

Welcome to
St. Nicholas & St. William
Catholic Parish

MARK 7:14-15

*Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear.
"All of you listen," he said, "and try to understand.*

*You are not defiled by what you eat;
you are defiled by what you*

say and do.

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time- August 29, 2021

Sunday Masses

Indoor Masses

St. Nicholas - Sunday at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 noon,
& 5:00pm (French)

St. William - Sunday at 11:00am

Outdoor Masses

St. William - Saturday at 4:00pm

St. William - Sunday at 9:00am & 5:00pm

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 and
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>

HOW TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE

While there is a lot of good that we can still find in the world, I think we would all agree that we seem to be getting more than our share of bad right now. In the United States alone we have: the tragedy unfolding in Afghanistan, the Delta variant, hyper-partisanship from our leaders, an immigration crisis, growing crime rates in our major cities, and everyone is pretty much angry with everyone else most of the time. Not a pretty picture.

The modern-era Popes have warned us that these bad things are symptoms of a deeper root issue that we must first address if we ever hope to see an improvement. In a series of encyclicals—beginning with Leo XIII’s *Rerum novarum* in 1891 and commonly called “Catholic Social Teaching”—they have attempted to identify what Pope St. John Paul II called “Structures of Sin” and then encouraged civil and corporate leaders, and all men and women of good will, to work to dismantle them.

A Structure of Sin is a social system that creates, preserves, and/or exacerbates some form of human injustice. For example, systemic government corruption in Central America has created huge economic disparities, forcing the poor and destitute to seek an alternative; that is leaving their homeland and showing up at our border.

Many pundits place the blame for the existence of these systems on one ideology or another, such as Capitalism or Marxism. And while ideologies and broken philosophies certainly contribute to these systemic injustices, the Popes consistently insist that it goes much deeper, and they identify the real root cause of the problems and its antidote.

The real root cause of these problems is personal sin. The remedy is personal holiness.

In other words, evil and sin do not exist separate from the human person. Jesus confirms this in Sunday’s Gospel: “From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile.” (Mk 7:21-23). Structures of Sin then, do not just spontaneously appear. They exist because sinful human beings band-together and collaborate to create and preserve them.

To dismantle them requires a polity who are virtuous and honest; people who understand and strive for the “Common Good” because they, themselves, are “good.” Now, since “no one is good but God alone” (Mk 10:18), it follows that these persons need to be “God-like”; they need to be holy. It comes as no surprise then, that the first few chapters of every one of these encyclicals exhort us to the universal call to holiness (Mt 5:48; Gen 17:1; LG 40) and tell us how to strive for it.

But what is holy? Jesus Christ is holy. The universal call to holiness is nothing less than the admonition that we must strive to be “Christ-bearers” to the world. Bringing Christ to every corner of the world is how we defeat evil and make our society more just.

So, what do the Popes recommend for achieving this holiness? Well, the most perfect way is to worthily (e.g., properly disposed, and attentively) receive Jesus Christ in Holy Communion often. We are, after all, what we eat. Another method is to practice being informed, prayerful, and socially engaged Catholics; living out our lives ordered by the Ten Commandments and the Church’s moral teachings and strengthening our willpower by going to Confession regularly. Yet a third, excellent method they recommend is imitation. Specifically, learning and imitating the virtues of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Of all the methods mentioned, this last one is probably the most difficult for us moderns to take seriously. Unfortunately, many Marian devotions can feel sappy and old-fashioned, filled as they are with redundant prayers and overly sweet images of puffy clouds, pious eyes gazing skyward, and dozens of fat little cherubs. This is a shame because Mary is nothing like this. Mary is the Warrior Queen of Heaven. She was assumed body and soul into heaven and helps Jesus direct the great battle against Satan from that high ground. (FYI: Satan is the clever fellow who encourages us sinners to collaborate in creating and maintaining those Structures of Sin).

As part of our parish anniversary preparation, we are again offering (your choice of) three different versions of the 33 Day Marian Consecration/Renewal. Each version reflects in a unique way on Mary’s many virtues and her relationship with Christ. Mary, after all, is the original and most perfect “Christ-bearer” who has ever lived. You can sign-up for the daily emails, which begin this coming Tuesday, on our website.

PLEASE Give it a try. GET HOLY and help make the world a better place.



—Reflection by Deacon Charles

THANK



LECTORS

The Liturgical Ministry that was able to remain most active during the pandemic to the present time is that of Lector. There was a two-month segment when we had to rely only on Staff Members, but otherwise our faithful Lay Ministers have been constant in service – sharing the Word of God with the St. Nicholas & St. William Parish Community.

At a time when most of us had to be physically distanced from our Churches, the Lectors provided a familiar face to those “attending/watching” Mass from home. In phone conversations with Parishioners, or via e-mail messages, I heard over and over how grateful folks were to be able to see their “OWN CHURCH”, worship in union with their “PARISH PRIESTS”, and listen to voices they knew as part of their “FAITH FAMILY”.

Are you aware that our Lectors prepare in advance, multiple times, before they proclaim scripture? In addition to the physical mechanics of sharing God’s Word there is also the prayerful connection with the Word so that the message can be relayed with appropriate emphasis and pace. The end goal is prayer, not performance.

We are very blessed to have dedicated, Spirit-filled, men, women, teens, and children who lift their voices and share the treasure and tradition of scripture with the people of God.

Wilma Andrews, Mary Ann Balkenhol, Ignatius Bezzam, John Brown, Pat Campbell, Helen Ciernick, Pat and Mike Cremer, Lorraine Croft, Carmen Colet, Chris Davis, Loretta Fennell, Cris Goodman, Julie Gunter, Lynn Hastings, Elena Infeld, Donna Kleiner, Cathy and Norm Kordsmeier, Maia Lao, Suzanne Lauritzen, Charmian Li, Liz Lilly, Joy Lim, Greg Loney, Barbara Maciaszek, Cathy Maloney, Kristi Maloney, Elizabeth Montgomery, Kai Morris, Mims Munro, Anita Nichols, John Nolan, Dave Parker, Denise Paternoster, Tatiana Promessi, Barbara Rindge, Aaron Rulison, David Ryan, Carolyn Schmittzeh, MaryAnne Stanislaw, Jane and Ron Stefani, Thuy Tran, Sarah and Rene Vargas, Margaret Venables-Lin, Tom Werner, and Ted Wong.

We would also like to acknowledge the contribution, as Lectors, of the Faith Formation Children, the French Language Community, St. Nicholas School Students, and Youth Ministry Teens.



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Serene Attentiveness to God’s Creation:
www.goo.gl/xdm378



RESPECT LIFE

With his encyclical *Laudato si’*, Pope Francis invites us to understand more deeply our relationships with God, one another, and the rest of creation, and to live accordingly. We are each responsible for caring for the world God has entrusted to us: www.respectlife.org/serene-attentiveness



PLEASE BE ADVISED

As of Sunday,
September 12, 2021,
the **5:00 pm Mass** at
St. William will move
from the Tent to **INSIDE**
St. William Church.



LEARN TO PRAY!

OUR ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES BEGINS SOON!

This program is for any adult who is interested in:

- ◆ Becoming a Catholic (RCIA program)
- ◆ Completing their Sacraments
- ◆ Learning their Faith at a deeper level

Our program meets weekly through Easter and combines lecture, fellowship, and bible-based prayer.

Together with others who are exploring their faith, we will walk through Salvation History, the Sacraments, and the major Dogmas of the Church while learning different ways to pray with the Scriptures and working our way through the Gospel of Matthew.

Join us for our introductory session on September 23rd at 7:00 pm in St. Nicholas Hall

To get on our email list or for questions, please contact Deacon Charles at (650) 948-2158 x2210 or charles.corbalis@dsj.org or register your interest at <https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org/aff/> and we will call you!

“Prior to the RCIA experience, I didn’t realize how little I really understood about the Bible, about the Catholic faith, and about God. The program answered questions and strengthened my faith, ultimately leading to my conversion and confirmation. I recommend this program as an important step for anyone who is looking for a fuller life.
 – Doug Rimer ('20-21)

CELEBRATING OUR THREE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY AS A COMBINED PARISH



Our parish was formally combined and consecrated to the Blessed Virgin Mother on October 6, 2018

In preparation for this celebration, we are again offering our parishioners the opportunity to participate in the 33 Day Consecration/Renewal to “Jesus through Mary”

Consecration/Renewal period begins on Aug 31st and ends on October 3rd with a special Anniversary Mass.

Please see our website for more information and to register for the consecration/renewal materials!

<https://www.stnicholasandstwilliam.org/parish-marian-consecration-renewal-2021/>

Note from Our Parish Green Team...



God's
SEASON OF CREATION

September 1 – October 4 2021

Each year from September 1 to October 4, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common role as caretakers of God’s creation.

Our theme this year engages us in study, prayer, and action to care for the earth and to care for the poor as Pope Francis teaches in *Laudato si’*. We are called to an ecological conversion to reshape our relationships and economic systems towards just, sustainable economies of life, that respect the life-giving ecological limits of our common home.

Watch the bulletin and the [diocesan website](#) for more information.

Fall Children & Youth Programs

Register this Weekend to Ensure Program Placement

1st to 12th grade programs

- ◆ Classes and sessions - from September to May (with holidays)
- ◆ Faith Formation Parent Meeting - **This Sunday**, Aug 29 at 10:10 am, SW Tent
- ◆ Kick Off for EDGE & theIntersection - September 12 following 5:00 pm Mass

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



The blessings of moving from online to in-person classes and sessions this year!



Faith Formation, Sacraments, RCIA for Youth, EDGE, theIntersection, Family Masses, Retreats



St. Nicholas Catholic School



St. Nicholas Church Open for Mass, Sacred Quiet, and Personal Prayer

**8:00 am to 1:00 pm
Monday through Friday**

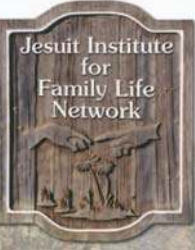
Masses will continue to be held at 8:00 am and 12:10 pm.



Prayer & Sacraments During the First Week of September



- **Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every Thursday, after the 8:00 am Daily Mass at St. Nicholas.
- **Virtual Rosary:** Join us Friday at **3:00 pm** with the Parish Group. Contact Catherine Campbell at catherine.raffa@dsj.org
- **Anointing 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.



The Jesuit Institute for Family Life is now accepting clients. We are an association of Catholic therapists offering Marriage counseling, Family therapy and Child, Adolescent, and Individual counseling. For further Information please call: (650) 948-4854.

TODAY' SECOND COLLECTION

The collection will assist the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Athanasius Parish to help support their food pantry and emergency assistance fund and for the SN/SW Outreach Programs.



Stewardship Report: August 2-8, 2021

	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Basket, Mailed-in & Online Giving 8/2-8	\$22,465.00	\$21,076.71	\$1,388.29
YTD (as of 8/8)	\$117,706.33	\$117,427.40	\$278.93
% of Budget YTD			100.2%

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions for the week of August 29, 2021

St. William Church

Sat 4:00pm
Sun 9:00am
5:00pm Wieslaw Smulski † *Loving Family*

St. William - In-Person & Livestreamed

Sun 11:00am People of the Parish

St. Nicholas Church

Sun 8:00am
10:00am
12:00pm David Machado † *Carol Matteson*
5:00pm
Mon 8:00am Carl Stepp † *Tom & Barbara McReynolds*
12:10pm Ramon Ibarra - Intentions *Loving Family*
Tue 8:00am Caiti Kelly † *Harrison Family*
12:10pm
Wed 8:00am
12:10pm
Thu 8:00am Fidela Mendoza † *Andrews Family*
12:10pm
Fri 8:00am
12:10pm
Sat 8:00am

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

Let us pray for Erin A., Rosie Abrahamson, Bertha Alarcon, W. M. Andrews, Steve Bednar, Bill Brown, Barbara Brugnoli, Christine Brugnoli, William Brugnoli, Marian Buchheit, Louie Buckley & Friends, Hortense Burke, Jose Cabaccan, Marta & Jim Carr, Shirley Chiu, Irmgard Chu, Msgr. John Coleman, Jack Connolly, Dominic Corcoran, Mary Jo Corcoran, Sean Corcoran, Joanna Cross, Alta Cuevas, DeBell Family, Angela DiBattista, Pat Dixon, Dan Eber, Cecilia Espadas, Kaitlyn Farley, Jeanine Ford, Shirley Frier, Pete Fullerton, Tia Garner, Kay Gemello, Diane Geschke, Emil Girczyc, Michael Gray, Pat Guinan, Iris Hahne, Janice Heidmiller, Sheila Heidmiller, Gerrod Herndon, Emmitt Jenvey & Family, Michael Kaiser, John Keyes, Margaret Kirk, Josephine Lipinski, Audrey Tischler Livermore, Lisa McBride, Rose McCloud, Sophia McHugh, Pam Medlenhoff, Florence Mendoza, David & Anna Morrison, Alex Munroe, Corrine Murray, Don Murray, Patricia Novack, Carmen Olavarrieta, Kirk Paige, Therese Paullus, Edna Pear, John Pecoraro, Irene Piontek, Tina Prudencio, Eva, Isidoro, & Jaime 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, Shirley Stevenson, Nathaniel Stoll, Margie Strasser, Anne Sturm, Mary Lou Swain, Marie Torrise, Lisa Tucker, Robert Tucker, Kathleen Urbaniak, Katie Vanoli, Connie Weaver, David Weis, 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: 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30
Tue: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wed: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44
Thu: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-6; Lk 5:1-11
Fri: Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 5:33-39
Sat: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sun: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

May We Pray for You? We believe in the power of prayer!

Our Parish has a dedicated team of parishioners who pray daily for the special intentions of others. Praying for others allows us to put faith into action and recognize God's grace working through us. Please use our prayer request form to submit your intentions at <https://tinyurl.com/sns-w-prayer-request> or click this icon on our website so we may pray for you!

