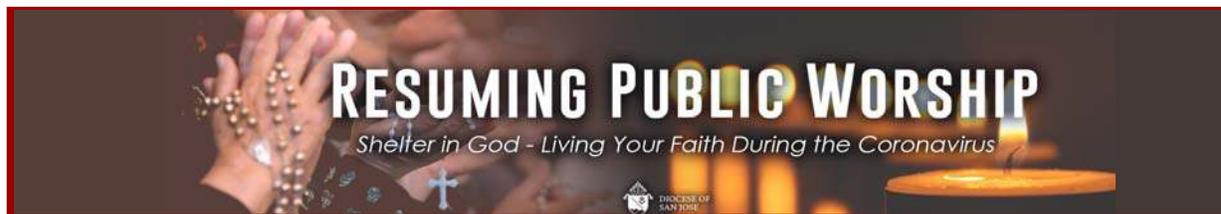


*Welcome to*  
***St. Nicholas & St. William***  
***Catholic Parish***



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

**Indoor Masses:** St. Nicholas - Sunday at 8:00am & 12:00noon  
St. William - Sunday at 11:00am

**Outdoor Masses:** St. William - Saturday at 4:00pm  
St. William - Sunday at 10:00am & 5:00pm  
St. Nicholas - Sunday at 5:00pm (French)

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

**Daily Masses:** Monday - Saturday 8:00am in St. Nicholas Church (indoors)  
Monday - Friday 12:10pm in St. Nicholas Courtyard (outdoors)

**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>

***Fourth Sunday of Easter***  
***April 25, 2021***



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, known as “**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**”.

Many times, when we hear the word vocation, our minds automatically think of the priesthood or a religious order. Vocation in reality is a calling from God to fulfill the purpose or reason why he created us. We are not created by accident. God created us for a special purpose in life and we live our lives trying to discover what that purpose is. This purpose that I’m talking about is commonly called “**Ones’ Vocation**” or “**Call**”. This call is not so much about what **we** want to do, but what **God** wants us to do!

Now, since today is “**World Day of Prayer for Vocations**”, I’m going to direct the focus on the “Vocation to the Priesthood”. The call to the Priesthood or Religious Life is not so easy to explain or to pinpoint. If we were to listen to the vocation story of priests, each one would be very different, but, there would be one common element in each story – **The Call**. No one goes into a vocation blindly, so knowledge of what the vocation to the priesthood is about may help those who are discerning God’s gentle call.

A priest friend told me how a devout parishioner invited him to dinner and while at dinner asked, “**Father, explain the priesthood to me in thirty seconds or less.**” He smiled, knowing this was impossible. But the priest replied, “**That’s easy. I will ask you three questions. When you go to Mass each day, do you believe that you are really receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion?**” The man said, “**Absolutely!**” The priest continued, “**When you go to confession, do you really believe that all of your sins have been completely forgiven?**” The man replied, “**Of course Father!**” “**Finally, do you agree that only Jesus Christ himself has the power to do these things?**” The man stared at the priest and nodded affirmatively. The priest concluded, “**Then you know what priesthood is. The priesthood brings the very power of Jesus down to earth out of love and mercy for his people.**”

A priest, by virtue of his ordination and the sacred power entrusted to him, acts in the person of Christ, the head of the Church. For example, when a priest baptizes a baby, it is not the priest baptizing, but rather Jesus Christ baptizing through him. When a priest gives absolution for our sins, it’s not the priest absolving you from your sins, but rather Jesus working through the priest. When the priest is saying the words of consecration at Mass, it is no longer the priest, but Jesus working through the priest who consecrates the Holy Eucharist. It is the same with all the sacraments.

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This identification with Christ is so strong that the Church traditionally calls her ordained priests **Alter Christus** (other Christs). Every day, Jesus works powerful miracles through his priest. Whether a particular priest is a great saint or a terrible sinner, the sacrament he validly celebrates still takes its full effect. This is known in theology as “**Ex Opere Operato**”. It’s a Latin expression meaning the sacraments confer the grace they signify, regardless of the virtue of the priest or recipient of the sacrament.

*For me, I see the priesthood as a call, not a career; a redefinition of self, not just a new ministry; a way of life, not a job; a state of being, not just a function; a permanent, lifelong commitment, not a temporary style of service; an identity to be another Christ, not just a role.*

You may know of someone that has a calling to the Priesthood or Religious Life. The church especially today needs good priests: people to preach the gospel, celebrate the sacraments, and lead the faithful spiritually. So please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood as Pope Francis stated,

*“Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer,  
and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.”*

In Christ,  
Fr. John Poncini

## **Prayer for Vocations**

Heavenly Father,  
Your divine Son taught us to pray  
to the Lord of the harvest  
to send laborers into His vineyard.  
We earnestly beg You  
to bless our parish, our school, and our Diocese  
with many more priests and religious  
who will know You intimately, love You fervently,  
and serve You joyfully  
through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.  
Continuously call our young people  
to a living encounter with Your Son  
in the Word and Eucharist,  
that they might be made worthy ministers  
of your Holy Catholic Church.  
Strengthen them with the support of their parents,  
teachers, and friends on earth  
and all the angels and saints in heaven.  
May the ever Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church, intercede for us  
that we might listen to the Word and act on it.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**St. Joseph, Patron of our Diocese, pray for us!**

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

John 10:14



The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.  
He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of  
righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow  
of death, I will fear no evil; For you are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence  
of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall  
follow me All the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Psalm 23

## Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet of Masses

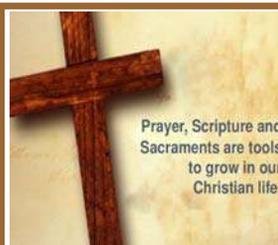


Remember your  
beloved mother,  
grandmother,  
or any special woman,  
living or deceased,  
with a "Mother's Day  
Spiritual Bouquet of  
Masses".

The Mass Intentions for **Sunday, May 9** will be for  
mothers and significant women who have touched  
our lives. Please submit names by noon on Thursday,  
May 6 by going to the Parish Website [https://  
giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/43f34921-26cb-416b-  
85bd-97e75762eaad](https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/43f34921-26cb-416b-85bd-97e75762eaad) If you have any questions please  
contact Carol Thornton at [carol.thornton@dsj.org](mailto:carol.thornton@dsj.org).

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards are available  
for your use at the check-in desk at all Masses – Daily  
and Weekend.

If you care to offer a donation you may do so on-line.  
To pay by check: please note "MOTHER'S DAY" on  
the check MEMO line and mail your check to the  
parish office at: St. Nicholas & St. William,  
473 Lincoln Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022.



## Prayer & Sacraments During the First Week of May

- **Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament** : Every Thursday, after the 8:00 am Daily Mass at St. Nicholas.
- **Virtual Rosary**: Join us every Friday at **3:00 pm** with the Parish Group.
- **Sacrament of the Sick**: Join us on the first Saturday of every month at the 8:00 am Daily Mass at St. Nicholas. The sacrament is offered for all those who wish to receive this healing grace.



World Day of Prayer for Vocations is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2).

We pray for young men and women; that God may give them the gift of understanding to discern their service in the Church, as lay leaders, to the priesthood, diaconate, or consecrated life; and for the gift of courage to follow His call.



You can still  
reserve a seat for  
Monday's  
showing of **LIKE!**  
Register **TODAY!**

[bit.ly/LikeApril26](http://bit.ly/LikeApril26)

If your family is looking a little too much like this family, this free, virtual film screening is for you!

an **IndieFlix** ORIGINAL production

**LIKE**

**Our Lives on Social Media  
with Interactive Q&A**

**April 26  
5:30 to 7 pm**

**Sign Ups are FREE**

**Ages 10+/Spanish Subtitles**

**Sponsored by parishes with a grant by the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers**

**Moderator - Scilla Andreen, LIKE film producer & director, IndieFlix CEO and co-founder**

**Panelists: Lisa Ayala, LMFT, school based therapist, program coordinator & clinical supervisor with 20+ years experience | Row David, Holy Spirit Church Youth Director for middle school & high school | Caitlin Hoffman, Silicon Valley educator, academic coach, academic intervention specialist at Academic Coaching Works & Digital Detox Works | Fr. Steve Kim, St. Leo Parish Pastor and teacher at St. Francis High School | Dr. Thanh-Tam Nguyen, MD, Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics**

# ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL NEWS...



ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL  
VIRTUAL AUCTION 2021

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED  
THE ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL VIRTUAL AUCTION!**

## **AUCTION ITEM PICK-UP:**

**We have two pick-up times at the school.  
Come to the back door of the 8th grade classroom.**

- 1) Sunday 4/25 from 12 noon to 2:00pm**
- 2) Monday 4/26 from 3:15pm to 4:30pm**

# **NOW ENROLLING!**

**[WWW.STNICHOLASLAH.COM](http://WWW.STNICHOLASLAH.COM)**



**Laudato Si'**  
Care for Our Common Home

5 Evening Series with  
Prayer, Reflection, Action

Monday, May 3 - Friday, May 7, 2021  
Time: 7:00pm - 7:30pm

For Zoom ID, please visit: [bit.ly/jjpdsg21](https://bit.ly/jjpdsg21)



**Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund**

**Second Collection: April 24-25**



Please give generously to those who have given a lifetime of service and continue to minister after retirement.

[www.dsj.org/priests-retirement](http://www.dsj.org/priests-retirement)



**THANK YOU** for your generosity! 21% of our registered families helped us reach our parish and ADA goal of \$370K. If you have not yet pledged, please prayerfully consider making a pledge. EVERY dollar over our goal will come back to the parish and help us with operation expenses. Contact Lidia at the office with any questions. Gifts can be made online at: <https://www.dsj.org/ways-to-give/annual-diocesan-appeal/>

**ADA 2021 Report: Week 11 (as of April 18)**

<b>Goal:</b>	<b>\$370,000</b>
Pledged to date (as of April 18)	\$370,792
# of donors	336
% of registered families	21%

**Second Collection Report**

Holy Land: 4/2 (Good Friday)	\$3,642.50
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**Stewardship Report: April 5-11**

	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Basket, Mailed-in & Online Giving 4/5-11	\$17,427.65	\$21,092.05	(\$3,664.40)
YTD (as of 4/11)	\$1,023,064.82	\$1,038,947.95	(\$15,883.13)
% of Budget YTD			98.5%

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Mass Intentions for the week of April 25, 2021**

**St. William Church**

Sat 4:00pm Kay Lessing † Biggs Family  
Sun 10:00am Bob Vivian † Arise Group  
Jerry Burgan † Loving Family  
4:00pm Jim O'Brien † DeBell Family

**St. William - Livestreamed**

Sun 11:00am People of the Parish

**St. Nicholas Church**

Sun 8:00am  
12:00pm  
5:00pm

Mon 8:00am Fr. Russ Roide, SJ † Sally Wood  
12:10pm W. Babetko - Birthday Loving Family

Tue 8:00am David Kosoglow † Loving Family  
Dot Scalise † Loving Family  
12:10pm Jeanne Giuliani †

Wed 8:00am  
12:10pm Art Franson † Friend

Thu 8:00am  
12:10pm

Fri 8:00am Samuel Cremer - Birthday Loving Family  
St. Joseph - Thanksgiving

12:10pm

Sat 8:00am Stanley Curry † Mary Curry  
St. Joseph - Thanksgiving

**SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS**

Let us pray for Erin A., Bertha Alarcon, Baby Willa, Steve Bednar, Ben Bongers, Bill Brown, Barbara Brugnoli, Christine Brugnoli, William Brugnoli, Bob & Marian Buchheit, Louie Buckley & Friends, Hortense Burke, Jose Cabaccan, Marta & Jim Carr, Shirley Chiu, Irmgard Chu, Pete Ciardella, Msgr. John Coleman, Dominic Corcoran, Mary Jo Corcoran, Sean Corcoran, Joanna Cross, Alta Cuevas, DeBell Family, Angela DiBattista, Pat Dixon, Bob Dunn Sr., Dan Eber, Cecilia Espadas, Kaitlyn Farley, Jeanine Ford, Shirley Frier, Tia Garner, Kay Gemello, Diane Geschke, Emil Girczyc, Michael Gray, Iris Hahne, Sheila Heidmiller, Gerrod Herndon, Ramon Ibarra, Emmitt Jenvey & Family, Michael Kaiser, John Keyes, Margaret Kirk, Josephine Lipinski, Audrey Tischler Livermore, Lisa McBride, Rose McCloud, Sophia McHugh, Pam Medlenhoff, Katie Montalvo, David & Anna Morrison, Alex Munroe, Corrine Murray, Don Murray, Patricia Novack, Carmen Olavarrieta, John Pecoraro, Irene Piontek, Tina Prudencio, Jaime, Eduardo, & Eva Ramirez, Caden James Reinhart, Aidee Reyes, Maria Roja, Star Rodriguez, Mike Roman, Manuel R. Santiago, Doug Sarver, Kathy Schlosser, Kathryn Schmittzeh, Geri Schultz, Ana Segovia, Jeanne & Lori Sinsley, Carmel Smith, Maryanne Stanislaw, Maynard & Shirley Stevenson, Nathaniel Stoll, Margie Strasser, Anne Sturm, Mary Lou Swain, Marie Torrise, Lisa Tucker, Kathleen Urbaniak, Katie Vanoli, 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: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10  
Tue: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30  
Wed: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50  
Thu: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20  
Fri: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6  
Sat: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14  
Sun: Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

**Join Our Parish Prayer Team!** We invite registered parishioners to join our Parish Prayer Team. Our 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](http://www.stnicholasandstwilliam.org)

