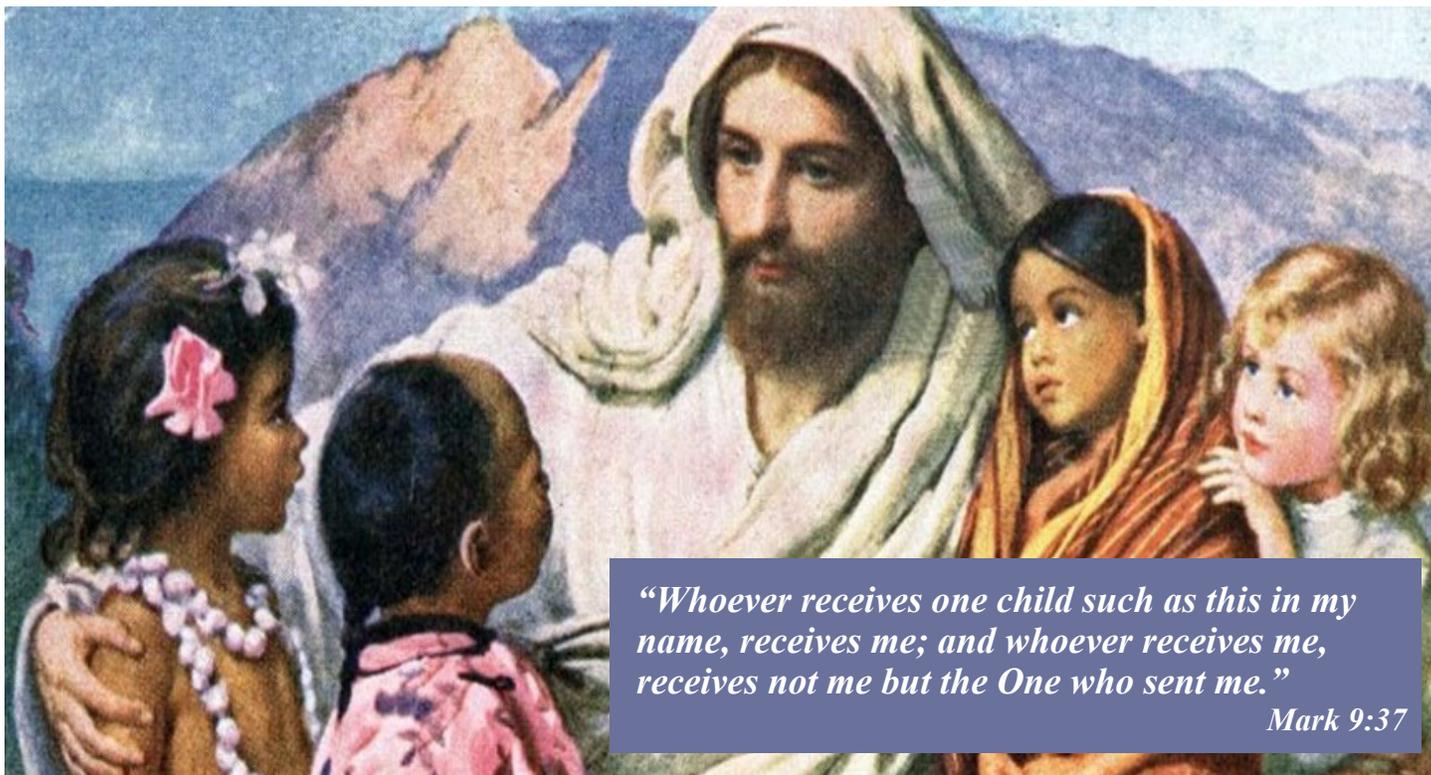


*Welcome to  
St. Nicholas & St. William  
Catholic Parish*



*“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.”*

*Mark 9:37*

*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 19, 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 & 5:00 pm

**Outdoor Masses**

St. William - Saturday at 4:00pm

St. William - Sunday at 9:00am

**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 - Saturday at 8:00am  
Monday - 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](mailto: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>

# Catechetical Sunday

## Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed

The third Sunday of September is Catechetical Sunday, a time to commission our catechists to be sent with the Holy Spirit to serve our children and youth in our community. At our baptism we are all called to serve others. Being a catechist is a rewarding way to bring Christ to others for we all know it takes a village to help lead a child to Christ. It takes loving parents, Godparents, extended family members and a faith-filled community.

Christ said, "You did not choose me. Rather, I chose you. And I appointed you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will remain, so that the Father may give you whatever you ask him in my name." (John 15:16) We are appointed and called. Today we thank those who heard the call to serve our children and youth: **Colleen O'Kane, Arlene Gonsalves, Carin Powers, Katie White, Carolyn Schmittzeh, Kelley O'Keefe, Julie Gunter, Teresa Davancaze, Steve Terlizzi, Moira Delumpa, Meg Venables Lin, Carmen Vigor, and Ignatius Bezzam.** Their dedication is the wrap-around-love from the community to guide our future, our children and youth, to the love Christ has for each and every one of us.

Today we all know the importance of giving our children and youth the foundation of a loving Christ as their center. We live in a broken world and we will need guidance our entire lives, and His grace to heal and grow. Before the pandemic started, our Church saw a decrease in children remaining in their faith, most making the decision to leave the Church by 13. Where does that leave them when they are faced with life's challenges, when they try to fill a hole that can only be filled by the love of God and how to heal through our brokenness? Now through a pandemic, we have seen how Christ-filled lives are shaping the recovery and sustaining us through COVID-19 as we focus on what is most important, spend more time with family members, serve others to ensure everyone has enough and pray.

About five years ago I was invited to a fundraising event to help fund a new museum in Washington, D.C., The Bible Museum. One of the speaker's words resonated with me that day. She spoke about her faith being the most important part of her life: it gave her hope to live not knowing what the future had in store for her during her life, the love to sustain her and feel the joy of this life, and the knowledge to know we have a salvation story with Christ. She thought once she died, she did not want this knowledge of the gifts of Christ to end. What better way to give than to ensure people know Christ so they can love him too and walk with him!

That is what our catechists do. They help bring the Word of God and his teachings alive to our children and youth. They inform your children to help build their formation so they can be transformed by Christ! While we have limited classes for Faith Formation and sessions for EDGE and the Intersection through the year, we believe the love, understanding and formation they receive will stay with them when this love continues to wrap around them at home and is seen as an example in our world. We thank all for being a living example of Christ, parents entrusting your children with us for their formation to know and walk with Christ and thank all the parents for being their first catechists! May we all continue to grow in his love and be healed through Christ!

Reflection by Catherine Campbell



## September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

Suicidal thoughts, much like mental health conditions, can affect anyone regardless of age, gender or background. September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month — a time to raise awareness on this stigmatized, and often taboo, topic.

In addition to shifting public perception, we use this month to spread hope and vital information to people affected by suicide. Our goal is ensuring that individuals, friends, and families have access to the resources they need to discuss suicide prevention and to seek help.



### FAST FACTS

#### Individual Impact:

- 78% of all people who die by suicide are male.
- Although more women than men attempt suicide, men are nearly 4x more likely to die by suicide.
- Suicide is the 2<sup>nd</sup> leading cause of death among people aged 10–34 and the 10<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death overall in the U.S.
- The overall suicide rate in the U.S. has increased by 35% since 1999.
- 46% of people who die by suicide had a diagnosed mental health condition.
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#### Community Impact:

- Annual prevalence of serious thoughts of suicide, by U.S. demographic group:
  - ◇ 4.8% of all adults
  - ◇ 11.8% of young adults aged 18-25
  - ◇ 18.8% of high school students
  - ◇ 46.8% of lesbian, gay, and bisexual high school students
- Some of the highest rates of suicide are in the U.S. non-Hispanic white communities.
- Lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth are 4x more likely to attempt suicide than straight youth.
- Suicide is the leading cause of death for people held in local jails.

#### Crisis Resources

- If you or someone you know is in an emergency, call **911** immediately.
- If you are in crisis or are experiencing difficult or suicidal thoughts, call the National Suicide Hotline at **1-800-273 TALK (8255)**
- If you're uncomfortable talking on the phone, you can also text **NAMI to 741-741** to be connected to a free, trained crisis counselor on the Crisis Text Line.

This information all comes from the excellent resources available at NAMI-the National Alliance for Mental Illness. Visit <https://www.nami.org/get-involved/awareness-events/suicide-prevention-awareness-month> for more information or contact Catherine Campbell at [Catherine.raffa@dsj.org](mailto:Catherine.raffa@dsj.org).



### SACRISTAN

The holy preparations in which Sacristans are entrusted are the basic framework for the beautiful and sacred objects that are used and carried out before, during, and after the Mass. The Sacristan, diligently arranges the liturgical books and other things that are necessary for the celebration of Mass. He or she must be a regular parishioner approved by the Pastor with a joyful willingness to serve. We are grateful to the following men and women who serve our Parish as Sacristans.

**DAILY:** Michael Banovac and Sally Wood

**WEEKEND:** Loretta Fennell, Diane Franceschi, Norm Kordsmeier, Bernard Lilly, and Steve Manley



## “THEY SHALL ALL BE TAUGHT BY GOD” (JN 6:45)

### 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 Uytingco at (650) 948-2158 x2088 or [anthony.uytingco@dsj.org](mailto:anthony.uytingco@dsj.org) or register your interest at <https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org/aff/> and we will call you!

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*“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)*

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## Parish Green Team . . .



## God's SEASON OF CREATION

September 1 – October 4, 2021

### CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

“A Catholic perspective on environmentalism is expressed by concern for creatures and land, but also for where people live, work, play, and pray. Land-use decisions play a crucial role in environmental justice—the integration of social justice and environmental protection—and in public health.” <https://cacatholic.org/common-home>

**Throwaway Culture Series** – How you can Help! 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/>

### PRAY WITH AND FOR CREATION

“All powerful God,...Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty....Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.... Amen. Laudato Si’ #246.

**WEEKLY CARE TIP: Buy local.** In North America, fruits and vegetables travel an average of 1,500 miles before reaching your plate. Buy fresh, local food to eliminate the long distances traveled and preserve nutrients and flavor.



### National Migration Week / World Day of Migrants and Refugees

September 20-25, 2021 / September 26, 2021

For nearly a half century, the *Catholic Church in the United States* has celebrated *National Migration Week*, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking.

National Migration Week for 2021 takes place September 20 - 26 and will climax with the Vatican’s celebration of the *World Day of Migrants and Refugees*, which always falls on the *last Sunday of September*. The primary theme for this year is “**Towards an ever wider ‘WE’**”.

In his letter announcing this year’s theme, Pope Francis emphasizes that “this focus calls on us to ensure that ‘after all this, we will think no longer in terms of ‘them’ and ‘those,’ but only ‘us’ (Fratelli tutti, no. 35). And this universal us must become a reality within the Church which is called to cultivate communion in diversity.”

# Faith Formation Children & Youth Programs

1<sup>st</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade programs

Registration is still open on parish website

**EDGE and theIntersection start this week!**

- ◆ Faith Formation (1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> 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



## St. Nicholas Catholic School

**VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 6:00 - 7:30PM**



**Now Enrolling! [www.stnicholaslah.com](http://www.stnicholaslah.com)**

## ST. NICHOLAS & ST. WILLIAM PARISH presents



### *A Morning Marian Retreat* *Saturday, September 25*

- 8:00 AM** Mass - St. Nicholas Church  
(concelebrated by  
Fr. Joe Kim & Fr. John Poncini)
- 8:45 AM** Keynote (Fr. Joe Kim)
- 9:45 AM** Q & A (Fr. Joe Kim)



### *What does Saint Joseph have to do with Marian Consecration?*

#### *A reflection for our Diocese's 40th Anniversary!*



Keynote speaker: Fr. Joe Kim

Fr. Joe is the Pastor at St. John Vianney Parish in San José. He previously served as Vocations Director for the Diocese of San José. His vocation, his ministry, and his studies are rooted in the desire to live joyfully as a beloved son of God in the Lord Jesus Christ and help others to do the same.

## Welcome Quizzer Besinio



We are so fortunate to have a pastoral seminarian at our parish this year! Meet Quizzer:

Born in a family of five siblings, he is the middle child of Edgar Castillo Besinio (deceased), a policeman, and Evangeline Saagundo Suarez (deceased), a teacher. He developed an early interest in the priestly vocation as he grew up attending Sunday Mass with his family. Having been educated in Catholic schools beginning in elementary and finishing with his bachelor's degree, the broad understanding of his Catholic faith grew. It became the core of his daily living.

He decided to pursue with his priestly vocation in the Diocese of San Jose after a rather long and continuous prayer discernment. He was a seminarian for over two years for a religious congregation at the age of fifteen. He left the seminary and finished his Philosophy degree in a Catholic university. He was a banker in the Philippines for eleven years before answering God's call and focusing on discerning the priestly vocation.

For a time, the church has been a second home to him. Sr. Malou, one of the nuns in his high school, commented several times that he had the look of a priest. His pastor Fr. Jack always inspired him with his preaching and how he related with his town's people. It came to the point that he told his Mom, "Someday, I want to be like Fr. Jack." While he was working at the bank, he became inspired by the preaching of Fr. Julius at the Cathedral, where he would attend daily Mass. He was also constantly in touch with his childhood friend Fr. Aldrin, now a diocesan priest. The encouragement of religious people that he surrounded himself with and the love and support that he received, especially from his Mom and other family members, have been instrumental for him to discern the priestly vocation.

He spends his leisure time walking, reading, and trying new things to add to his skill set, like planting and cooking. He likes to read fiction and spiritual books and watch documentaries, particularly about history, finance, and investments.

He is so happy to finally be here and looks forward to meeting the people of St. Nicholas & St. William Catholic Parish.

## Blood Drive Workers Needed Volunteer to Help!



As part of **COMPASSION WEEK 2021** our Parish will serve as a **Host Site** for a **Vitalant Blood Drive on Thursday, October 14 at St. William Hall**. We are looking for 4 Adult Volunteers to work with our Parish Team Leader, Mary Ann Balkenhol.

Duties of volunteers include greeting donors, dealing with walk-ins, making sure the refreshment table stays stocked with drinks and snacks, and alerting the head nurse if some difficulty arises. There are **four shifts to fill**:

- **9:00-12:00** Open building, make sure room is ready, facilitate set-up
- **10:45-1:15** Sign-ins, etc.
- **1:00-3:30** Sign-ins, etc.
- **3:15-6:00** Final sign-ins

If you are interested in serving on one of the shifts, please contact Pat Cremer [patricia.cremer@dsj.org](mailto:patricia.cremer@dsj.org)

## Mass Intentions for the week of September 19, 2021

### St. William Church

Sat 4:00pm Margaret Grapp † *Loving Family*  
Sun 9:00am  
5:00pm

### St. William - In-Person & Livestreamed

Sun 11:00am People of the Parish

### St. Nicholas Church

Sun 8:00am Edgar Castillo Besinio † *Loving Family*  
John Sheridan - Birthday *Loving Family*  
10:00am  
12:00pm Erika Backes Williams - Health *Loving Family*  
5:00pm  
Mon 8:00am Kate Tibbitts † *Sally Wood*  
12:10pm Rick Mendoza - Birthday *Andrews Family*  
Agapita Ramirez † *Loving Family*  
Tue 8:00am Ken & Carolyn Thompson † *Jo Anne*  
Erin Uytengco - Birthday *Loving Uncle*  
12:10pm  
Wed 8:00am  
12:10pm Chuck Geschke † *Dan & Olivia Haley*  
Thu 8:00am Cesare & Rita Fraguaglia † *Mother*  
Michileen Ann Oberst - Birthday  
12:10pm  
Fri 8:00am Doug Tibbitts & Family - Intention *Sally Wood*  
12:10pm  
Sat 8:00am Imelda Dyer - Birthday *Andrews Family*  
Louis Fiandero - Birthday *Loving Family*



## 11th Annual "Caregivers Count" Conference Free – On Zoom

The "Caregivers Count" Conference Team is hosting a free, multi-day virtual conference via Zoom for family caregivers of older loved ones on Saturdays 9/18, 9/25 and 10/2 from 10 am to 12 noon. Sessions will also be recorded. Learn about Senior Service Agencies and supportive services in Santa Clara County. For more information, please go to <https://www.caregiverscount.net>

- ◆ Sep 25: Take Charge! Advance Care Planning Tips (Mary Matthiesen, **Mission Hospice**)
- ◆ Oct 2: Adult Daycare Reimagined (Ann Peterson, **Live Oak** and Grace Li, **On Lok**)

## 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, 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, 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 Schmittz, 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: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18  
Tue: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
Wed: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6  
Thu: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9  
Fri: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22  
Sat: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45  
Sun: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**FREE COVID-19  
VACCINATION  
CLINIC**  
SAINT ATHANASIUS CHURCH  
160 N Rengstorff Ave., Mountain View, CA 94043

Saturday, September 25

12:30PM to 5:30PM

Vaccines options available: Janssen, Pfizer & Moderna

Food, Gift Cards, and Backpacks for those getting vaccinated

All those over 12 years of age are eligible

No proof of citizenship will be asked



For more detailed information on vaccination health and safety, visit: <https://covid19.sccgov.org/home>

## Stewardship Report: August 23-29, 2021

	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Basket, Mailed-in & Online Giving 8/23-29	\$13,726.00	\$21,076.71	(\$7,350.71)
YTD (as of 8/29)	\$169,739.16	\$182,657.53	(\$12,918.37)
% of Budget YTD			92.9%

Thank you for your continued generosity!

**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/snsprayerteam> or click on this icon on our website [www.stnicholasandstwilliam.org](http://www.stnicholasandstwilliam.org)

