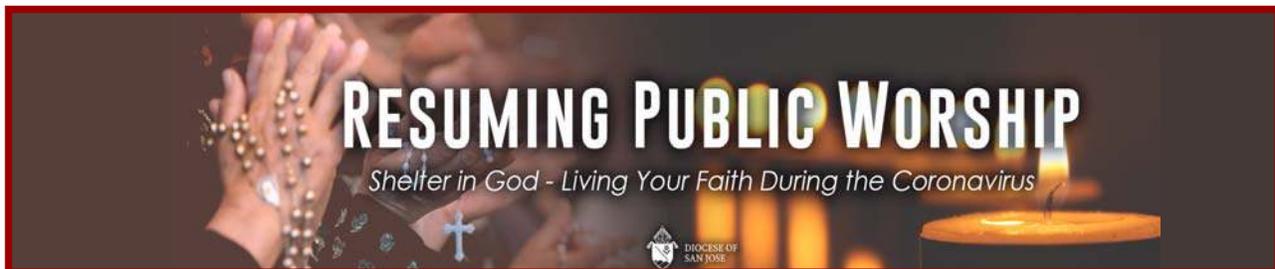


Welcome to
St. Nicholas & St. William
Catholic Parish



For Sunday Mass, **Register** on our website: <https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org>

- ◆ For the **Daily Mass** Schedule and Spiritual Resources, visit our website
- ◆ **Drive up Confessions** - Saturdays at 3:30pm in the St. William parking lot
- ◆ If you are in need of **Sacramental Care**, such as Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, Confession, or Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment **(650) 948-2158**
- ◆ For further updates from the Diocese of San Jose about the COVID-19 response, visit: <https://www.dsj.org>

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - August 16, 2020



***“O woman, great is your faith!
Let it be done for you as you wish”***

Mt 15:28



a letter
from the pastor

Dear Parishioners,

During this current pandemic, the **Santa Clara County Public Health Department** (CDC) has allowed Churches to celebrate outdoor public Masses. Before opening, we worked diligently to be in compliance with the “**COVID-19 Site-Specific Protection Plan**” as well as implementing the “**Diocesan Liturgical Safety Protocols**”. I have received numerous emails and phone calls from concerned parishioners asking if it is safe to have outdoor public Masses. My response is that no human person on earth can assure the safety of another, but rest assured, that we as a Catholic Church are working hand-in-hand with the CDC and want all the faithful to have a safe and sacred encounter with Christ. Here is a snapshot of some of the safety protocols:

1. **All Pastoral Staff & Volunteers** are required to take an online training from the CDC regarding COVID-19 information including; Symptom check & self-screening; How to prevent it from spreading; Who are vulnerable and when to seek medical attention.
2. **Diocese of San Jose Guidelines:** All who sign up for Mass agree to the following – Check your temperature before coming to church; wear a face covering at all times; sanitize your hands frequently; observe physical distance of 6ft, and follow the instructions of the priest, staff, and ushers before, during, and after Mass.
3. **At our outdoor Mass, you may not know:**
 - a. All chairs set up are 6ft apart and sanitized before and after each Mass.
 - b. We have touchless hand sanitizers at the entrance for your convenience.
 - c. Masks and gloves are used when placing the communion hosts in the patens and they remain covered even during consecration.
 - d. At the time of communion, the priest instructs the faithful on how to safely receive Holy Communion.
 - e. During Holy Communion distribution, the priest (with mask & hand sanitizer) moves reverently from person to person to bring the Eucharist or to offer a blessing.
 - f. The collection basket is placed at the foot of the altar so that you may drop off the envelope as you safely exit the outdoor worship site.
 - g. After Mass, we remind everyone to maintain a 6ft distance and not to congregate.

We are here for YOU! As paraphrased in the Catechism of the Catholic Faith, Christ is our source of motivation, “*The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life."*¹³⁶ *"The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."*¹³⁷

Even though I would love to see everyone at our outdoor Masses, I remind those who are at risk or ill, that the general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains in effect for all Catholics in the Diocese of San Jose until further notice.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. John

Catholic Social Teaching

(CST) defines how human beings are meant to live in society. I often wonder why CST is under communicated and not sufficiently understood? Is it that the Principles on which the doctrine is based have no specific place in Catholic formation?

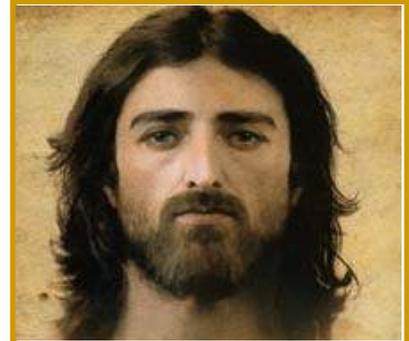


As a life-long Catholic School student since the 1960's I did not learn about them – under the title “Catholic Social Teaching” – until 2002. What I realized, once I saw them listed, was that these were principles I had been taught throughout my Catholic education by Sisters of Charity & Dominican Sisters (primary school), Mercy Sisters & Christian Brothers (high school), and Holy Cross Fathers (college), but they were never presented as CST.

*While many Catholics can come up with the Ten Commandments, the Seven Sacraments, and the Eight Beatitudes, few if any, have a ready reply to the catechetical question: **What are the Seven Catholic Social Teachings that are to be accepted as an essential part of the faith?** This week we examine:*

CST #6 Solidarity

We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Pope Paul VI taught us that if you want peace, work for justice. The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.



ENCOUNTERING JESUS

Contemplative Prayer & Lectio Divina

Contemplative Prayer is an ancient method of Christian Meditation that leads to a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ. Our Parish has a Contemplative Prayer Group that meets weekly on Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 – 5:00 pm (currently via Zoom).

Our members have experience in various methods of Christian Meditation – Jesus Prayer, Centering Prayer, Ignatian Spirituality, etc. all of which focus on our Trinitarian God and the person of Jesus. We spend 20 minutes of our time in silence to open ourselves to God. We pair the experience of quiet with Lectio Divina (*Divine Reading*) where we listen to Scripture – usually the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday – and reflect on the Word of God.

We invite you to join us to see if this prayer may aid you in Encountering Jesus. Kindly contact Carol Thornton for information or to receive the Zoom link.

carol.thornton@dsj.org



SOLIDARITY

Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus, we pray for care and healing.
For those who are particularly vulnerable, we pray for safety and protection.
For all who experience fear or anxiety, we pray for peace of mind and spirit.
For families who are facing decisions between food on the table or shelter, we pray for policies that recognize their plight.
For those who do not have adequate health insurance, we pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.
For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, we pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.
For our brothers and sisters around the world, we pray for shared solidarity.
For public officials and decision makers, we pray for wisdom and guidance.
Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort, & love to all.
Grant peace...grant comfort...grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.



All programs will start at home this September!

Fall Faith Formation, Edge and theIntersection registration is now open on our website!

Please sign up for our fall programs now and let us know what is best for your family this year as we move forward.

While we will start all of our programs online, we will continue to see if in-person becomes possible. We are here to help your children and teens continue their relationship with Christ and make it even stronger during this pandemic and for the rest of their lives!

Registration is now open on our website and we ask you sign up now to help us plan for this unique year. We will be following all of the requirements set forth by our county and diocese. We know our youth are excited to be back together and we cannot wait to have everyone back!

We are in much need of catechists who can meet with our children online or maybe in person.

Please contact Catherine at ccampbell@dsj.org if you can help our young children or our teens. Thank you!

Edge & theIntersection Launch





School News

**Our teachers are getting the classrooms ready!
We start, August 19th in Distance Learning!**



**Ms. Ewing in her
1st grade classroom!**



**Ms. Hagenlocher has
her puppy helper!**



**The Transitional
Kindergarten (TK) room
looks great!**

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Shelter-in-Place Project Knit/Crochet for Others



Can you knit or crochet a scarf – 5 feet long and 7 inches wide – for someone in need? Or perhaps slippers? Hats? Baby booties? Bridges to Community seeks to support a local program called **One Warm Scarf**, <http://onewarmscarf.com>. If you can help, contact Kirsi at kengels@pacbell.net or leave a message at 650-559-0864 to arrange to pick up FREE, individually-prepared packets of yarn of various types and colors. If you prefer you may supply your own yarn. We'd like the completed items by the first week of October. Drop-off instructions will be announced in September.

Creation Care Discussion Series

Inspired by Pope Francis' encyclical, *Laudato Si'*, and the ecumenical *Season of Creation*, the Green Team invites you to participate in Zoom presentations hosted by St. Timothy Episcopal Church on Wednesdays. 7:00-8:30 pm. Each topic has its own reservation link.

- Aug 26 – Zero Waste as a Way of Life <https://tinyurl.com/CC-ZeroWaste>
- Sept 9 – Regenerative Gardening <https://tinyurl.com/CC-Gardening>

Find more information at: <https://www.sttims.org/creationcare/>

Needed: Referral Volunteers



Referral Volunteers are needed to staff a phone hotline where community members can call and access quick references for help. This position can take place in person or virtually and is supported by full time staff and a tech platform that makes connecting people to services easy and fast.

This position requires 2 - 3 hours of availability per week. All volunteers must complete a 2-hour training, do Livescan (Fingerprint), and pass a TB test. We need volunteers who can speak English, Spanish, or Vietnamese.

If you are available to be one of our Referral Volunteers, please email Lynda DeManti at ldemanti@catholiccharitiesscc.org.



St. Nicholas & St. William Outdoor Mass Schedule

Daily (Monday –Saturday)

8:00 am **St. Nicholas Courtyard**

Register online for the following masses starting Wednesdays after 12pm

Saturday (Vigil)

5:00 pm **St. William Rectory Garden**

Sunday

8:00 am **St. Nicholas Courtyard**

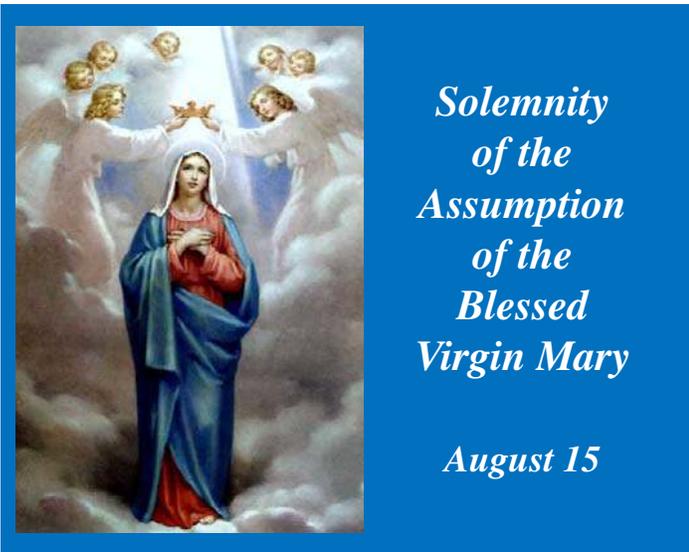
9:00 am **St. William behind Hall**

10:00 am **St. William behind Hall**

5:00 pm **St. William Rectory Garden**

Livestream Mass - Sunday at 10:00am

Join us online at: www.stnicholasandstwilliam.org



**Solemnity
of the
Assumption
of the
Blessed
Virgin Mary**

August 15

HELP US CONTINUE OUR MISSION - WAYS TO GIVE

DONATE

Please consider becoming an **Online Giver**. Click on the link below for ONE-TIME gifts or to setup a RECURRING donation: <https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/stnicholasandstwilliam>



TEXT-TO-GIVE

Text GIVE to (650) 200-2585 and follow the instructions.



BY CHECK

Drop off or mail to: St. Nicholas & St. William Parish
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We give praise to God for inspiring so many parishioners to generously pledge to the 2020 "FAITH IN ACTION" ADA campaign. Currently, 24.2% of registered families have pledged, and our goal is to have as close to 100% participation as possible. Every dollar above our goal this year will come back to the parish to be applied to projects making our facilities more friendly and accessible, particularly for young families. No gift is too small or too large – all gifts are valued. Contact Lidia.fiandeiro@dsj.org for a pledge card. Donations can also be made online: <https://www.dsj.org/ways-to-give/annual-diocesan-appeal/>



ADA 2020 - Report (as of 8/2)

ADA & Parish Goal:	\$380,000
Pledged to date	\$524,074
# of donors	390
% of registered families	24.2%

Stewardship Report: July 27-August 2, 2020

	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Mailed-in & Online Giving 7/27- 8/2, 2020	\$22,922.00	\$21,092.05	\$1,829.95
YTD (as of 8/2)	\$1,07,982.33	\$99,433.97	\$8,548.36
% of Budget YTD			108.6%

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions for the week of August 16

Sun.	Mary Keyes † Archie Reyes † Richard Biggs Sr. † Carmella Carrie Kulle - Health	Keyes Family Loving Family Loving Family Loving Family
Mon.	Sullivan Cremer - Birthday Marissa Paras - Birthday	Loving Family Paras Family
Tue.	Andrew Kruep † Anton Paras - Birthday	Loving Family Loving Family
Wed.	Thomas Whitney Jr. † Rosemary Sellars †	Loving Family Loving Friends
Thur.	William West † Antoinette Seely †	Loving Family Loving Family
Fri.	Ciriaco B. Mendoza †	Andrews Family
Sat.		

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Let us pray for Erin A., Nelly Altamirano, Tuovi Aalto, Bertha Alarcon, Baby Willa, Steve Bednar, Ryan Bodine, Ben Bongers, Bill Brown, Hortence Burke, Jose Cabaccan, Marta & Jim Carr, Shirley Chiu, Irmgard Chu, Pete Ciardella, Dominic Corcoran, Mary Jo Corcoran, Sean Corcoran, Joanna Cross, Alta Cuevas, DeBell Family, Angela DiBattista, Pat Dixon, Dan Eber, Douglas Eustice, Kaitlyn Farley, Jeanine Ford, Shirley Frier, Tia Garner, Kay Gemello, Diane Geschke, Emil Girczyc, Michael Gray, Iris Hahne, Jack Heidmiller, Sheila Heidmiller, Francisco Hernandez & Family, Gerrod Herndon, Betty Hope, Ramon Ibarra, Emmitt Jenvey & Family, Judie Johnson, Michael Kaiser, John Keyes, Josephine Lipinski, Audrey Tischler Livermore, Pete Mazza, Rose McCloud, Teresa McDowell, Pam Medlenhoff, Katie Montalvo, David & Anna Morrison, Alex Munroe, Corrine Murray, Don Murray, Patricia Novack, Monica Ochoa, Kathy Palmer, John Pecoraro, Irene Piontek, Tina Prudencio, Jaime, Eduardo, & Eva Ramirez, Caden James Reinhart, Aidee Reyes, Maria Roja, Star Rodriguez, Mike Roman, Doug Sarver, Manuel R. Santiago, Kathy Schlosser, Kathryn Schmittzeh, Geri Schultz, Carmel Smith, Tom Smith, Margie Strasser, Maynard & Shirley Stevenson, Nathaniel Stoll, Anne Sturm, Mary Lou Swain, Kathleen Toney, Marie Torrise, Lisa Tucker, Kathleen Urbaniak, Eduardo Uyttingco, Katie Vanoli, Gema Velasquez Watson, Tracy Weiss, Ruby Welch, Terry Wills, Mercedes Yañez, and Rafael Zamora that Jesus will be a source of strength & comfort.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Ez 24:15-24; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 19:16-22
 Tue: Ez 28:1-10; Dt 32:26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19:23-30
 Wed: Ez 34:1-11; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 20:1-16
 Thu: Ez 36:23-28; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 22:1-14
 Fri: Ez 37:1-14; Ps 107:2-9; Mt 22:34-40
 Sat: Ez 43:1-7ab; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 23:1-12
 Sun: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Join Our Parish Prayer Team! We invite registered parishioners to join our **Parish Prayer Team!** Prayer Team members make a commitment to opening prayer request emails in a timely manner and to pray for the intentions received. The Prayer Team coordinator receives and reviews the requests and sends one consolidated prayer request email each evening. Sometimes prayer requests may be sent more frequently than daily when time-sensitive requests are received. You can be assured that the Prayer Team email list is used only for prayer requests. The Prayer Team is asked to maintain confidentiality and all prayer request information provided is considered private and must not be discussed nor shared.



To sign up to join the **Parish Prayer Team** go to our Parish Website <https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org>