

Welcome to
St. Nicholas & St. William
Catholic Parish

PEOPLE WERE
OVERWHELMED WITH
Amazement
"HE HAS DONE EVERYTHING
WELL," THEY SAID. "HE EVEN
MAKES THE DEAF HEAR AND
THE MUTE SPEAK."

Mark 7:37

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 5, 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>

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On September 8th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

With a very few exceptions, the Church usually celebrates saints' feast days not on the day they were born, but rather the day they died and entered into eternity.

Nevertheless, the Church does celebrate two nativities—excluding Jesus' birth on Christmas day—during the liturgical year: Mary's birth on September 8th, and John the Baptist's birth on June 24th.

We find the account of the nativity of St. John the Baptist in St. Luke Gospel (Cf. Lk 1:5-25' 57-66). But the Gospels do not provide a similar account of the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The story of Mary's birth comes from an old text—not part of the Canon of the Bible—called the *Protoevangelium of James*, and written around 170 AD.

According to the *Protoevangelium of James*, the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saints Joachim and Anne, were having difficulties conceiving a child. On one occasion, St. Joachim approached the temple with his offering for the poor, and to pray for the grace of a child. But St. Joachim was met with mockery, and was turned away by one of the leading priests in the temple who said to him: "How can a childless man be deemed worthy to come before God?"

It is reported that St. Joachim was very saddened after this horrible incident. He did not return to his wife St. Anne. Instead, he went in the desert and pitched his tent there. He prayed and decided that he would neither take food nor drink until God's intervention. St. Anne his wife also raised her fervent prayer to God asking Him to bless just as He had blessed Sarah with the gift of Isaac in her old age.

Saints Joachim's and Anne's prayer was answered. They were given a daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Immaculate Conception, who was conceived without sin. She would become the *Theotokos* ("God-bearer"), the Mother of God, and the Mother of all Christians.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *Marialis Cultus* ("Marian Devotion"), Pope Paul VI calls the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, "the hope of the entire world and the dawn of salvation." This is also echoed in the antiphon of the canticle of Zechariah for Morning Prayer on the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The antiphon reads: "Your birth, O Virgin Mother of God, proclaims joy to the whole world, for from you arose the glorious Sun of Justice, Christ our God; He freed us from the age-old curse and filled us with holiness; He destroyed death and gave us eternal life."

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a cause for all of us to rejoice. Mary is given to each one of us as mother. (Cf. Jn 19:26) She continues to lead us to her son who is the Son of God, our Lord Jesus Christ. Through her *fiat*, she teaches us how to say yes to God and cooperate with His grace. She continues to gently invite us to put the word of God into practice in our lives: "Do whatever he tells you." (Jn 2:5).

In these times of unparalleled challenges and confusion, we turn to our Blessed Mother and ask her to take us under her mantle for comfort and protection, and to lead us to Jesus as we pray:

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn, then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen

In Christ,
Fr. Robain Lamba





A Loving Relationship with God and Others

Spiritual and Mental Wellness

Many of us have found the pandemic to be a time of disorientation and rapid change. We may have asked ourselves questions such as: What are my priorities? What do I want out of my life? How can I live with all the uncertainty? As Catholics we have the great consolation of a Trinitarian God who holds out faith, hope, and love as anchors in turbulent times. Jesus reassures us and tells us, “I am with you always...My peace I give you.”

In times of distress many people turn to God, religion, a faith tradition, and spirituality. A body of scientific research suggests that spiritual thinking provides some concrete benefits to our mental health, well-being, and outlook. Lisa Miller*, a clinical psychologist and director of the Spirituality Mind Body Institute at Columbia University, studies the intersection of spirituality and mental wellness. Her research has found that spirituality helps protect us from depression and helps us become more resilient and make better decisions.

Dr. Miller states, “Scientists don’t define spirituality—we identify threads within human spiritual life.” Two threads stand out. The first is our capacity to have a relationship with the sacred. People may call this God, the universe, a higher power, or the force of life. It is the capacity to feel loved, held, and guided, that we are never alone. The second thread is to share this with others.

She says that while spirituality is innate, some of us are more predisposed than others to feeling spiritually connected. But we can all cultivate this natural capacity and build our spiritual muscle. Although it is developmentally most accessible during the first two decades of life, there are two pieces of good news. The first is that there are passages in life when we are primed to grow spiritually; one of them is midlife. The other good news is that there are specific life events that help us develop spiritually: if someone dies, if someone gets ill, a divorce, the birth of a child.

Hundreds of scientific, peer-reviewed articles have found that a strong spiritual awareness protects against the most prevalent forms of inner suffering, the diseases of despair: addiction, depression and even suicidality. The data has also shown that character strengths and virtues such as optimism, grit, commitment, and forgiveness go together with strong spiritual awareness. It also leads to more gratitude and more resilience. We can strengthen our spiritual fitness by quieting our mind with breathing, meditation, and prayer. If you practice emotions such as gratitude, wonder and awe, and altruism, you’ll boost your spirituality. And it’s a two-way street. When you are spiritual these emotions are more naturally forthcoming.

* Her new book is “The Awakened Brain: The New Science of Spirituality and Our Quest for an Inspired Life



During the Pandemic one of the most impacted Adult Liturgical Ministries was that of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion – also known as Eucharistic Ministers (EM). We were unable to have Communion Ministers serve at our Masses and had to discontinue Visitation to the Sick as well. For the better part of the last 16 months, we have relied, gratefully, on our Clergy to distribute Eucharist.

Happily, in the last scheduling cycle we have resumed assigning 1 EM at each Mass which, in addition to the Priest, provides 2 Communion Ministers to serve the Assembly. It is our hope that as we move forward into the new Liturgical Year on November 28, we will continue to add more Ministers.

Those people who have been able to respond to the first call for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion include: *Arlene Corsino, Loretta Fennell, Diane Franceschi, Mary Gaffney, Lynn Hastings, Elena Infeld, John Komo, Bernard Lilly, Phil Meyer, Seminarian Quizzer Besinio, Kate Smith, Thuy Tran, Greg Wadden, Janis Walker, Dee Wood, and Sally Wood.*

The Eucharist is God’s greatest gift to us – it is where Jesus’ heart meets the needs of the world. To faithfully live our Christian vocation, we need to be rooted in the Eucharist. We wish to thank the laity who serve in conjunction with the Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, the Clergy, and take their place as Extraordinary Ministers of this most holy sacrament.

St Joseph, Pray for Us!
40th Anniversary Prayer Cards

“Journeying Together in Hope”



Available at all Masses this Weekend

OPEN THAT DOOR!

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.

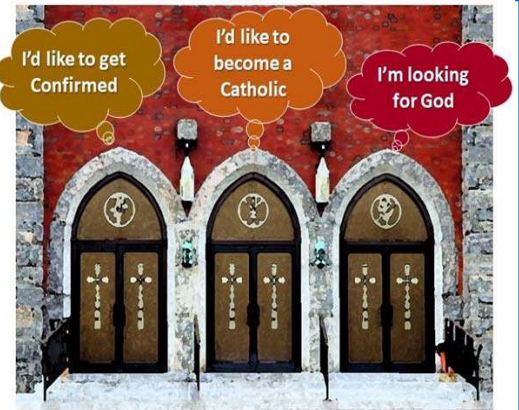
Together with others who are exploring their faith, we will walk through Salvation History, the Sacraments, and the major Dogmas of the Church while learning different ways to pray with the Scriptures and working our way through the Gospel of Matthew.

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 Fr. Anthony Uyttingco at (650) 948-2158 x2088 or anthony.uytingco@dsj.org or register your interest at <https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org/aff/> and we will call you!

"The RCIA program at St. Nicholas and St. William Church was a great way to discover—rediscover—the fundamentals of my Faith by studying scripture, reflecting, and praying in a structured program. Guided by the Catechists – as well as your fellow classmates - you'll be challenged to grapple with big questions, deepen your relationship with God and your community so that you might lead a full Catholic life."

- **Kim Carahasen** ('20-21)



SHE'S COMING BACK!

AND SHE IS BRINGING HER SON!!

(actually, they never left)

PARISH MARIAN CONSECRATION & RENEWAL

AUGUST 31 – OCTOBER 3

Register now/never too late!

Text "Mary2021" to 84576

Note from Our Parish Green Team...



god's SEASON OF CREATION

September 1 – October 4 2021

CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

"Our Catholic doctrine offers a rich teaching on the theology of creation and our role and meaning in the world. It is in this context that we invite the people of California to reflect together on ways we can more faithfully and effectively care for creation as a hymn of thanksgiving for our common home." <https://cacatholic.org/common-home>

Throwaway Culture Series – How you can Help! Starting September 13th and continuing on Mondays through October 4th. Learn how our Clothing, Food, Plastics, and Transportation/Water choices impact the world we live in. Information and registration links can be found on the Diocese of San José website: <https://www.dsj.org/evangelization/social-ministries/stewardship-of-our-common-home-2/>

WEEKLY CARE TIP: Moving your thermostat down just two degrees in winter and up two degrees in summer could save about 2,000 pounds of carbon dioxide per year. Using cold water can save up to 80 percent of the energy required to wash clothes.

<https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org/green-team/>

Fall Children & Youth Programs

Registration remains open. Please register ASAP to ensure proper class placement for Faith Formation & space requirements for EDGE & theIntersection

*1st to 12th grade programs - Register on Parish Website
Faith Formation classes begin September 12!*

Faith Formation (1st to 5th Grades) Sundays from 10 to 11 am

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

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

theIntersection & Edge Kickoff

*You're invited
to our
Youth Ministry
Kickoff!*

*For all youth
and their
friends &
families!*

Join us September 12th
For the 5pm Youth Mass
at St. William Church and
our celebration in the tent afterwards.
6-8pm

Live music by Brendan Delumpa
Refreshments, Activities
and more!

Edge and Intersection are back in person
with masks! Register today!
Sessions begin Sept. 19th

St. Nicholas Catholic School

Enjoy your
Labor Day
Weekend!



Paying tribute to
working people
since 1894!



Now Enrolling!
www.stnicholaslah.com



Pastor's Dinner Highlights

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Lord, on this Labor Day we thank
You for the blessing of work.

We ask for strength to
complete each day.

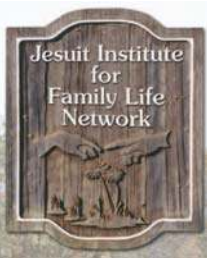
We ask for rest when we are weary.

We ask Your guidance for everyone
seeking employment, and we
ask that You be with those
whose faces we might never see
but who work tirelessly each day
for the good of us all.
Amen.



PLEASE BE ADVISED

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



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.

NEXT WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC EDUCATION APPEAL

The Annual Education Appeal collection will be taken up next weekend to raise funds for the tuition assistance program of the diocesan Department of Education. The Diocese of San José educates over 16,500 students in 29 elementary and 7 high schools in Santa Clara County. Making a gift through the Annual Education Appeal allows more scholarships to be granted.

Stewardship Report: August 9-15, 2021

	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Assumption (8/15)	\$744.00	\$2,000.00	(\$1,256.00)
Basket, Mailed-in & Online Giving 8/9-15	\$18,380.58	\$21,076.71	(\$2,696.13)
YTD (as of 8/15)	\$136,960.91	\$140,504.11	(\$3,543.20)
% of Budget YTD			97.5%

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions for the week of September 5, 2021

St. William Church

Sat 4:00pm Maria Scundi † *Loving Family Friend*
Anthony Mazzara †
Sun 9:00am
5:00pm Phil Chiang † *Kordsmieir Family*
Amy Lane † *Loving Family*

St. William - In-Person & Livestreamed

Sun 11:00am People of the Parish

St. Nicholas Church

Sun 8:00am Special Blessing
10:00am
12:00pm David Machado † *Carol Matteson*
Mary O'Shea † *Jane & Henry Evans*
5:00pm
Mon 8:00am
12:10pm
Tue 8:00am Fr. Robain Lamba - 1st Anniversary of Ordination *Staff*
12:10pm
Wed 8:00am Pat Hanley † *Loving Friend*
12:10pm
Thu 8:00am
12:10pm
Fri 8:00am Charlene Castelli † *Loving Family*
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: Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessing of Human Labor," nos. 907-911
Tue: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wed: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6, Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Thu: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 6:27-38
Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42
Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sun: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

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

