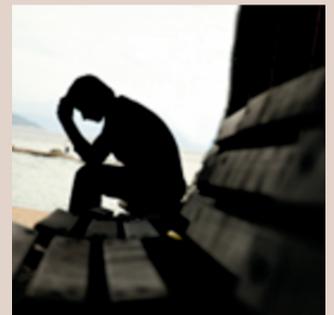


## Ritual of Commitment for Youth Confirmandi

Next Sunday, March 8, at 5pm Mass, we will celebrate with our young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation their ritual of commitment. They will be returning fresh from their weekend retreat. This ritual is an opportunity to mark another significant moment on their journey of preparation for the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

## Rites in Preparation for the Easter Sacraments

This Sunday at the 10:00 am at St. Nicholas we will celebrate (with those who are preparing to complete the Christian Initiation or enter into Full Communion in the Catholic Church) a Penitential Rite, A Calling to Conversion to mark the Lenten purification for those candidates approaching the maturity of faith and understanding requisite for a fuller life in the Catholic Community.



## March is the month of St. Joseph!

St. Joseph holds a revered and pivotal role, recognized as one of the most important saints in the Catholic Church. As the earthly father of Jesus Christ and the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph played a crucial part in the Holy Family. His significance lies not only in his familial role but also in his unwavering faith, righteousness, and humble obedience to God's divine plan for him.

The Feast of St. Joseph is on March 19th. He is the powerful intercessor for various aspects of life and is the patron saint of fathers, workers, immigrants, and a model for those seeking guidance in their daily struggles. Many turn to St. Joseph in times of need, seeking his intercession for employment, family matters, and spiritual guidance as the patron saint of our Diocese.



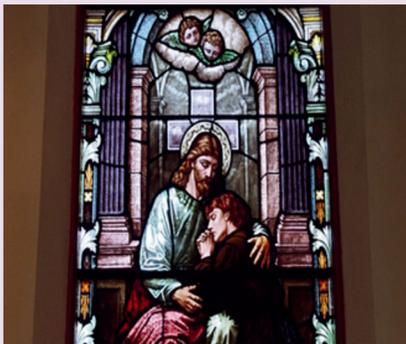
Each year on the Second Sunday of Lent, the Church proclaims the Gospel of the **Transfiguration of Jesus**. After the desert temptations of the First Sunday, we are led up the mountain and shown Christ in glory.

This mystery is powerfully captured in Raphael's masterpiece, the Transfiguration. The painting is divided in two. Above, Christ shines in radiant light, lifted between heaven and earth. Below, confusion and suffering unfold as the disciples struggle to heal a possessed boy. Light and darkness, order and chaos, occupy the same canvas.

The structure of the work forms a pyramid. The gestures of the disciples below – arms extended, fingers pointing – draw the eye upward toward Christ.

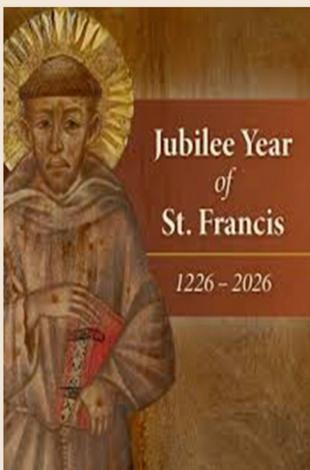
Most of our lives probably feel like the lower half of the painting – chaos, confusion, and struggle with sin. Yet the Church places the Transfiguration early in Lent so we do not lose heart. We are reminded that beyond the struggle stands the radiant Christ who awaits us.

Lent, just like our lives, has a direction. Led by the Spirit, we move from sin to peace, from chaos to order, from darkness to light.



We offer several opportunities for **confessions** during Lent. Every Saturday from 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm at St. William Church; every Wednesday from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at St. Nicholas Church; during our Parish Mission, March 9 – 11 at 7:00 pm at St. William Church. Our Lenten Penance Liturgy is on Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm at St. William Church. Confessions are also offered on Good Friday, April 3 at St. William Church from 9:00 am – 11:00 am.

### Franciscan Jubilee Year



In communion with the universal Church, the Diocese of San José joyfully announces that Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in San Jose has been designated as the official Pilgrim Church of the Diocese for the Franciscan Jubilee Year, to be observed from January 10, 2026, through January 10, 2027.

During this Jubilee Year, the faithful are invited to make a pilgrimage to this church to seek spiritual renewal through prayer, the Sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Holy Eucharist, and works of mercy inspired by the life and spirituality of Saint Francis of Assisi. Those who devoutly visit the pilgrim church and fulfill the customary conditions may obtain the Jubilee indulgences granted by the Holy Father. All are encouraged to participate in this special year of grace, conversion, peace, and care for creation.



## “SPIRITUAL RENEWAL IN THE BODY OF CHRIST -

*A Lenten Retreat on Spiritual Gifts and Spiritual Freedom*

### MARCH 9, 10 AND 11

#### MORNING SESSIONS

**ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH, 473 Lincoln Ave, Los Altos**

8AM - Mass

8:30AM - Lenten Scripture

9:00AM - Hospitality

#### EVENING SESSIONS

**ST. WILLIAM CHURCH, 611 S. EL MONTE AVE LOS ALTOS**

**Monday Gifts and Charisms Night (Mar 9)** - Come, all who desire to go deeper in the life of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Tuesday Family Night (Mar 10)** - Come, All - A night for everyone! School, parish, First Communion, and Confirmation families and singles are invited to a special evening of faith and fellowship. Join us as Jon leads a night of worship and Fr. Joe and Bob Noles share practical ways for families to build unity. Parents, come with your children and be renewed together in faith and joy! Tuesday evening's session concludes with joint prayer/worship of parents with their children.

**Wednesday Healing Night (Mar 11)** - Come, all who desire a stronger hope in God's healing. Wednesday session concludes with Prayer Teams.

#### EVENING SCHEDULE (MON, MARCH 9 AND TUES, MARCH 10):

**6:00 PM** Hospitality & Sacrament of Reconciliation

**6:30 PM** Praise and Worship - led by Jon Martin

**7:00 PM** Retreat Sessions "Gifts" - Monday | "Family Night" (Tues)

#### EVENING SCHEDULE (WED, MARCH 11):

**6:00 PM** Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation

**6:30 PM** Mass

**7:00 PM** Retreat Session "Healing Night"

**Event is FREE, but please RSVP**  
<https://tinyurl.com/snw-lent-2026>

Questions: Contact Lidia at: [lidia.fiandeiro@dsj.org](mailto:lidia.fiandeiro@dsj.org)



## MARCH 9, 10 AND 11

FR. JOE KIM



Pastor, St. John Vianney  
Diocese of San Jose

JON MARTIN



Worship leader  
and songwriter

BOB NOLES



Catholic evangelist and  
Formation Associate,  
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# SOUP MAKERS NEEDED!



## Lenten S.O.U.P Suppers - Fridays 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

## Lenten Prayer Opportunities

The gray insert in this Sunday's bulletin (also posted on our homepage) describes the many Lenten devotions and activities taking place in our parish. Please post it in your home where you can refer to it over the next 40 days.



**SOUP SUPPER & STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place each Friday during Lent (February 20 – March 27) at St. William Church. Join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at **5:30 pm**, followed by the Stations of the Cross at **6:00 pm**, concluding with a vegetarian soup supper at **6:30 pm** in St. William Hall.

## Practice Outreach through the Corporal Works of Mercy

Please bring the following to donate to those in need:

Feb 20: Hygiene items/kits

Feb 27: Easter and Christmas cards (Unused)

March 6: Food collection for St Vincent de Paul

March 13: Juice boxes/pouches

March 20: Socks & Sweatshirts (new)

March 27: Magazines & Paperback books



## No Baptisms during Lent

In keeping with our parish tradition, the Sacrament of Baptism is not celebrated during the 40 days of Lent. Baptismal catechesis continues for parents and godparents of children scheduled for baptism in the spring and summer. Contact the Parish Office to begin this preparation.

## Adoration, Stations of the Cross, & Soup Supper 2/20/2026

Thank you to those who shared in the wonderful evening



# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

50/50 RAFFLE  
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VOLUNTEER

## CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH  
4PM MASS

RSVP FOOD & FESTIVITIES FOLLOWING

Corned beef & Cabbage Dinner will be served  
Dessert & Irish Soda Bread included

\$15 Bar wristbands available - Wristband includes unlimited:  
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VOLUNTEER: [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/2026-ST-PATRICK-VOLUNTEER](https://tinyurl.com/2026-st-patrick-volunteer)

# 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  
Mar 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
in St. William Hall

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

**Edge** 6th to 8th  
Tuesdays 6:30 to 8:00pm  
**Intersection** 9th to 12th  
Sundays 6:00 to 8:30 pm  
March 1, 15, 22, 29  
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

**Our thanks to all our youth who serve at mass!**



## ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Join us for

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**March 7, 2026**

An elegant Monte Carlo style evening of dining, dancing, and casino fun in support of St. Nicholas Catholic school.

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# Vacation Bible Camp VBS

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

**Priority Registration for Parishioners & SNS campers ends on Sunday, March 1**

**Open registration starts March 2 - Camp Sites are Limited**

## Campers

incoming kinders to 5th graders \$159



## Camp Counselors

incoming 7th graders to graduating seniors & adult volunteers too



***Please pick up a CRS Rice Bowl in the back of church; we will collect the donations online and at church starting on Palm Sunday***



## Empowering Growth in Ghana

By supporting CRS Rice Bowl, you help parents and caregivers in Ghana to receive training in health, nutrition and early childhood development. That means, young children in these communities are better able to thrive and meet critical milestones in their growth.

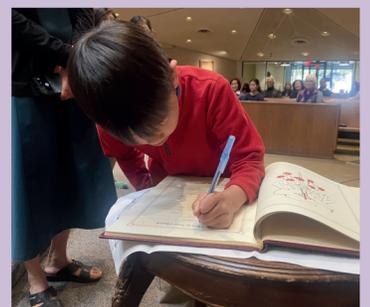
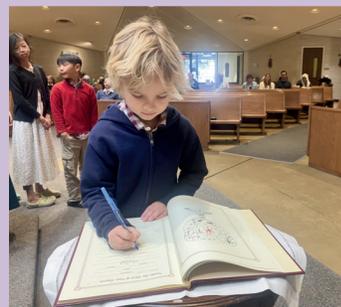
Thank you for participating in CRS Rice Bowls to help families like Georgina's!

Learn more about her journey at <https://crs.widen.net/s/sb62tdccpn>.

This Lenten tradition for millions of Catholics who continue to answer the Gospel call of supporting families experiencing hunger worldwide. There is no one solution to breaking the cycle of hunger - but we can do our part through CRS Rice Bowl by answering Jesus' invitation to share bread for life with our sisters and brothers. 75% of the Rice Bowl collection goes to help our overseas programs that provide relief and build sustainable programs for many under-resourced people. 25% of the Rice Bowl collection supports grants for parish programs in our diocese that feed the hungry.



**Congratulations to our Catechumens who are now our Elect!  
Please keep them in your prayers as they walk through the  
Scrutinies on their way to full initiation at the Easter Vigil**



# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, March 1st – 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 am (SN) Anna Maria Cannatella (Birthday) by Charles Bourgeois

9:00 am (SW) † Patricia Jakle O’Keefe by Loving Family;  
† Arlene Kramer by Loving Friends

10:00 am (SN) People of the Parish

11:00 am (SW) † Reynaldo Quecan by His Family who

missed him dearly; † Rosalina Galang by Lorraine Uytingco

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

5:00 pm (SN) France Ribereau-Gayon (Health) by Marie Schmitlin

5:00 pm (SW) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed

## Monday, March 2nd – Lenten Weekday

8:00 am (SN) Marita Trobough (Health) by Marita Mendoza

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

## Tuesday, March 3rd – St. Katharine Drexel

8:00 am (SN) † Ken Thompson by Jo Anne

12:10 pm (SN) † Cessie & Pete Wismann by Loving Daughters

## Wednesday, March 4th – St. Casimir

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

12:10 pm (SN) Darly Mathew (Birthday) by Suma Mathew

7:00 pm (SN) For the Souls of the Faithful Departed

## Thursday, March 5th – Lenten Weekday

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

12:10 pm (SN) † Bernard Scheiff by Loving Family;

† Victor and Dawn by Loving Family; Bernice Jeworski (Intention) by Loving Family

## Friday, March 6th – Lenten Weekday

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

12:10 pm (SN) † Aniela Rollinger by Son with the Family;

† Jim Kane by Suma Mathew

## Saturday, March 7th – Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

8:00 am (SN) Sandra & Raymond (Birthday) by Loving Family

4:00 pm (SW) † Betty Landgraf by Loving Family;

† Jeannine Overton by Her Children

# 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, 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

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday – (Anticipated)

(SW) 4:00pm – Fr. Valenton

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. Didier (French)

(SW) 5:00pm – Fr. Stanley

The presider schedule is subject to change without notice.

# Stewardship

Stewardship Report: Feb 2, 2026

	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Basket, Mailed-In & Online Giving: Jan 26-Feb 1, 2026	\$19,376.00	\$24,931.51	(\$5,555.51)
YTD (as of Feb 1, 2026)	\$905,842.90	\$903,815.07	\$2,027.83
% of budget YTD			100.2%

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Second Collections report

Latin America/Ethnic Minorities (Jan 11)	\$3,873.00
SN School Support (Jan 25)	\$6,255.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

## Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32





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