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.

CLERGY
Parish Administrator   Rev. George Blais
Parochial Vicar            Rev. Raphael Nguyen
Parochial Vicar            Rev. Quyen Truong
Visiting Priest            Rev. Msgr. Lawrence Gibson
Visiting Priest            Rev. Msgr. John Campbell
Visiting Priest            Rev. Gerald Walker
Deacon                         Wayne Thompson
Deacon                         Chau Tran
Deacon                         Gerardo De Santos

BAPTISM
Fourth Sunday of the month at 2:00PM.
Arrangements must be made a month in advance.
Parents must attend two preparation sessions.

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

ANOINTING 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.

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

DEVOTIONS & BENEEDICTION
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 — 4:30 PM; 6 PM - 8 PM
Saturday: 9 AM—12 Noon
Missionary Cooperation —This Weekend Second Collection—August 27-28

This weekend, St. Nicholas will be visited by a Friar representing the cloistered Sisters of the Monasterio de La Sagrada of Acambaro, Mexico. The Poor Clare Sisters are contemplative nuns who live a life of prayer and simplicity, usually in one Monastery for their whole life. A Poor Clare Sister takes a solemn vow that can only be dispensed by Rome.

We appreciate your generosity!

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Sponsors a National “Friends of the Poor,” 5K Walk/Run, and the Orange County event will be held at Huntington State Beach (PCH & Beach Blvd.) on Saturday, September 17th at 8AM.

We invite you to support us with your participation or donation by registering at: www.fobwalk.org. Registration is FREE but we encourage you to sponsor St. Nicholas and one of its participants. If you would like to join the group participating from St. Nicholas, please call Jean Duffy at 770-7002 or Barbara Benun at 472-0255.

Latin Food Festival

after all masses TODAY
Sunday, August 28,
8:30am to 2pm, in the Parish Center.

Come enjoy typical foods from Mexico, Peru, Columbia, Argentina and El Salvador!

Donations accepted.

Join us and enjoy these delicious dishes!

HUMILITY

Have you ever been in a group of people—maybe on a tour, at a social gathering, or at church—and discovered that you have just been talking with a well-known author, corporate CEO, great scholar, or politician? Your first thought is the hope that you didn’t say anything to embarrass yourself; but your second thought is how much they seemed like such “regular” folks. What is it that makes people seem so “regular”? Today’s readings give us a clue when they stress the importance of humility.

It is so hard for us not to tell the first person who will listen how busy we are, how hard we work, how much money we donate, and how important our job titles are. We think these accolades make a difference to people, and if we don’t tell them, how will they ever know? But if our actions demonstrate our values, people will recognize our worth on their own. The words of Jesus show us how much better it is to let someone else recognize our worth than to be embarrassed because someone did not.

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Stewardship of Treasure

“Stewardship is not about our generosity; it is our response to God’s generosity.”

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Parish Calendar This Week

**MONDAY**
- Micah’s Way, Kitchen, 6PM
- Spanish Rosary, Church, 6:30PM

**TUESDAY**
- No planned events.

**WEDNESDAY**
- Devotions and Benediction, Church, 7PM
- Hispanic Choir, Room C, 7PM
- Filipino Choir, Small Hall, 8PM

**THURSDAY**
- Faith Alive, Room A, 10AM
- Hispanic Council Meeting, Room C, 6:30PM
- RCIA, Room 201-Parish Center, 7PM
- Teen/Family Choir, Choir Loft-Church, 7:30PM

**FRIDAY**
- Council of Catholic Women Meeting, Parish Center, 9:30AM
- Divine Mercy, St. Faustina Study, Room C, 1:45PM
- Spanish Bible Study, Small Hall, 7PM

**SATURDAY**
- Spanish Choir, Room C, 5PM

**SUNDAY**
- Library is open!

Monday:
- 7AM  Delores Chironna (d)
- 9AM  Fr. Richard Delahunty

Tuesday:
- 7AM  Martin Freeman (d)
- 9AM  Maria Luisa Romero (d)

Wednesday:
- 7AM  Gonzalos and Leticia (d)
- 9AM  Harry O’Loughlin (d)

Thursday:
- 7 AM  Joel Cruz (d)
- 9AM  Chet Wolski (d)

Friday:
- 7 AM  Harry Rich (d)
- 9AM  Angelina Camarena (d)

Saturday:
- 9AM  Aida Agbuya (d)
- 4PM  Chet Wolski (d)
- 7PM  Rafael Barraza (d)

Sunday:
- 7:30AM  Rogelio Bonite (d)
- 9:00AM  For the Parish
- 10:45AM  Patricia, Dennis and Charles (d)
- 12:30PM  Mary Miano (d)

We Remember

Giuse Nguyen Thanh Liem,
Patricia Brady and Emma Medina
who entered their new and eternal life in Christ.
Our Parish condolences are extended
to their families.
Grant to all our dearly departed, eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine on them forever.

**TODAY’S READINGS**

**First Reading:** *Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29*
Conduct your affairs with humility and God will favor you.

**Psalm 68:** God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

**Second Reading:** *Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a*
You have approached Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant.

**Gospel:** *Luke 14:1, 7-14*
When invited to dine, take the lowest place. Those who humble themselves will be exalted.

Retrouvaille

...a lifeline for Troubled Marriages

**Contact:** 714-306-6469
**E-mail:** OrangeCoast@RetroCA.com
**Website:** www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Retrouvaille (pronounced re-tro-vi with a long i) is a French word meaning rediscovery. The program offers tools needed to rediscover a loving marriage relationship. Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It is designed to provide tools to help get your marriage back on track. You will have the opportunity to rediscover each other and examine your lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming weekend, September 9-11, call today!

The weekend will be held in Santa Ana.
Registration Fee: $250.00

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School of Religious Education

PLEASE NOTE: Liturgy of the Word will not meet today, Sunday, August 28th.

Parent Meeting
for parents with students in First through Eighth Grades: Monday OR Tuesday, September 12 or 13 at 7:30pm in the Parish Center.

Elementary: Classes begin the week of Sept. 18th from 4:15pm to 5:30pm.
Junior High: Classes begin Tuesday, October 4th at 7:30pm in the Parish Center.

Confirmation I and II: 1/2 day Retreat on Saturday, September 24th, 1pm to 6pm (includes Mass/Dinner).
Confirmation I: Classes begin Tuesday, October 4th at 7pm upstairs in the Parish Center.
Confirmation II: Classes begin on Tuesday, October 11th at 7pm upstairs in the Parish Center.

Consoling the Heart of Jesus Small Group Retreat. Come closer to Jesus in this Jubilee year of Mercy!
The study combines the powerful benefits of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius, the Little Way of St. Therese of Lisieux, and the insight into Divine Mercy of St. Faustina.
Meet for 10 weeks on Thursdays, starting Sept. 8th 7pm—8:30pm at St. Kilian Parish Center 26872 Estanciero Dr., Mission Viejo.
Pre-requisite: completion of Consecration to Jesus through Mary (St. Louis de Monfort or 33 days to Morning Glory).
Donation: $30 for the study book and other materials.
To register, call Agnes at 949-294-0641.

Wordnet Productions presents
“The Word in the World”
with Fr. Mike Manning, SVD and guest
Julie Carrick ~ “Confronting Life 1”
(next week: “Confronting Life 2”)
TCT (Direct TV-377) on Thursdays, 6:30am or online at www.wordnet.tv—Program Archives

Men Interested in Diocesan Priesthood
You are invited to the next “Priesthood Discernment” evening. The meeting familiarizes interested men with the life, prayer, and possible call to Priesthood in the Diocese of Orange. There is no commitment on your part, other than the expression of interest to participate.

Wednesday—9/14—at 6PM - Diocese of Orange Pastoral Center, 1st floor, Room 1D, Christ Cathedral Campus.

Additional 2016 Priesthood Discernment Meetings:
Wednesday, October 12th Wednesday, November 9th Wednesday, December 14th

St. Nicholas Parish Senior Singles
are gathering together for lunch on Friday, September 9th at 12:30PM at the Olive Garden, 24256 El Toro Rd., Laguna Woods.
All seats reserved! RSVP: Dolores 949-472-3580.
New members are always welcome!
Friendship with the love of God in our hearts.

The Library will re-open next weekend, September 4th!
The library will be open the 1st & 3rd Sundays each month, 10am to 12:30pm and Wednesdays, 2pm to 4pm. Located in Room C—behind the Parish Office. Freebie cart with books, DVDs, Catholic items!
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Come join us! Inquiry classes leading to reception into the Catholic Church or the return to the faith will begin on Thursday, September 1st at 7pm in Room 201 in the Parish Center. Call Jeff Moses at 714-366-1149 or Del Moses at 714-931-0820.

Each month through November of 2016, we will feature a Corporal or Spiritual Work of Mercy on which to concentrate our efforts.

For August

Work of Mercy: Forgive offenses.

Ideas: 1. Pray for those who have hurt you. 2. Do something nice for someone who has wronged you.

Scripture Readings:
John 13:24—New commandment, love one another.
Ephesians 4:32—Forgive one another.
2 Corinthians 2:7—Forgive and comfort the sinner.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Perhaps the most familiar traditional symbol that identifies bishops is the crosier that they carry. We see the shepherd’s staff and immediately rich images from scripture come to mind, as well as the recollection that the first to respond to Christ’s presence in our world were the shepherds. The staff is more than a walking stick; its crooked top is useful in snaring errant sheep but also in keeping the flock united. Bishops carry the curve outward, indicating their ministry to the wider flock, while abbots (and some abbesses, too) carry the crosier with the curve pointing in, indicating that their ministry is to the monastery alone.

The crosier was once also carried by the pope, but was phased out centuries ago. You may recall that in pre-“popemobile” days, the pope was often carried around on a portable throne called a sedia gestatoria. Since he didn’t do much walking, the need for a crosier was minimal. Pope Paul VI introduced the innovation of a walking staff in the 1960s, and everyone remembers Pope John Paul II’s walking staff, not a crook, but a delicately sculptured crucifix. Thus, the pope carries a “pastoral staff” rather than a crosier. Precisely because the pope’s ministry is universal, to the whole world, popes will likely leave crosiers in the hands of the bishops they commission for care of specific flocks.

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The Diocese of Orange’s 40th Anniversary
Sunday, September 18

40 Years of Faith, Love and Inspiration at Christ Cathedral, 13280 Chapman Ave., Garden Grove.
Join the faithful from across the Diocese of Orange as we celebrate our 40th Anniversary. This daylong event will welcome thousands to join in communion together and celebrate the unique gifts of the people of Orange.
7-9AM occatholic.com/5k
9:30—11AM Anniversary Mass
11AM—6PM Fun Zone with real snow sledding area
11:30AM—2:30PM Speakers, Series Freed Theater
3PM to 9:30PM Music Festival
PHOTO EXHIBIT ALL DAY!
For information or to purchase tickets: www.rcbo.org

Pastoral Council Update
If you submitted an application for the Pastoral Council and have not yet received a response, please call Gil Barragan at 949-770-5516.
Also, we have extended the submittal date to August 29th, for anyone still interested in joining the Pastoral Council.
CHOIR RECRUITMENT MONTH

Now is a great time for you to climb on board and become a part of this exciting and rewarding weekly liturgical ministry, for the 2016-2017 season. The Catholic Church teaches us that CHOIR isn’t a luxury, it’s a necessity! Parishes NEED choirs. Our Choirs need YOU. We are fortunate to have THREE Choirs:

**9:00am CHOIR (SATB),**
under the direction of Emett, our music director and accompanist, rehearses on Thursday evenings from 7:15 to 8:45. Repertoire consists of all musical styles: ancient, traditional, and contemporary. Present membership is 42.
Our goal is to recruit 12 new members.

**10:45am CHORALE (SATB),**
Under the direction of Mary Ester, and accompanied by Emett, rehearses on Tuesday evenings, from 7:15 to 8:45. Repertoire also consists of all styles of liturgical music. Present Membership is 24.
Our goal is to recruit many more voices.

**TEEN/FAMILY CHOIR**
Under the direction of Pauline, and connected to our Youth Ministry Program, rehearses twice a month and provides contemporary music on the last Saturday of the month at our 4pm Mass during the academic year.
Our goal is to recruit as many voices as possible.

Sign-ups for ALL 3 Choirs are being accepted at all Masses every weekend in **AUGUST.** Please see Emett in the choir loft, take a tour of the loft, peek inside the pipe organ chambers, and sign up! Membership is open to anyone who is seriously interested in contributing to these teams of liturgical ministers. **Some musical experience would be helpful for the SATB Choirs,** but there are no formal auditions. (Climbing the stairs to the loft is your audition...) However, you must be able to commit to regular attendance, be excited to learn, and “carry a tune.”

**REHEARSALS** begin the 2nd week of September. **DEADLINE** to join is Sunday, September 4th. Please don’t wait...come up to the loft today, see Emett, and JOIN NOW!