St. Nicholas Parish

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School of Religious Education: (949) 837-7676

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
Pastor: Rev. Richard Delahunty
Senior Priest: Rev. Michael Mai Khai Hoan
Visiting Priest: Rev. Msgr. Colm Conlon
Visiting Priest: Rev. Msgr. Lawrence Gibson
Visiting Priest: Rev. Msgr. John Campbell
Visiting Priest: Rev. Gerald Walker
Deacon: Wayne Thompson
Deacon: Chau Tran
Spanish Deacon: Adolfo Ramirez

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 three 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 & 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 — 4:30 PM; 6 PM - 8 PM
Saturday: 9 AM—12 Noon
For Parishioner and visitor convenience, extra Easter envelopes will be available in the pews for Easter.

Please note:
The St. Nicholas Parish Offices will be closed on Good Friday, March 25th.

Sunday, April 3rd at 2:30PM.
Sister Faustina was given, by Our Lord, The Novena to Divine Mercy, to begin on Good Friday, concluding on Holy Saturday, followed by Divine Mercy Sunday. In this Special Holy Year of Mercy, let us gain all the graces this year has to offer. Divine Mercy Novena pamphlets will be available in the Chapel for parishioners to take for use during Holy Week.

Come celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Nicholas Church, Sunday, April 3rd at 2:30PM. All are welcome!

Pastoral Services Appeal 2016
Our Diocesan goal for the 2016 Pastoral Services Appeal is $99,000. We are grateful to the families who have responded to this year’s PSA with pledges totaling $57,445.00.

The gifts that are pledged to the diocese support Faith Formation, Outreach Ministries, Clergy Formation and Support, and parish and diocesan advancements. All gifts over the amount of $99,000 will be returned to St. Nicholas to be used for the continued improvements to our facilities. The PSA provides a convenient way for all of us, no matter what our time limitations, to take an active role in the mission of the Church. A letter, brochure and pledge envelope were mailed; if you did not receive one, you may pick one up from the parish office or from Church. We are grateful for the pledges that we have already received and we will be providing a periodic report of our progress.

Thank you and God bless you.

Local Lenten Reconciliation Service
Lenten Penance Service date at a local Church:
Tuesday, March 22 at 7PM—San Francisco Solano, Rancho Santa Margarita

Passion
The word “passion” connotes deep, focused engagement. It also relates to passivity, interestingly. The deeply passionate person in the Gospel narrative from Luke is Jesus. He appears passive, but he is not. He is wholly self-possessed and wholly present for the one day that begins on Thursday evening at his last meal with his apostles and ends with his burial before sunset the next day. Then follows the long Sabbath silence.

The narrative of the Passion is read whole and without pause on the Palm Sunday of the Passion. This story, found in each of the Gospels, is unchanging. We are the ones who change. Each year, we bring ourselves with another year’s history to hear and heed the story we so badly need. Life has its way with us, and we look again to the Passion narratives to learn to follow.
**March 20, 2016**

Parish Calendar This Week

**MONDAY**
- Sewing Group, Small Hall, 8AM
- Spanish Rosary, Church, 6:30PM
- Faith Alive, Room C, 7PM
- St. Nicholas Choir, Choir, Church, 7:15PM

**TUESDAY**
- Unity Group, Room B, 7PM
- St. Nicholas Chorale, Small Hall, 7:15PM

**WEDNESDAY**
- St. Vincent de Paul, Room A, 7:30AM
- Charismatic Prayer Group, Room A, 9:30AM
- Hispanic Choir, Room C, 7PM
- Devotions and Benediction, Church, 7PM
- RCIA, Parish Center, Rooms 201-204, 7PM
- Filipino Choir, Small Hall, 8PM

**THURSDAY**
- Morning Prayer, Church, 9AM
- Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Vietnamese), Church, 6PM
- Mass of the Lord’s Supper (English), Church, 8PM

**FRIDAY**
- Morning Prayer, Church, 9AM
- Celebration Passion of the Lord, (English), Church, 1:30PM
- Stations of the Cross, Church, 3PM
- Celebration Passion of the Lord, (Vietnamese), Church, 6PM

**SATURDAY**
- Morning Prayer, Church, 9AM
- Easter Vigil, Church 8PM

**SUNDAY**
- Easter Masses at 6:15AM, 7:30AM, 9AM, 10:45AM, 12:30PM, and 5PM (Vietnamese)
- Library is CLOSED

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**We Remember**

**John Rolfs**

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

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**TODAY’S READINGS**

**Gospel at the Procession with Palms:** _Luke 19:28-40_

Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem.

**First Reading:** _Isaiah 50:4-7_

In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame.

**Psalm 22:** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Second Reading:** _Philippians 2:6-11_

Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation.


The account of Christ’s passion according to Luke.

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**Easter Lily Donations…**

will gladly be accepted to help decorate the Church for Easter.

Please bring the plants to the Parish Office starting Wednesday March 23rd.
Confirmation I and II Students: If you missed a class, attend one of the Bible Studies to make up for your absence. Bible Study on Tuesdays, April 5th and 19th at 6PM.

REMINDER: Please return your Lenten Rice Bowls to the SRE Office at the end of Lent.

The School of Religion will be closed the weeks of March 20 & March 27, for Holy Week and Easter. Elementary classes will resume the week of April 4th. Junior High & Confirmation classes will return on Tuesday, April 5th. When we return from our break, there will only be six more weeks of classes! Registration forms for the 2016-2017 School year will be sent home the last week of classes. Be looking for them!

ATTENTION CONFIRMATION II CANDIDATES:

Note the Schedule Change for the remainder of classes:

Saturday, April 2nd—Teen Mass at 4PM
Tuesday, April 12th—Final Confirmation Class
Saturday, April 16th—Rite of Acceptance, 4PM Mass
Dinner in Parish Center following Mass
Tuesday, April 26th—Confirmation Rehearsal—7PM in Church; Candidate and Sponsor, (or responsible adult) must attend this Rehearsal

Saturday, April 30th — Confirmation within 4PM Mass

PLEASE NOTE: We will not have “Liturgy of the Word for Children” on Palm Sunday or Easter Sunday. We will resume on Sunday, April 3rd at the 10:45AM Mass.

We wish everyone a most Blessed Holy Week and Happy and Joyous Easter!

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

For March

Work of Mercy: Admonish the Sinner.
Ideas: 1. First, recognize that we are all sinners and need God’s grace. 2. Share a story of how you have felt loved by Jesus with someone.

Scripture Readings: James 5:20—Whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul.
2 Thessalonians 3:15—Do not regard him as an enemy.

Do you feel called to serve as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the sick or on the altar on Sunday or weekday Mass? This is an opportunity and privilege to serve in this special Ministry—to serve as a Eucharistic Minister is to publicly affirm that one is willing to assume the responsibility of being a servant to others!

Applications are available in the Parish Office. Class will be held on Saturday, April 9th from 8:30AM to 3:30PM in Rooms A, B & C (behind the Parish Office Building).

You are invited to join Fr. Jose Parathanal’s Pilgrimages to
Eastern Europe — April 2016
Our Lady of Guadalupe—June 2016
India—September 2016
Contact Bernadette: bcorp1114@hotmail.com or call 323-344-1548 or 323-547-6618.
Fr. Jose Parathanal is Associate Pastor at Holy Family Catholic Church, So. Pasadena.

Thank you…
To all who participated in, helped with and enjoyed the St. Patrick’s Day Celebration on Saturday, March 12th. We look forward to next year’s Celebration and hope to see you and all your friends there!
A Prayer for Lent
Jesus, in you I am never alone, even at difficult moments, even when my life’s journey comes up against problems and obstacles that seem insurmountable, and there are so many of them! I accompany you, I follow you, but above all I know that you accompany me and carry me on your shoulders. This is my joy, this is the hope that I must bring to this world. —Pope Francis

Weekly Bulletin Deadlines

With the upcoming holidays and vacation schedule, **Bulletin deadlines are earlier** as required by the publisher.

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Send bulletin items to: cwolski@st-nicholaschurch.org or bring them to the Parish Office by required date.

We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation as we strive to make the Bulletin enjoyable for all parishioners.

St. Vincent de Paul - Bundle Sunday on Sunday, April 3rd in the large parking lot—8AM till 1:30PM.

St. Nicholas parishioners are invited to clean out “the excess, gently used, no-longer needed” items—clothing, housewares, small furniture items—anything that can be carried! You can help support St. Vincent de Paul while you accomplish some Spring cleaning.

**PLEASE - do NOT bring items to the Church prior to, or after Sunday, April 3rd!**

Thank you for your support!

Mission Hospital Spiritual Care Volunteer Training

Mission Hospital is offering a training program for Spiritual Care Volunteers for both the Mission Viejo and Laguna Beach Campuses, to begin Tuesday, April 5th. The training consists of 10 classes in which you will develop skills for visiting patients. Applicants must be persons of generosity and compassion, plus understand spirituality as a necessary element of patient care. Spiritual Care Volunteers are asked to devote a minimum of 100 hours annually to patient visits. For more information and an application: Sandy Fant, 949-364-1400, x-5399.

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**Social Time:** 9:30AM, **Meeting begins:** 10:10AM

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Blessings from the Library Ministry!!

**Book suggestion:** “Holy Thursday: An Intimate Remembrance,” by Francois Mauriac

We are open Palm Sunday and closed on Easter. We wish you all a blessed and joyful Easter!

The library is open the first and third Sundays each month, 10am to 12:30pm; and Wednesdays, 2pm to 4pm. We are located in Room C, behind the Parish Office.
Palm Sunday Masses—March 20th

Saturday, March 19—4:00 PM [Vigil]
7:30AM—with Cantor
9:00 AM—with Choir
(Blessing of Palms & Solemn Procession starting in front of the Parish Center.)
10:45AM—with Choir
12:30PM—with Cantor
5:00PM—Vietnamese Mass

Reconciliation (Confession)

Monday, March 21—9:45AM to 10:15AM
Tuesday, March 22—3:00PM to 4:00PM and 7:00PM to 8:00PM
Wednesday, March 23—9:45AM to 10:15AM

No Confessions on Holy Saturday, March 26th.

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH

9:00AM—Morning Prayer
6:00PM—Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Vietnamese)
8:00PM—Mass of the Lord’s Supper (English)
With procession to and Adoration at the Altar of Reposition until Midnight.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH

9:00AM—Morning Prayer
1:30PM—Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (English)
3:00PM—Stations of the Cross
6:00PM—Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (Vietnamese)
We will have a special collection for the Holy Land on Good Friday.

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH

9:00AM—Morning Prayer
8:00 PM Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH

6:15AM Mass—with Cantor
7:30AM Mass—with Cantor
9:00AM Mass—with Choir
10:45AM Mass—with Choir
12:30PM Mass—with Cantor
5:00PM Mass—Vietnamese

Please consider carpooling with a Catholic neighbor or walking to Church
to help relieve the traffic congestion on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Thank you!

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

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Due to early Bulletin submission, collection information for March 13th will be available in a later bulletin.