



St. Nicholas Parish

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Our Parish Mission Statement

St. Nicholas Parish is a Catholic community, celebrating our faith through the Sacraments, Liturgy, Prayer and Service. We strive to nurture family life and to create one body out of many in the Lord. We share the Good News with people of all ages, cultures and faith backgrounds.

Adopted July, 1996

CLERGY

Pastor Rev. George P. Blais
Parochial Vicar Rev. Quyen Truong
Visiting Priest Rev. Msgr. John Campbell
Visiting Priest Rev. Gerald Walker
Visiting Priest Rev. Brendan Hankins
Visiting Priest Rev. Jack Sewell
Visiting Priest Rev. Chin Dang
Deacon Wayne Thompson
Deacon Chau Tran
Deacon Gerardo De Santos

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00PM, 7:00PM in Spanish
Sunday: 7:30AM, 9:00AM, 10:45AM, 12:30PM, and 5:00PM in Vietnamese.
Monday through Friday: 7:00AM and 9:00AM
Saturday: 9AM
Filipino Mass: 5:30PM, First Saturdays, October-June.
Holy Days: 4PM Vigil, 7AM, 9AM, 12PM, 6PM and 7:30PM in Vietnamese

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: 9:45AM to 10:15AM and 3:00PM to 3:45PM or by appointment.

BAPTISM

English: Fourth Sunday of the month at 2:00PM.
Spanish: Third Saturday of the month at 11AM
Vietnamese: Second Sunday of the month at 2PM.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must begin at least six months in advance with a priest of the parish.

ANOIDNTING OF THE SICK

Call Parish Office in an emergency.
Special Service celebrated in fall/spring as announced.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

At the death of a family member, please call the Parish Office at your earliest convenience to plan for the Mass of Christian Burial.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION DAY

24-hour adoration begins the second Wednesday of the month at the 9:00AM Mass.

DEVOTIONS & BENEDICTION

Wednesday evenings at 7:00PM;
Vietnamese—2nd Wednesday of the month at 8PM.
Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Benediction.

Parish Office Hours: Sunday: 8:30 AM—1:30 PM
Monday through Friday: 9 AM—12 Noon; 1 PM — 7:00 PM;
Saturday: 9 AM—12 Noon



Would YOU
like to serve God
as an Altar Server?



If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, pick up a Registration Form in the SRE Office.

Qualifications: Must be in 5th grade or higher; received First Communion; registered in SRE classes; able to serve at one of the parish Masses as scheduled; able to attend training sessions.

Return your completed form to the SRE Office, Attention: Fr. Quyen.

Dear Parishioners,

On this sixth Sunday of Easter, we continue to hear from the 15th chapter of the Gospel of John. Last week we heard about Jesus being the True Vine and this week John continues this discourse by connecting the Vine to God's love for us. God is love and we experience His love through the birth, life, suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son Jesus. John reminds us to live in Jesus' love and we live in His love by keeping His commandments. We are reminded that we bear much fruit by living in His love and sharing this love in our daily lives.

Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. In the western parts of the United States, this Feast day has been officialy transferred from Thursday of the sixth week of Easter to the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Just a reminder to everyone especially for those of you who have recently moved to southern California from the east coast or other parts of the world, Thursday this week is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

In looking at this move in our liturgical calendar, it gives me the opportunity to teach that it is not important what day of the week that Jesus ascended to heaven. What is important and is our Catholic doctrine is that Jesus did indeed ascend into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. Because of this reality, the gates of heaven have been opened for us and Jesus prepares that place for each of us.

Fr. George

— Second Collection —

During the masses on May 19th and 20th, there will be a second collection for the Parishes in Collaboration. This collection will assist and support the parishes in the Diocese of Orange with repairs, maintenance, etc.

Any donations will be very much appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

Pastoral Services Appeal 2018

Thank you to all who have already participated in this year's PSA. If you did not receive information about the PSA in the mail, there are brochures and pledge envelopes available in the Church or in the Parish Office.

Participating families: 265
Amount of pledges: \$105,185
Payments received: \$63,395

Once we reach our diocesan goal of \$111,000, all monies over that amount will be returned to St. Nicholas to help pay for the parking lot project.

St. Nicholas Holy Spirit Spanish Retreat

There will be a Spanish Retreat on Saturday, May 19th from 9AM to 2PM. This retreat will be led by Fr. Brendan from St. Michael's Abbey.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

RSVP: Martha (714) 393-4412

All are welcome to attend!
¡Todos están invitados!



Thank You

Stewardship of Treasure

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>52-Weekly Required Budget</u>
April 29	21,587.29	24,274.36	\$25,856.00
St. Vincent de Paul	6,892.58		

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday:

7AM Judy Evons Mother
 9AM All relatives and Friends

Tuesday:

7AM Foster Andersen and Darlene Perak (d)
 9AM Joseph Farley (d)

Wednesday:

7AM Charlotte Brueske (d)
 9AM St. Expedito (d)

Thursday:

7AM For Mothers
 9AM Francis Aiden Murphy (d)

Friday:

7AM For Mothers
 9AM Funeral mass for William Exner

Saturday:

9AM Kimberly Kouri (d)
 4PM For Mothers
 7PM Silvestre Rodriguez (d)

Sunday:

7:30AM For the Parish
 9:00AM Joan Hays Shaffer (d)
 10:45AM For Mothers
 12:30PM Ralph Bushnell (d)

We Remember

All of our recently deceased loved ones who entered their new and eternal life in Christ.

Grant to all our dearly departed, eternal rest, O Lord, and may your light shine on them forever.

TODAY'S READINGS



First Reading: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48
 The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out on the Gentiles also.

Psalm 98
 The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10 or 1 John 4:11-16
 Let us love one another, because love is of God

Gospel: John 15:9-17 or John 17:11b-19.
 This is my commandment: love one another as I love you

Parish Calendar This Week



MONDAY

Sewing Group, Small Hall, 8AM
 Religious Education for Elementary, Parish Center, 4:15PM
 Spanish Rosary, Church, 7PM
 Pastoral Council Meeting, Rooms B & C, 7PM

TUESDAY

Religious Education for Elementary, Parish Center, 4:15PM
 7 & 8 Grade SRE, Parish Center—downstairs, 7PM
 SRE First Communion Rehearsal, Church, 7PM
 St. Nicholas Chorale, Small Hall, 7:15PM

WEDNESDAY

Eucharistic Adoration, Church, starting at the 9AM Mass
 Charismatic Prayer Group, Room A, 9:45AM
 Bereavement Ministry Meeting, Room B, 10AM
 Religious Education for Elementary, Parish Center, 4:15PM
 Devotions and Benediction, Church, 7PM
 Hispanic Choir, Room C, 7PM
 Filipino Choir, Small Hall, 8PM

THURSDAY

Faith Alive—Faith Sharing, Room A, 9:45AM
 Spanish RCIA, Room C, 5:30PM
 Hispanic Council, Room C, 6:30PM
 RCIA, Parish Center—2nd Floor, 7PM
 St. Nicholas Choir, Small Hall, 7:15PM

FRIDAY

Spanish Bible Study, Small Hall, 7PM
 Baptism Preparation-Spanish, Room B, 7PM
 Baptism preparation, English, Room C, 7:30PM

SATURDAY

Hispanic Group Mother's Day, Parish Center, 9AM
 1st Holy Communion, Church, 4PM
 Hispanic Choir, Room C, 4PM

SUNDAY

Library CLOSED

The Spanish Prayer Group

Invites parishioners to join them at St. Nicholas Church on the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm in Room C. For additional information, please call Jose or Norma Garibay at 949-613-3030.

The St. Nicholas Library...



The Library is open the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month, from 8:45am—12:45pm.
 We are located in Room C, behind the Parish Office.
 Freebie Cart: Rosaries, prayer cards and more!

SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Elementary classes on Monday-Wednesday, May 7-9th and May 14-18th from 4:15pm-5:30pm.

Reminders for First Communion Families:

First Communion Rehearsal on Tuesday, May 8th at 7PM — Please meet in the Church.

First Communion on Saturday, May 12th at 4PM Mass — Please meet in front of the Parish Center at 3:30PM.

Those receiving their First Communion may pick up their certificates and banners during class on May 14-18th.

IMPORTANT NEWS:

Registration forms will be distributed the week of May 7th. Please make it a priority to re-register your student(s) for the next year and return the forms to the SRE Office ASAP.

Faith formation is a life-long commitment and students should continue attending classes until their Confirmation.

Upcoming Events

Vacation Bible School on August 13-17th from 9AM to noon — We will need volunteers to help lead songs, dances, games, and crafts. Call the SRE Office for more information: (949) 837 - 7676

**Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church
Employment Opportunity**

Santiago de Compostela is in need of a full time Adult Faith Formation Coordinator who's primary function is to proclaim the Gospel primarily through implementing the parish's pastoral plan on lifelong formation in faith. The AFF coordinator will assist the pastor and his advisory committee in advocating a vision of adult faith formation within the parish.

Please send cover letter, resume, and references to the Business Manager Shirley Burgos at sburgos@sdccatholic.org

St. Nicholas Clothing Drive



The Knights of Columbus will be sponsoring a clothing drive on behalf of Micah's Way before and after the 4pm and 7pm mass on June 2 and all masses on June 3rd. All clothing and cash donations should be dropped off at the Parish Hall. Articles in great need include: jeans, shirts, shoes, new socks and undergarments. However, please do not donate household items or furniture. Micah's Way will be distributing all items to the homeless in Orange County.

For more information: Micah's Way (714) 667-7110 or info@micahsway.org

YOUTH MINISTRY

Check us out on Facebook!



— MAY —

Thank you to our leaders who helped with Confirmation classes, bible studies, and retreats this year!

Bible Study will resume Tues. June 19th at 6:30PM

Teen/Family Choir will be singing at the First Communion Mass on May 12th at 4PM

Sat. May 26th — Mass at 4pm, followed by dinner, games, and with friends! All high school students are invited.

Sun. June 10th — Join us for the Baccalaureate Mass at 10:45AM for all those graduating from high school or college. Afterwards, we will be having a picnic at the Laguna Niguel Regional Park at Shelter #1 at 12PM. Please bring a snack to share for at least 6 people.

July 20-22nd — Leadership Retreat at St. Andrew's Abbey in Valyermo. Meetings will be scheduled in June.

**Sacred Heart Retreat Camp
Work Weekend**



— Come help the Sacred Heart Sisters —

Friday, May 25 at 6:00PM — Optional

Saturday, May 26 from 8:00AM-7:30PM — Sunday Vigil Mass included

Sunday, May 27 from 9:00AM-1:30PM — Meals included

Your help is a blessing to us: moving furniture, painting, cleaning, sewing, construction, etc. Teens are welcome to come for service hours but must have an adult chaperone.

To RSVP, call (909) 866-5696 or for more information:
www.sacredheartretreatcamp.com
office@sacredheartretreatcamp.com



PLEASE NOTE:



First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated during the 4PM Mass on Saturday, May 12th:

Because of the expected large number of people who will be attending this mass, parishioners may want to attend another Mass on Sunday, May 13th. Please pray for our Confirmandi and First Communicants.

Thank you for your consideration.

St. Nicholas Senior Singles

We will be gathering for lunch on Friday, May 18th at 12:30PM at Olive Garden 24256 El Toro Rd. Laguna Hills—near City Hall.



Reservations a must! RSVP: Joan at 949-855-8755. New members are invited and welcome!

Friendship with the love of God in our hearts!

Living Rosary

On May 14th, come join the culturally diversified St. Nicholas family at 7PM as we honor our Holy Mother. What better way to honor Mary than with her prayer — The Rosary.

Come join us on Monday, May 14th in the Church.

For more information contact Jean Duffy: (949) 770-7002

Senior Grocery Program for those 60+.

Fruit—Vegetables—Meat—Dairy—Bread



**PHOTO ID REQUIRED.
No income requirement.**



Please bring your own grocery bags.

Sponsored by area churches, this program provides fresh produce, dairy, etc., for seniors at the Lutheran Church of the Cross (back parking lot) 24231 El Toro Rd., Laguna Woods.

Distribution of food will be on Friday, February 16th from 10am to 11am in the Social Hall.

Magnificat Prayer Breakfast

Join us for breakfast on Saturday, May 19th from 9:30-12:30PM as we welcome Pat Rensing as she shares her beautiful testimony of how God transformed sorrow and suffering to bring deeper conversation and healing for her and her family.

Embassy Suites Anaheim — South, 11767 Harbor Blvd., Garden Grove, CA 92840

Registration: By mail - \$28 / At the door - \$33

For more information regarding registration, visit www.magnificat-ministry.net or contact Anne at (714) 420-5482.

Mother's Day Novena



Spiritual Bouquet cards and envelopes are now available in the Parish Office for the Novena being offered for Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunts, and Godmothers, etc.

Mass will be offered once a day from May 10th—18th.

Spiritual Bouquet Envelopes will be placed in the Sanctuary during these Masses.

Wordnet Productions *presents*

“The Word in the World” — week of May 6th:

Reread Director, Janice Carelton, talks about the need to build infrastructures of love and unity for their own good and society's good.

TCT (Direct TV-377) - now on Sundays, 4am—record it!! (TCT is on Channel 205 in Laguna Woods Village.)

Or go to www.wordnet.tv—Program Archives, or YouTube: Wordnet Productions Channel.

— HELP WANTED —

More volunteers are needed to help in the cleaning of the Church. We meet on the first Tuesday of the month after the 9AM Mass. If you can contribute an hour or two of your time, it would be appreciated! Our next church cleaning is Tuesday, June 5th.



Call: Phoebe at 949-855-9263 with any questions.

St. Philip Benizi Church Celebrates Filipino Mass

Come celebrate Filipino Mass every first Saturday of the month at 7PM. We encourage you to bring family and children to experience Filipino culture through the celebration of the Mass in Tagalog.

235 S. Pine Dr., Fullerton, CA

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group

The Divine Mercy Prayer Group Meets at 3PM daily, in the Church, for recitation of Chaplets and the Rosary. The Stations of the Cross replaces the Rosary on Fridays at 3PM. All are welcome.

— Collections Designated for the Poor —

We took up a collection at our Ash Wednesday and Holy Thursday Masses for the purpose of supporting the poor in our community. You were very generous in these two appeals and the amounts collected were \$5,413.50 on Ash Wednesday, and \$3,259.41 on Holy Thursday. We have sent a check in the amount of \$5,500.00 to our local Saint Vincent de Paul society to assist in taking care of the poor in our community, and a check in the amount of \$3,200.00 to Micah's Way to assist them in their helping the poor.


Thank you for your continued generosity in reaching out to the needs of those less fortunate. Please continue to pray for these two organizations as they strive to bring support to those in need.

The Knights of Columbus & The American Red Cross



invite you to a Community Blood Drive on Thursday, May 17—7:45am to 7:45pm at St. Nicholas Church in the Parish Center.

To schedule appointments call one of the following: 949-831-0208, 949-581-5503, 949-350-3282



Walk-ins are welcome or make an appointment for faster service!

— Voter Registration —

We will be having a voter registration drive at St. Nicholas Church on May 5 and 6 after all of the Masses. If you have a change of address, a name change, wish to change the party in which you vote, or wish to register to vote for the first time, the deadline to register for the upcoming primary election in June is May 21st.

For more information, or if you would like to volunteer and help to obtain registrations, please call Art Lange at (949) 458-1952.

PARISH COUNCIL

Applications are being accepted for membership to the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC).

Applications for the Parish Pastoral Council are available at the doors of the Church and inside the Parish Office. Completed applications should be returned to the Parish Office by May 31st. Additional information can be found on the parish website: <http://www.st-nicholaschurch.org>

PARISH OFFICE STAFF

Parish Liturgical Secretary:	Kathy Debolt
Parish Financial Accountant:	Irma Contreras
Front Office Lead:	Karen Falagradny
Ministry to Sick & Homebound:	Barbara Price
Director, Youth Ministry:	Gwen Wieser
Director, Religious Education:	Gwen Wieser
SRE Secretary/Admin Assistant:	Alfonso Lopez
Music Ministry:	Emett Loera
Plant Supervisor:	Steve Burton
SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: (949) 837-7676	
VIETNAMESE MINISTRIES: (949) 837-1090, Ext. 116	
Sr. ThuHuong Nguyen, LHC (949) 837-1090, Ext. 137	

Refurbishing the Art Works

You may have noticed a different image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that was on the large parking lot side of the Church by the candle stands. The original piece is being restored and will be gone for about 2 months. Once this piece is returned, the image of the Blessed Mother will be restored.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do.

—Rev. James Field



PLEASE NOTE:

Announcements for the bulletin need to be sent 10 days prior to bulletin submittal.

Please send bulletin announcements to kdebolt@st-nicholaschurch.org