

Welcome to
**St. Nicholas & St. William
Catholic Parish**



Sunday Masses - Register Wednesdays after 12:00 noon at: <https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org>

Outdoor Masses: St. William - Saturday at 4:00pm

St. William - Sunday at 10:00am, 12noon, and 4:00pm

St. Nicholas - Sunday at 8:00am and 4:00pm (French)

Livestreamed Mass: Sunday at 11:00am <https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org>

Daily Masses: Monday - Saturday 8:00am in St. Nicholas Courtyard

Monday - Friday 12:10pm in St. Nicholas Courtyard

Confessions: Saturdays at 2:30pm at St. William (outdoors)

- ◆ **Sacramental Care:** If you are in need of Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, Confession, or Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office to set up a time (650) 948-2158
- ◆ **Spiritual Resources:** Visit our website <https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org>
- ◆ **Updates:** COVID-19 response from the Diocese of San Jose, visit: <https://www.dsj.org>

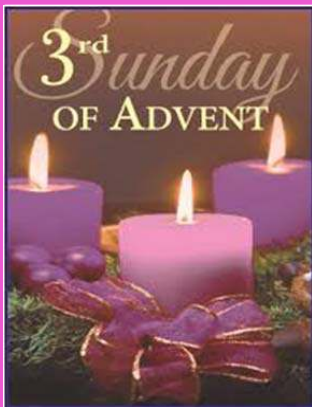


Third Sunday of Advent



*Father, at the height of our
Advent walk, we relight the
candles of Hope and Peace,
and we light the candle of Joy.*

*Grant us the joy that
comes with the hope of
the Savior's coming:
joy in the face of apathy,
joy in the face of sorrow,
joy in the face of uncertainty.*



Gaudete Sunday

Re-*JOY*-ce!

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called *Gaudete Sunday*. *Gaudete* is the Latin word meaning “rejoice.” This Sunday is so named because “Rejoice” is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today’s Mass taken from Philippians 4:4-5:

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.”

For this Sunday we have a pink candle instead of a purple candle on the Advent wreath. This Sunday is a joyful reminder that our salvation is near.

What is special about the Third Sunday of Advent?

For much of the Church’s history, this Sunday had a special name: “Gaudete” Sunday. The traditions surrounding this Sunday go back as far as the fourth or fifth century, as does the season of Advent itself. Advent, our preparation for Christmas, was originally a forty-day penitential season like Lent. In fact, since it used to begin on November 12 (just after the Memorial of St. Martin of Tours), it was called “St. Martin’s Lent.” “Gaudete Sunday” was the Advent counterpart to “Laetare Sunday,” which marks the midpoint in Lent.

On Gaudete Sunday, the season of Advent shifts its focus. For the first two weeks of Advent, the focus can be summed up in the phrase, “The Lord is coming.” But beginning with Gaudete Sunday, the summary might be, “The Lord is near.” This shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Liturgically, the colors lighten as well. The priest usually wears rose-colored vestments, a hue seen only on Gaudete Sunday and Laetare Sunday.

AN ENCOUNTERING JESUS PRESENTATION



The Power of

COMPASSION KINSHIP TENDERNESS

Speaker: Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.

Join Us: January 12 at 7:30 pm ★ Register in Advance ★

Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J. is the founder of the most successful gang intervention, rehabilitation, and re-entry program in the world. In 1992 he started Homeboy Bakery as a job training ground; this evolved into **Homeboy Industries** which now employs and trains former gang members in a range of social enterprises.

Join us **Tuesday, January 12 at 7:30 pm** (virtual via zoom) as Fr. Greg shares what he has learned in three decades working with marginalized populations at Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles – *that love is the answer, community is the context, and tenderness is the connective tissue.*

★ REGISTER at www.stnicholasandstwilliam.org by January 10 ★

Optional Donation Suggested to Support Homeboy Industries

Follow-up events include:

- **How Can We All Try a Little TENDERNESS?** Hosted by MaryAnne Stanislaw & Terry Jelley
What message stood out for you in Fr. Greg’s talk? Join us to reflect on the concepts raised by Father, and spend time in small groups sharing your thoughts. Hosts will summarize the group wisdom. Tuesday, January 19 at 7:30 pm.
- **Book Discussion** Select one of Fr. Greg’s books to read and discuss with others. TBD on 1/19/21.

Fr. Greg Boyle is an internationally renowned speaker and is the author of the New York Times bestsellers, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion (2010)* and *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship (2017)*. His new book *Whole Language: The Power of Extravaqant Tenderness* will be available in 2021. <https://homeboyindustries.org>

Congratulations Tony Famave!



Diocese of San José

invite you to join us virtually
for the
Ordination to the
Transitional Diaconate
of

Tony Famave

Saturday, December 19, 2020
10 a.m.

Livestream at [facebook.com/DioceseSanJose](https://www.facebook.com/DioceseSanJose)

Pope Francis's Birthday

On Thursday, December 17, Pope Francis celebrates his 84th birthday!



May God
BLESS YOU
with abundant
JOY
on your birthday
& ALWAYS

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO
LIFE'S ESSENTIAL DAILY HABIT

**I Heard
God
Laugh**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR
MATTHEW KELLY

A Gift for YOU!

A copy of *"I Heard GOD Laugh"*
by Matthew Kelly
will be available at all the Christmas Masses

Made possible because we received a grant from:



An Evening of Prayer for Those Grieving



Wednesday, December 16, 2020 | 7:00-8:00 PM

Please join us virtually this Christmas season for time of solace and remembrance through prayer led by Rev. Christopher Bennett.

ZOOM Meeting ID: 960 3368 2154



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Mental Health During the Holiday Season

The holiday season is a time when health professionals see an increase in stress and mental health issues in the general population. Some ways to reduce these challenges are to first acknowledge the feelings, and second to reach out to your support system such as family and friends.

There are some excellent resources for self-care activities on the Catholic Charities website; www.catholiccharities.org under "Services/Health/Behavioral Health + CalWORKs Mental Health Services".

If you experience feelings or thoughts that may put you or others at risk contact the County of Santa Clara's Behavioral Services Call Center, which is available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week at (800) 704-0900. Other resources include:

- National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI); in our county www.namisantaclara.org, 408-453-0400
- Crisis Text Line: Text RENEW to 741741
- Suicide and Crisis Hotline 24/7: 855-278-4204



Sponsor a Plant as a Christmas Gift

The conversion of a thirsty lawn to a garden to conserve water is well underway. While the plants are in the ground we still need to cover their cost. Please put us over the top by sponsoring one or more plants. There are more than 160 of them and they range in price from \$15 to \$150. Some have given a plant in memory of a loved one. Consider purchasing one in honor of someone as a Christmas gift.

The project is one way that we are caring for creation, as Pope Francis has encouraged in his encyclical, *Laudato Si'*. This document and a complete list of plants and a description of the project is at <https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org/green-team/> Donations of any amount may be made to St. Nicholas and St. William Catholic Parish earmarked for the Green Team account. Every gift is appreciated.

Seeking the face of

GOD

for the salvation of souls.



COME AND SEE DAY: It may be a New Year like no other, yet God is still calling, perhaps now more than ever! The Dominican Nuns of Corpus Christi Monastery are hosting a Come and See: Virtual Retreat for single, Catholic women ages 18-38 on January 15-17, 2021. The virtual retreat will include Mass, Divine Office, informative talks, as well as opportunities for one-on-one meetings and Q&A with the sisters. For more information and to submit a registration request, visit <https://www.opnunsmenlo.org/come-and-see-virtual-retreat> or contact Sister Joseph Marie O.P. at vocations@opnunsmenlo.org.

Upcoming Classes & Session

Faith Formation: December 13
Sunday, 11 am, grades 1-5

2nd Year Reconciliation

Monday, December 14, 3:30-5pm
Online service, drive through reconciliation

RCIA for Youth:

December 12, January 9
Saturday, 9-11 am

EDGE:

December 14
Mondays, 5:30-7 pm grades 6-8

Confirmation: January 9
9:30 to 11:30 am

theIntersection:

December 13,20
Sundays, 6:30-8:30 pm, grades 9-12



We need eight children for our Christmas Pageant this year. Sign up today!

Yes, we will have our annual Christmas Pageant this year, although it will have a 2020 flair! We will be filming with 8 children & be live at the mass. Sign up [here](#) or scan the QR code to sign up and see the most updated information. Filming on Dec 19 at 10 am. Children’s Christmas Eve Mass at 4 pm will be live!



Our thanks to our 3rd graders who served at our Children’s Mass.



School News . . .

The Celtic

St. Nicholas Catholic School Annual Appeal
Supports Tuition Assistance • Standing Together 2020

www.stnicholaslah.com/give-online



The St. Nicholas 1st-grade in class outdoors in our beautiful space!

St. Nicholas School is currently accepting applications for the 2020/2021 school year. For more information and a virtual tour, please see our website at: www.stnicholaslah.com

Currently, we are not able to accept your kind food donations.

Some locations we support are:

- St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry - St. Athanasius Parish, 160 N. Rengstorff Ave, Mountain View, 94043 (650) 961-8600
- Ecumenical Hunger Program - St. Francis of Assisi Church, 11425 Bay Road, East Palo Alto, 94303 (650) 323-7781
- CSA of Mountain View & Los Altos (CSA), 204 Stierlin Rd., Mountain View, 94043 (650) 968-0836



**TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION:
RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

Help our elders. In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left their religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous.

PARISH & STEWARDSHIP REPORT 2019 2020

ST. NICHOLAS & ST. WILLIAM *Diocese of San Jose, CA*

St. Nicholas & St. William Staff with the help of the Finance Advisory Council has worked diligently to be good stewards of your gifts. The Annual Report of our parish financial stewardship for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 will be published next week and posted on our website <https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org/annual-finance-reports/>. Printed copies will be made available at the Masses the weekend of December 19 & 20.

Second Collection Report

SVDP - Thanksgiving day: 11/26	\$506.00
SVDP & Gift Card Outreach: 11/28-29	\$2,540.00
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

Stewardship Report: November 23-29, 2020

	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Mailed-in & Online Giving 11/23-29	\$12,053.00	\$21,092.05	(\$9,039.05)
YTD (as of 11/29)	\$431,982.01	\$460,398.90	(\$28,416.89)
% of Budget YTD			93.8%

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions for the week of December 13

Sun.	Alyssa Wiley † Ephraim Dela Isla † John Lejardi † Mary & Ignacio Martinez † Ballauri Family - Intention	Loving Family Loving Family Donna Haley Loving Family
Mon.	Cesare & Rita Fraguiglia Cindy Doran - Health	Maureen Godwin
Tue.	Alister & Reece Sharp - Intentions Frank Carli - Health	Loving Family
Wed.	Greg Vistica † Fran Blaustein - Health	Loving Family Maureen Godwin
Thu.	Gerry Mendoza - Birthday Eduardo Uyttingco †	Andrews Family Parish Staff
Fri.	Philip James Curtis † Garrett James Curtis † Mark Doran - Health	Loving Family Loving Family Maureen Godwin
Sat.	Andrew Kruep †	Loving Family

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Let us pray for Erin A., Bertha Alarcon, Baby Willa, Norma Barbaccia, Steve Bednar, Ben Bongers, Bill Brown, Hortence Burke, Jose Cabaccan, Marta & Jim Carr, Shirley Chiu, Irmgard Chu, Pete Ciardella, Dominic Corcoran, Mary Jo Corcoran, Sean Corcoran, Sully Cremer, Joanna Cross, Alta Cuevas, DeBell Family, Angela DiBattista, Pat Dixon, Bob Dunn, Dan Eber, Cecilia Espadas, Douglas Eustice, Kaitlyn Farley, Jeanine Ford, Shirley Frier, Tia Garner, Ruth Gennrich, Kay Gemello, Diane Geschke, Emil Girczyc, Michael Gray, Carmen Gutierrez, Iris Hahne, Sheila Heidmiller, Gerrod Herndon, Ramon Ibarra, Jerry Jensen, Emmitt Jenvey & Family, Michael Kaiser, John Keyes, Margaret Kirk, Josephine Lipinski, Audrey Tischler Livermore, Pete Mazza, Rose McCloud, 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, Pedro Ramirez, Caden James Reinhart, Aidee Reyes, Doug Rimer, Maria Roja, Star Rodriguez, Mike Roman, Manuel R. Santiago, Doug Sarver, Kathy Schlosser, Kathryn Schmittzehl, Geri Schultz, Ana Segovia, Jeanne Sinsley, Lori Sinsley, Carmel Smith, Maryanne Stanislaw, Maynard & Shirley Stevenson, Nathaniel Stoll, Margie Strasser, Anne Sturm, Mary Lou Swain, Kathleen Toney, Marie Torrise, Lisa Tucker, Edith Tyler, Kathleen Urbaniak, Katie Vanoli, Tracy Weiss, Ruby Welch, Terry Wills, Mercedes Yañez, and Rafael Zamora that Jesus will be a source of strength & comfort.



Join Our Parish Prayer Team! We invite registered parishioners to join our Parish Prayer Team. Our Prayer Team coordinator receives prayer requests and sends one consolidated prayer request email each weekday. Prayer team members are committed to praying for these intentions in a timely and confidential manner. To sign up to join the Parish Prayer Team go to <https://tinyurl.com/snswwprayerteam> or click on this icon on our website www.stnicholasandstwilliam.org

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
- Tue: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
- Wed: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
- Thu: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
- Fri: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
- Sat: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
- Sun: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

French Mass - St. Nicholas Church
Sundays at 4:00pm (outdoors)
reservations: www.stnicholasandstwilliam.org
website: www.cathosv.org email: info@cathosv.org

