

Welcome to
St. Nicholas & St. William
Catholic Parish

They set off
to preach repentance
Mark 6:12



Fifteen Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 11, 2021

Sunday Masses

Indoor Masses

St. Nicholas - Sunday at 8:00am, 10:00am, & 12 noon
St. William - Sunday at 11:00am

Outdoor Masses

St. William - Saturday at 4:00pm
St. William - Sunday at 9:00am & 5:00pm
St. Nicholas - Sunday at 5:00pm (French)

Livestreamed Mass

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

Confessions

St. William - Saturdays 2:30 to 3:30pm (Hall)

Daily Masses

Indoor Masses

St. Nicholas - Monday to Saturday at 8am

Outdoor Masses

St. Nicholas - Monday to Friday at 12:10pm

Office Hours: Currently closed.

Email or call for service: Mon - Fri 8:30am - 5:00pm
(650) 948-2158 stnicholas@dsj.org

Sacramental Care: If you are in need of Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, Confession, or Holy Communion, call the Parish Office to set up a time (650) 948-2158

Spiritual Resources: Visit our website
<https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org>

Updates: COVID-19 response and updates from the Diocese of San José, visit: <https://www.dsj.org>

True Meaning of Freedom

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Every year, many people travel to Liberty Island in New York City to visit the Statue of “Liberty Enlightening the World” which is recognized as a universal symbol of freedom. To many people, freedom means something different. Some claim that freedom “consists in the private enjoyment of one’s life and goods.” Others claim that freedom is the right to do whatever one wants to do. But what is the true meaning of freedom?

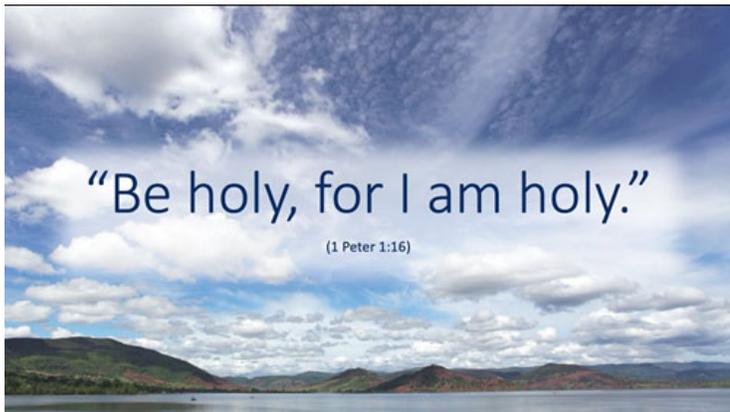
God teaches us truly what freedom is. In the gospel of St. John, Jesus said to the Jews who believed in Him that “if you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” (Jn 8:31-32) The first thing that comes to mind here is that, God’s Commandments which consist in loving God with all our heart, mind, and spirit and to love our neighbors as ourselves, are not contrary to freedom. It is necessary to keep God’s Commandments to be truly free, for “everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin.” (Jn 8:34) This is echoed in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* that teaches that “there is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just.” (CCC 1733) The more we grow in virtues the freer we become; and the more we submit to vices and the works of the flesh the less free we become.

In his homily given in Baltimore during his visit to the U.S. in 1995, Pope John Paul II said that “Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.” He added that without truth there is no authentic freedom. Freedom finds its fulfilment in the truth, “the truth that is intrinsic to human life created in God’s image and likeness, the truth that is written on the human heart, the truth that can be known by reason and can therefore form the basis of a profound and universal dialogue among people about the direction they must give to their lives and their activities.”

Following the same line of thought, Pope Francis, in a homily on June 29, 2021, says that true freedom consists in following God with joy, even if it brings hardship and suffering. Freedom finds its true meaning only in God. The Holy Father says, “It is God who gives us true freedom: freedom from sin, from our sense of failure, from our fears . . . from hypocritical outward show . . . from the temptation to present ourselves with worldly power rather than with the weakness that makes space for God . . . from a religiosity that makes us rigid and inflexible . . . from dubious associations with power.”

As St. Paul reminds us, “for freedom Christ has set us free.” (Gal 5:1) Let us put our trust in our Lord Jesus Christ who gives us true freedom and whose Mercy is endless.

In Christ,
Fr. Robain



THE JESUIT
RETREAT CENTER
OF LOS ALTOS

**A Virtual Evening
with Fr. Greg Boyle**

Father Greg Boyle is a well-known author and expert in social justice. THIS THURSDAY July 15, from **6:00 -7:30 pm** he will be the featured speaker with the Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos for a virtual fund raising event.

The topic of the evening is ***“Courage and the Gospel of the Marginalized”***. Invite your family and friends to join you for this fascinating discussion about living our faith and building the kingdom of God with justice. REGISTER by JULY 12 to get the Zoom link; \$50.00 registration. For registration details contact Dyane Hendricks, 650-766-4885 or dhendricks@jrclosaltos.org.



Catholic Charities
of Santa Clara County

Needs Volunteers in Parish Engagement To Distribute Food at St. Athanasius

We all know someone who is impacted by the Pandemic. Catholic Charities Parish Engagement Project continues to **need volunteers** at its food distribution sites - St. Athanasius is one of the locations. This is also a great opportunity for high school students to earn service hours. Please sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/CatholicCharitiesVolunteer> or Contact Lynda DeManti at 408-839-3163 or ldemanti@catholiccharitiesscc.org.



Hallowed Be Thy Name The Prayer Taught By Jesus

The Old English word *hallowed* continues to be used in the Our Father and generally means **“to make holy.”** However, that meaning can be confusing as it makes it appear that we are making God’s name holy. Is that correct? How could we make God’s name holy?

St. Cyprian gives us a succinct commentary on this fascinating phrase.

In the Lord’s Prayer (the perfect prayer taught to us by Jesus) we say “Hallowed be thy name.” This is not because we want God to be made holy by our prayers: what we are asking God is that his name should be hallowed within us. After all, how can anything be needed to sanctify God, who himself is the source of sanctity? But because he says be holy, as I am holy, we ask and beg of him that we, who have been sanctified in baptism, may continue in that which we have begun to be. And this we pray daily, for our need is for daily sanctification so that we who daily fall away may wash away our crimes by continual sanctification.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church offers the same explanation.

This petition is taught to us by Jesus as a petition, a desire, and an expectation in which God and man are involved. Beginning with this first petition to our Father, we are immersed in the innermost mystery of his Godhead and the drama of the salvation of our humanity. Asking the Father that his name be made holy draws us into his plan of loving kindness for the fullness of time, “according to his purpose which he set forth in Christ,” that we might “be holy and blameless before him in love.”

The opening lines of the Our Father is a beautiful petition, whereby we are challenged to let God’s grace into our lives, so that we may be holy, as God is holy. We acknowledge that God is holy when we say “Hallowed be thy name”, and in our prayer we ask to be a part of God’s holiness.

Registration for Fall Programs is Now Open

1st to 12th grade programs

Youth Mass: Every Sunday 5pm at St. William Church (Tent)

Classes and sessions are from September to May (with holidays)

Faith Formation (1st to 5th Grades)

Sundays from 10 to 11 am or
Mondays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm*

EDGE

(6th to 8th Grades)
Mondays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm

theIntersection

(9th - 12th Grades)
Sundays from 6:15 to 8 pm



DYR is Diocesan Youth RENEWAL in 2021!

High School Youth Monday & Tuesday | \$50 per youth

- Monday, July 19, 2021 | 5:00pm - 8:00pm
- Tuesday, July 20, 2021 | 8:00am - 8:00pm

Leader Formation | \$25 per leader

- Wednesday, July 21, 2021 | 9:00 - 3:00pm

Middle School Youth Thursday & Friday | \$50 per youth

- Thursday, July 22, 2021 | 8:00am - 8:00pm
- Friday, July 23, 2021 | 2:00pm - 5:00pm



SCAN ME

TEENS WILL BE LOCAL & LOVING RENEWAL

High school students have two days for themselves, as well as an optional training day and leadership days with the middle school students - an entire week of being filled with Christ!



CATHECISTS STILL NEEDED!

Please consider serving as a catechist this coming school year. This is a wonderful way to help share your faith with our youngest generation and help them on their path to a lifelong relationship with Christ! We need catechists and aides; no experience is needed. We will have a meeting in August to launch our fall program. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please email Catherine at catherine.raffa@dsj.org.

St. Nicholas Catholic School Kevin Kannengeiser Activity Center **HOME OF THE CELTICS!**



BUSINESS ADVERTISING

Have your business be seen at all St. Nicholas Events!!
Tournaments, Sports Practices & Games, Dances,
Community Events, Masses & More!

6' X 3' Banner Prominently Displayed inside the Gym
\$2,500 for ONE FULL YEAR!



**For Banner Placement
Opportunities Contact**

CHERYL CALIGARIS

Development Director

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July 17
SATURDAY
 9 am to 1 pm
 Archbishop Mitty
 High School
 Campus

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Journeying
 Together
 in **Hope**
DIOCESE OF SAN JOSE



The St. Clare C P

The Mystics



The Monastics

The St. Joseph C P

The Workers



The Dreamers

Jubilee Games for

VOCATIONS

SISTERS & POSTULANTS
 will compete in a soccer game
 for the St. Clare Cup,
 with high school and college girls
 filling out both teams.

PRIESTS & SEMINARIANS
 will compete in a soccer game
 for the St. Joseph Cup,
 with high school & college boys
 filling out both teams.



More information on
 sponsorship opportunities,
 registration, activities, schedule,
 and tickets available on

www.dsj.org/jubileegames

This outstanding
 community event will follow
 COVID-19 safety regulations
 and include: 2 soccer games
 food, entertainment,
 special prayer with Bishop Cantú
 prizes and more!!!!



**Come support the
 Sisters & Postulants and
 Priests & Seminarians,
 including our
 Parochial Vicar,
 Fr. Robain Lamba!**



GIFT CARD COLLECTION IN PLACE OF ANNUAL SUMMER BACKPACK DRIVE:

This summer, Bridges to Community will be collecting **\$25 gift cards to Target** instead of actual school backpacks with supplies. These gift cards will be used by the low income families of Alta Housing to purchase school supplies for their children. (Alta Housing provides low and moderate income housing for families in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.)



The average cost of putting together a filled backpack is between \$50.00 and \$90.00. We have all struggled with Covid but these families could definitely use an extra helping hand. **Please consider purchasing and donating multiple \$25 gift cards.**

Please put the gift cards you want to donate in an envelope marked Bridges to Community, and drop off the gift card envelope in the Collection Basket at Mass or at the Parish Office. They will be collected throughout July. Thank you parishioners. You really do make a difference.

BLOOD DRIVE SOON

Semi-annual Blood Drive
Sunday, July 25 - St. William Hall
9:00 A.M to 2:00 PM

Please consider making a life-saving gift of blood. To schedule an appointment, visit vitalant.org and use the unique blood drive code: **saintnicholas**

GREEN TEAM NEWS

Laudato Si' Conference Series: July 13-15, 2021

Join this virtual free conference with the Opening keynote address by Cardinal Blasé Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago. There will be a full series of opportunities with interactive breakout sessions. Sr. Ilia Delio, OSF, PhD from Villanova University, will make the closing address on July 15th. For more conference information and registration visit: [Laudato Si'](#) and [US Catholic Church Conference](#).

Qualified Charitable Distribution

Consider Making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) to Our Parish

This year (2021) RMDs are now required for people reaching the age of 72 (or 70 1/2 if you turned 70 1/2 before Jan. 1, 2020 and so it is a good year to explore making QCDs to save on taxes and help charities again. Members of our parish who are 70 1/2 years or older have the opportunity to make donations to St. Nicholas & St. William Parish or the School by making it a qualified charitable distribution from their IRAs. The QCD will count towards satisfying your annual required minimum distribution (RMD). A QCD can be ordered from your custodian broker or bank and the check must be payable directly to the qualified charity by the custodian. You can have the check sent to you so you can mail it then to the charity with your cover letter or envelope, etc. QCDs are federally tax free and limited to the amount that would otherwise be taxed as ordinary income. Tax withholding is not required as it is a tax free event. The maximum exclusion is \$100,000. Please consult your financial or tax advisor to see if this option is right for you. You can pick up forms from your custodian along with rules. It is also a great way to donate to the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) or Catholic Charities. Feel free to contact fellow parishioner Ron Stefani with any questions at 650-967-5511.

Second Collection Report	
Peter's Pence - Holy Father: June 27	\$3,720.27
Thank you for your continued generosity!	

Stewardship Report: June 21-27, 2021			
	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Basket, Mailed-in & Online Giving 6/21-27	\$18,023.00	\$21,092.05	(\$3,069.05)
YTD (as of 6/27)	\$1,246,650.55	\$1,270,960.55	(\$24,310.00)
% of Budget YTD			98.1%
Thank you for your continued generosity!			

Mass Intentions for the week of July 11, 2021

St. William Church		
Sat	4:00pm	Andrew DeBell †
Sun	9:00am	Dr. James Bosco †
	5:00pm	Betty Ann L'esperance †
		Dan Haley Family Loving Family
St. William - In-Person & Livestreamed		
Sun	11:00am	People of the Parish
St. Nicholas Church		
Sun	8:00am	Krawinkler Family - Thanksgiving
		John Robert Evans †
	10:00am	David Machado †
	12:00pm	Mark Young †
	5:00pm	
Mon	8:00am	Erin Sheridan - Birthday
	12:10pm	
Tue	8:00am	Frank Stiene †
	12:10pm	
Wed	8:00am	
	12:10pm	
Thu	8:00am	
	12:10pm	Jack Daly †
Fri	8:00am	
	12:10pm	
Sat	8:00am	Ballauri Family †
		Michael McHugh - Health
		Friends & Colleagues Carol Matteson Friend Loving Family Jo Stiene Mary Hardy McHugh & Medina Families

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Let us pray for *Erin A., Rosie Abrahamson, Bertha Alarcon, Baby Willa, Steve Bednar, 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, Jack Connolly, Dominic Corcoran, Mary Jo Corcoran, Sean Corcoran, Joanna Cross, Alta Cuevas, DeBell Family, Pat Dellamano, Angela DiBattista, Pat Dixon, Dan Eber, Cecilia Espadas, Helen Estrella, Kaitlyn Farley, Jeanine Ford, Shirley Frier, Tia Garner, Kay Gemello, Diane Geschke, Emil Girczyc, Michael Gray, Iris Hahne, Janice Heidmiller, 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, David & Anna Morrison, Alex Munroe, Corrine Murray, Don Murray, Patricia Novack, Carmen Olavarrieta, Kirk Paige, Edna Pear, 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 Schmittzch, Geri Schultz, Ana Segovia, Jeanne & Lori Sinsley, Carmel Smith, Maryanne Stanislaw, Maynard & Shirley Stevenson, Nathaniel Stoll, Margie Strasser, Anne Sturm, Mary Lou Swain, Marie Torrice, Lisa Tucker, Kathleen Urbaniak, Katie Vanoli, Connie Weaver, 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:	Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
Tue:	Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
Wed:	Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
Thu:	Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
Fri:	Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
Sat:	Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
Sun:	Jer 23:1-6; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 2:13-18; Mk 6:30-34

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