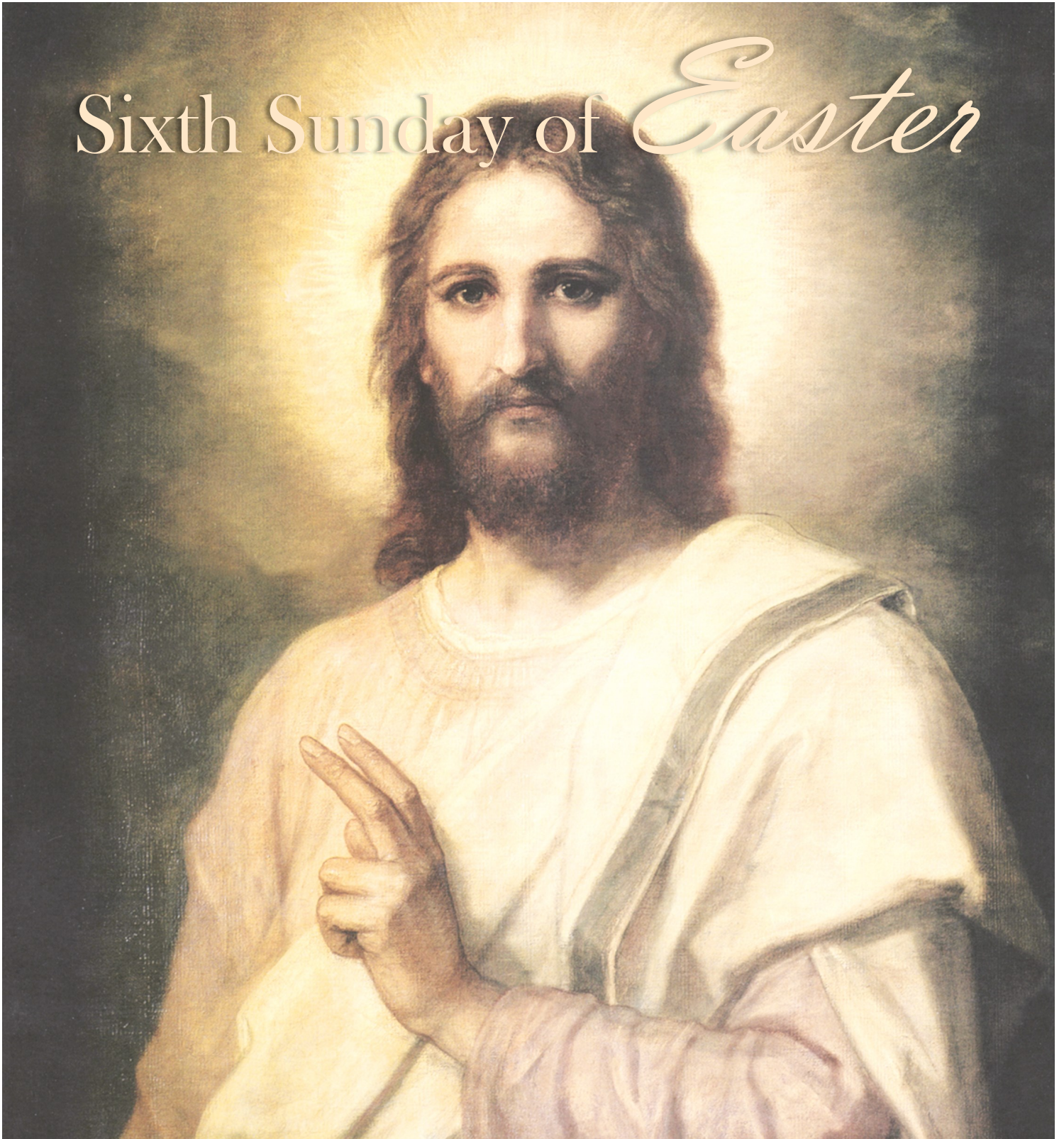


# Sixth Sunday of *Easter*



*Jesus said to his disciples: “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you. Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you.”*

*- John 14:26-27a*

# WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

## MISSION STATEMENT

St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Parish is a community of disciples called to grow in holiness and lead all to the Father through Jesus Christ. United in the Eucharistic Sacrifice and anointed by the Holy Spirit, we reverently celebrate the Liturgy, boldly proclaim the Truth of the Gospel, and courageously lead a life of Christian Love.

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## MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday** 5:30 PM  
**Sunday** 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM  
**Weds. - Friday** 9:00 AM

## CONFESSION

**Thursday** 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM  
**Saturday** 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS

### SUNDAY, MAY 26

- 8:15 AM Toddler Nursery - Parish Center #7  
8:30 AM Mass - Fr. Jim Lee  
10:00 AM RCIA - Parish Hall #3  
11:00 AM Mass - Adrian Doyle Tatum

### MONDAY, MAY 27

**All Parish Offices Closed for Memorial Day**

- 8:30 AM Rosary - Church  
9:00 AM Communion Service

### TUESDAY, MAY 28

- 8:30 AM Rosary - Church  
9:00 AM Communion Service  
9:30 AM Women's Prayer & Share - Parish Center #3  
10:00 AM Spirituality Book Group - Parish Center #2

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

- 8:30 AM Rosary - Church  
9:00 AM Communion Service

### THURSDAY, MAY 30

- 8:30 AM Rosary - Church  
9:00 AM Communion Service  
10:00 AM Adoration - Church  
4:30 PM Youth Choir - Parish Center #5  
5:30 PM Unicycle Club - Basketball Courts

### THURSDAY, MAY 30 (Cont..)

- 5:30 PM NO Confession - Reconciliation Chapel  
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Parish Center #5  
6:20 PM Benediction - Church  
6:45 PM Open Door Prayer Group - Parish Center #3

### FRIDAY, MAY 31

- 8:00 AM Talent Show - Parish Hall  
8:30 AM Rosary - Church  
9:00 AM Mass - Albert Abrejera & Delmark  
Delfin Abrejera †  
5:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Church

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1

- 3:30 PM Confession - Reconciliation Chapel  
5:30 PM Mass - Mark Lawrence &  
James T. Burke †

### SUNDAY, JUNE 2

**Ascension of the Lord**

- 8:15 AM Toddler Nursery - Parish Center #7  
8:30 AM Mass - St. Nicholas Parishioners  
9:30 AM Hospitality Hour - Parish Hall  
11:00 AM Mass - Betty Salter Doyle  
2:45 PM 15 Decade Rosary - Church  
5:00 PM Youth Group - Parish Center #1 & #3  
5:00 PM Youth Group - Parish Hall & Church

**All Parish Offices will be Closed on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, for Memorial Day!**

## DAILY READINGS



### SUNDAY, MAY 26

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29; Ps 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8; Rv 21: 10-14, 22-23;  
Jn 14: 23-29

### MONDAY, MAY 27

Acts 16: 11-15; Ps 149: 1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15: 26—16: 4a

### TUESDAY, MAY 28

Acts 16: 22-34; Ps 138: 1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16: 5-11

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

Acts 17: 15, 22—18: 1; Ps 148: 1-2, 11-14; Jn 16: 12-15

### THURSDAY, MAY 30

Acts 18: 1-8; Ps 98: 1-4; Jn 16: 16-20

### FRIDAY, MAY 31

Rom 12: 9-16; (Ps) Is 12: 2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Lk 1: 39-56

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Acts: 18: 23-28; Ps 47: 2-3, 8-10; Jn 16: 23b-28

### SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Acts 1: 1-11; Ps 47: 2-3, 6-9; Eph 1: 17-23; Lk 24: 46-53



6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter JN 14:23-29

The concept of hospitality is fundamental to a discipleship way of life. When we envision hospitality, we naturally think of offering a sincere and warm welcome — to those new to our parish, for instance. We picture inviting them in and making them feel at home and at ease in our presence, communicating to them that they are highly valued. Today’s Gospel reading from John invites us to think of hospitality in a slightly different way. In it, we hear Jesus speaking this to his disciples: “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.”

*Jesus is asking that we permit the Blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us.*

Jesus is asking that we permit the Blessed Trinity to come and dwell within us. This is a stunning request. It tells us that our first and most privileged form of hospitality should be directed towards God Himself. How does one show hospitality to God? How do we make God “at home and at ease” within us? How can we communicate to God that He is “highly valued” by us? Jesus tells us how: we are to keep His word, to follow His teachings. In order to keep His word, we must know His word. This takes discipline and effort on our part. We must make study of Scripture and Church teaching a priority in our daily lives. This can be done in small and simple ways. Perhaps you can commit to setting your alarm 10 minutes early to meditate on the day’s Gospel. Perhaps you could read a paragraph of the Catechism with your family at dinner. You could pray over a portion of the Psalms before going to bed at night. You can join (or start!) a Bible study right here at our parish. There are many ways to grow in knowledge and love of God’s word.



Over time, these simple practices can radically change one’s life. We will begin to more easily think like Jesus, respond like Jesus, and live like Jesus. We really will form our minds, hearts and souls into a place where the Blessed Trinity is pleased to dwell.

How is this possible? Because we have an Unseen Teacher with us as we seek to know and keep God’s word. Later, in this same Gospel passage, Jesus tells us so: “The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” Ask the Holy Spirit to show you when and how you can get to know God’s word in your particular circumstances and then commit to it!

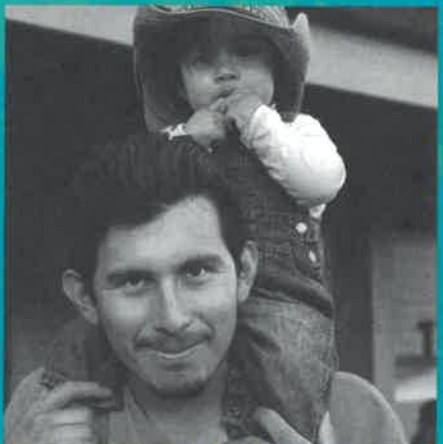
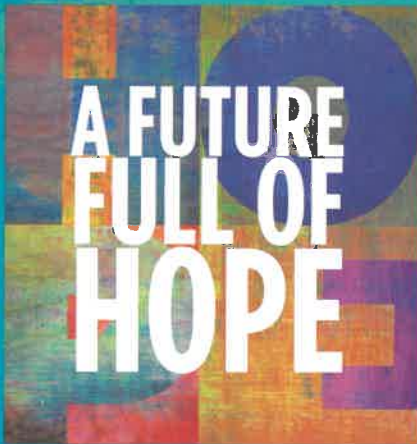
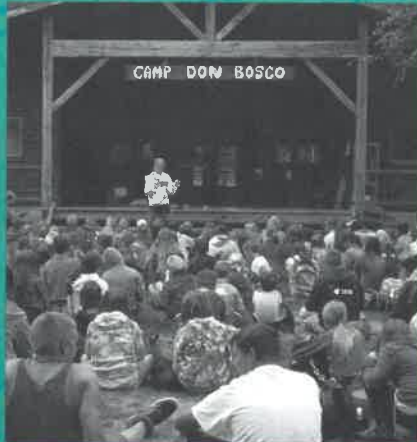
If we want our parish to be a place of genuine Christian hospitality, we must be sure that our own hearts are hospitable dwelling places for the Blessed Trinity. Then, our smiles and words, our greetings and ministries, will radiate with the warmth of God’s love. And, our parish family will become at least a little bit like Heaven on earth. This is the simplicity and glory of the discipleship’s way of life.

God bless you,

*Fr. Mark*

Fr. Mark Guzman, Pastor

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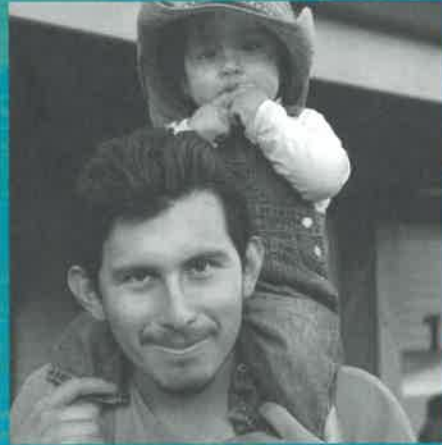
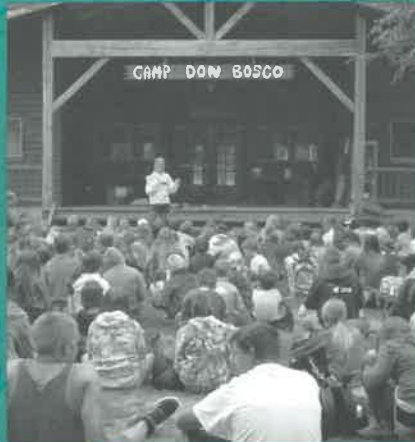
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## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?



Do you have questions about Catholicism? Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? Would you like to receive Baptism, Confirmation, or Communion? Just Curious?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you!

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process and journey whereby adults and children over the age of seven are welcomed into the Catholic Church. The RCIA consists of a series of weekly sessions devoted to preparing inquirers to be received fully into the Catholic Church at Easter.

Join us for Summer gatherings on the last Sunday of the Month at 10:00 AM in Parish Hall on May 26th, June 30th, July 28th, and Aug 25th. For more information, please contact David Charboneau at (253) 649-4240 or [david@stnicholascc.org](mailto:david@stnicholascc.org).

## DISCIPLESHIP ALL-AGES CATECHESIS REGISTRATION

Registration for "Discipleship" All-Ages Catechesis is now open! To learn more, visit [www.stnicholascc.org/catechesis](http://www.stnicholascc.org/catechesis) or contact David Charboneau, at (253) 649-4240 or [david@stnicholascc.org](mailto:david@stnicholascc.org).

## MAKING A GOOD CONFESSION

Do you feel drawn to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, but aren't sure how to prepare? Has it been a long time since you've gone, and you are hesitant to go? A Great resource for Encouragement is



<https://goodconfession.com/>. Check it out!

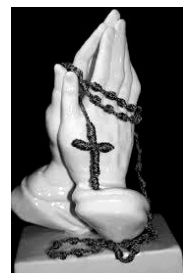
## LISTEN IN



Looking for something fun, informative, and holy to listen to during your commute? Check out "Catholic Stuff You Should Know," a weekly podcast hosted by priests of the Archdiocese of Denver

<https://catholicstuffpodcast.com/>.

## DAILY ROSARY



Every morning, we begin our day at St. Nicholas by honoring our Blessed Mother and mediating on the life of her son in the mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Join us to ask for her powerful intercession!

Daily Rosary: Monday—Friday, 8:30 AM

15 Decade Rosary: First Sunday of the month, 2:45 PM.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop



St. Augustine, born in the first third of the sixth century, was a Benedictine monk and was named the first archbishop of Canterbury in 598. He was prior of a monastery in Rome when St. Gregory the Great, after seeing blonde Saxon slaves in the market, chose him to lead a mission to England. Augustine worked in Kent in the south of England, and once he converted King Aethelberht, the rest of Kent followed. He died in 604 and was buried in the abbey church at Canterbury, which became a place of pilgrimage. The shrine was destroyed and the relics were lost during the English Reformation.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

To our second grade class on receiving their first Holy Communion!

## WE ARE HIRING!

We have several open positions for the 2019-2020 school year:



- Kindergarten Teacher (Full-time)
- Second Grade Teacher (Full-time)
- Music Teacher (Part-time)
- Recess Monitor (Part-time)

Please visit [www.ocsw.org](http://www.ocsw.org) and click on "employment," for more details. Candidates may also email Davin Reyes, Principal, at [dreyes@sncsg.org](mailto:dreyes@sncsg.org).

## SPIRIT WEAR NOW AVAILABLE

Our new spirit wear website just launched, and you can now order sweatshirts, t-shirts, hats and more to show your support and school pride.

Ideal Uniforms will manage our new spirit wear program as well as the new uniforms we will transition to in the fall. To purchase, visit



<https://school.icuniforms.com/t/st-nicholas-school-uniforms>



Our eighth grade class and middle school staff enjoyed games, group activities, and plenty of outdoor time at Camp Don Basco.





STEWARDSHIP Mary Shelton, Pastoral Administrator

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## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your generosity as of May 26, 2019

Stewardship	\$	15,522
Online Stewardship	\$	5,283
Children	\$	60
Loose	\$	1,340
<u>Total Weekly</u>	\$	<u>22,205</u>

Total Year to Date Offerings	\$	1,042,013
Year to Date Budget	\$	1,020,047
<u>Over Budget</u>	\$	<u>21,966</u>

Holy Days	\$	0
<u>Total Year to Date</u>	\$	<u>44,581</u>

Building Fund	\$	5
<u>Total Year to Date</u>	\$	<u>14,831</u>



## ST. NICHOLAS OF TOLENTINO FESTIVAL 2019

We are looking for members to join the Festival Committee or to volunteer at the actual event. This year's festival will be held September 7, 2019. If you are looking to share your talents to help make the 2019 St. Nicholas of Tolentino Festival the best one yet, please contact Mary Shelton in the Parish Office at [Mary@stnicholascc.org](mailto:Mary@stnicholascc.org).

### NEW TO THE PARISH?

Are you new to the parish? Registration forms can be found online at <https://www.stnicholascc.org/new>, in the Narthex of the Church or in the Parish Office. Completed forms can be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at via at (253) 851- 8850 or via email [office@stnicholasgigharbor.org](mailto:office@stnicholasgigharbor.org).



### ARE YOU MOVING?

If you recently moved or are planning on moving, please don't forget to update your address here at the parish. We want to make sure that any parish mailings get to you. Please contact the Parish Office to notify us of any changes to your address or contact information. Thank you!

## OUR PARISH GOAL AND RESTROOM REMODEL PROJECT



This year, our Annual Catholic Appeal parish goal set by the Archdiocese is \$184,486. Once we reach that goal, we can aim for our "stretch goal" of \$63,195. We will be using the funds from our stretch goal to remodel our church restrooms!

The renovated restrooms will include re-glazed tile wainscoting and paint, new flooring, new doors, new toilets, grab bars, and partitions as well as sinks, countertops, and lighting.

Your contributions, generosity, and prayers are deeply appreciated, much needed and make a real difference in the lives of many. Please remember the cause of the Annual Catholic Appeal in your prayers.

## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Get to know the members of our parish family! Would you like to be interviewed? Or would you like to nominate someone to be featured?  
For more information, contact Margaret Betts: [margaret@stnicholascc.org](mailto:margaret@stnicholascc.org)

### JUNE ALNAJJAR



#### **Where did you grow up? Tell us a little about your background.**

I grew up in Burlington, Vermont, a university town on Lake Champlain. I was the youngest of five children. My Dad, the oldest of nine was brought up Catholic by his native American grandmother and french grandfather. My French mom became Catholic when she was a teenager, and her excitement for the faith was contagious. As a family, we went to church regularly. Holiday traditions were very important to my mom, and she made every holy day special. I can remember how challenging it was for me, though, not to say a word on Good Friday afternoons from 1-3 pm, a Catholic custom back then. One of my fondest memories of my childhood years was seeing my mom and dad get down on their knees every night to pray. My faith blossomed because of the experiences I had at home.

Looking back, one of the greatest gifts I received was attending Catholic school for both my grammar and high school years. After I graduated from business college, I went to Washington D.C. to work for a couple of years. Although it was very exciting to meet girls from all over the United States, I eventually became lonesome for my home and my sister's growing family. I told my parents, "I'm done being adventurous!" A

job with the CIA sounded exciting, but my heart wasn't really in it.

About six months after returning to Vermont, I met Mikhail at a St. Michael's College basketball game (the college he attended). After halftime, this cute guy sat on the bench right in front of me and kept asking me questions about the players. Unbeknownst to my Dad, who was also in attendance, I gave Mikhail my phone number before leaving that night. Forty-one years later I am still married to my dearest friend.


During our courting years I drove a new Chevrolet Camaro, and I remember my mom sitting Mikhail down one day asking: "You're not just dating my daughter for her car... are you?" To say the least, I felt embarrassed! We waited to get married until his last year of college. My parents thought we were too young, but my Dad said, "Well, if you can show me a budget and prove to me that the two of you can make it financially, you can get married." So we did!

How did we make ends meet? I'm not really sure, but I do know God was with us. To earn extra money, I typed many of Mikhail's friends' graduate papers on an electric typewriter. It was crazy, but we were young and loved being together, even if money was tight. We had our first two children while Mikhail was still in Graduate school. Crazy I know! We pinched pennies and lived in a tiny place. During the day, I went to work and he stayed home with our first child, and did his studies and writing while she napped. When I arrived home, he would go off to night school. We improvised and had a great time, even in the midst of all the chaos. One time squirrels broke through our suspended ceiling right before Christmas! They knocked over our tree, and our kitchen was a total disaster! One of Mikhail's science professors offered to come over and set traps! My advice for young couples today is, "just laugh yourself through the little setbacks life brings."

#### **How did you balance working, church, and family life?**

By the grace of God! Our generous Heavenly Father put people in our lives at just the right time, and with His help, we found a way to do it all. Family was the most important thing to both of us, and we tried to live our faith in action for our kids. While our three children were all still under the age of thirteen, we decided as a family to become foster parents. The first child we took in was a 16-year-old pregnant Black-Hispanic girl. We were always very pro-life, and we wanted to do something concrete to show our kids we really meant it. She stayed with us, delivered her baby, and decided to keep her baby. She was so strong and determined, and eventually reconciled with her own mom and returned home.

A few years later we took in an 11-year-old Korean girl as well as a 7-year-old Hispanic boy who had both experienced rough lives. It was never easy, but it was good to be able to help. I know that time spent with our foster children made our own kids want to help other struggling kids in their future careers. Our oldest daughter is now a psychologist and school counselor for junior high kids that are incarcerated. Our son works with youth at the YMCA, and our youngest is a director of her division in public health.



Sure, there were times when all the activities we were involved with were overwhelming, but we felt so strong as a family, and we wanted to do it. Fostering was not only good for the kids we were helping, but also good for our own family. When you're being asked to do more by God and you say "yes," you receive so much more in return. We were blessed 100 times over for opening up our home and lives to God's unexpected plans for us.

### **What brought you to Gig Harbor?**

Our children and grandchildren all currently live on this side of the Cascades, so as soon as Mikhail retired, our kids sent us on a bed-and-breakfast tour of the Peninsula and Puget Sound. The pressure was on to find the best place for us to settle; finding the right church was the most important thing to us. So, we attended Mass at several churches in the area.

Then we came to St. Nicholas. After Mass, I looked at Mikhail and said, "Honey, I think this is it." What I noticed right away was the reverence of the people here. It was tangible. That was it; it was an easy transition after that. I tell everybody I meet, "One year ago, we had never even heard of Gig Harbor, and now it is our beloved home."

### **Do you have any favorite saints?**

My favorite saint is St. Maria Goretti. I could never figure out as a young person how she could be as strong and brave as she was to try fight off her assailant. I wanted to be that holy, that strong. I was in awe of her, and aspired to be like her. I took her name as my confirmation name, and have always felt close to her.

### **What are some things you do to keep your faith alive?**

Back when I was a young mom, I remember getting the Liguorian magazine in the mail. I would read it from cover to cover as soon as it arrived. Taking time for spiritual reading continues to feed my faith. I love learning, and I love reading Scripture. I also like taking time out for retreats. When we first started making retreats together as a couple, I loved it. Any time I could be alone with Mikhail for a few days was heaven for me! We eventually lead marriage retreats in the Yakima Diocese for about 7 years. We learned a lot about priests when we were leading retreats, and would invite them over to our house often. They also accompanied us on Marriage Encounter family camping trips, where they would say Mass for all of us outdoors. Our kids were really blessed by that. Some of our best conversations with priests took place in informal settings like this, sitting around a campfire together.

### **Do you have a favorite Bible verse?**

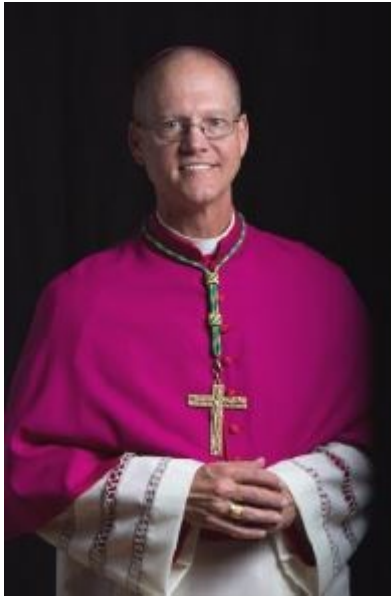
After one of our marriage encounter retreats, a couple gave us a beautiful framed picture for our home of an open Bible with a beautiful rose laid against it. It reads, "Love one another as I have loved you." (John 13:34) This picture was very meaningful when we received it, and it still means the world to us.

### **How do you like to spend your time?**

I love people. And I love coffee. Back in the Tri-Cities, six girlfriends and I "belonged" to a coffee lovers group. We met years ago in a popular saints class at our parish. Studying a saint of our choosing for an entire year allowed our group to really delve deeply into the life of the saint, their writings, and what other people wrote about them. And, of course, as women do, we also talked about everything else going on in our lives, and how each of us related to the saint. Over the years, we also attended retreats and vacationed together. What a blessing this group of strong women has been in my life.

### **Do you have any special devotions?**

From the time I was a little girl, I loved our family bible. Ours sat in our living room on the coffee table, and I picked it up often to study all the pictures of the Holy Land and read the beautiful stories. But never in my wildest imagination did I ever picture myself there. When an opportunity arose for me to go for a visit a few years ago, I was in a "kind of a daze" until we boarded our plane in Seattle for Tel Aviv. On the long flight, I pinched myself often to make sure it was truly happening, and I wasn't dreaming it all up! My experiences in Holy Land were extraordinary. It is really hard to describe to someone who has never been how amazing it is. Walking on the path where Jesus traveled was overwhelming, and riding on a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee with the wind in my face was a total "mind blower" for me. In fact, I'm signed up to go again in March of 2020, and can't wait. What a great blessing. I hope that everyone can one day experience this incredible journey. It is certainly the most daring thing I have ever done. But, of course, following God's will for me has always been "quite adventurous."



### MASS OF RECEPTION FOR ARCHBISHOP ETIENNE

Friday, June 7, 2:00 pm  
St. James Cathedral  
804 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle

Archbishop J. Peter Sartain invites the people of the Archdiocese to join in this special celebration to receive Archbishop Paul D. Etienne as Coadjutor Archbishop of Seattle.

A public reception will follow at O'Dea High School, located on the east side of the Cathedral. All are welcome!

### JOIN US FOR ADORATION



Did you know that St. Nicholas Catholic Church offers adoration and benediction every Thursday from 10:00 AM - 6:20 PM?

We are always looking for volunteers to help. If you can't commit once a week maybe you could be a sub to fill in when some else can't.

If you like to be a substitute or have a permanent time please contact Christopher Polinsky in the Parish Office at (253) 851-8850 or [chris@stnicholasc.org](mailto:chris@stnicholasc.org).



### The 2019 Maritime Gig Festival

### 48<sup>th</sup> Annual "Blessing of the Fleet Celebration"

At Skansie Brothers Park and Netshed  
Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 PM

Presented by Saint Nicholas Catholic Church & The Knights of Columbus.

This year we are most humbled to have as our guest of honor:

Most Reverend Daniel H. Mueggenborg  
Who will also be Presiding at the 11:00 AM Mass

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOSPITALITY HOUR

We are looking for friendly and outgoing parishioners to help with Coffee and Donuts on Sundays after the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Mass'.



If you can spare some time once a month that would greatly help out our weekly ministry. For More Information please contact Ronni Wight at (360) 981-3342.

thank you!

The St. Nicholas Catholic Church would like to thank our Nursery Coordinator Christina Medina all her help and time here at St. Nicholas. She has decided to move on. So this weekend stop the Nursery and Wish Her Well.

## CHURCH ORGAN

Musicians out there that are in need of a Church Organ? The Facilities Steward is looking for a new home for 2 Electric Organs.

If you know of any congregations, schools or groups that are in need. Please contact Mark Macleod at (253) 649-4273 or [markmac@stnicholascc.org](mailto:markmac@stnicholascc.org).

## HELP WANTED

Are you looking for a Part-Time Summer job? The Facilities Steward is looking for someone to assist in campus maintenance, lawn mowing etc.

If interested contact Mark Macleod at (253) 649-4273 or [markmac@stnicholascc.org](mailto:markmac@stnicholascc.org) or Parish Administrator Mary Shelton at (253) 948-3396 or [mary@stnicholascc.org](mailto:mary@stnicholascc.org).

## 15-DECADE ROSARY FOR LIFE

Please join other parishioners in Church on Sunday, June 2nd, at 2:45 PM for the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by the 15-Decade Rosary for Life at 3:00 PM. Be enfolded and uplifted by our Lord's tremendous mercy and our Blessed Mother's love as we dedicate these prayers to a greater respect for all human life. We look forward to praying with you. Questions? Call Linda Goodman at (253) 851-3624.



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY



We are in need of the following items, pasta-roni, hamburger helper, spaghetti (pasta), canned spaghetti sauce, jelly, popcorn, packaged potatoes, and shampoo. Thank you for your continued support!

## MINISTERS NEEDED

Ministers are needed to bring Holy Communion to local assisted living and nursing homes. Teams of two leave after the 8:30 Mass and visit the sick and elderly in these facilities. You



would be assigned to this ministry every 4-6 weeks and it takes about an hour and half of your time. The people we visit are always happy to see the ministers from St. Nicholas

and eager to receive Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Training will be provided. Please prayerfully consider being a part of this special ministry where we are given the opportunity to be the "hands and feet and heart of Jesus." Please contact Deacon Dale for further information at (253) 851-5035 or [deacondale@stnicholascc.org](mailto:deacondale@stnicholascc.org).

## NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING



In order to truly trust God, you have to trust Him in every aspect of your life – including your family planning. Natural Family planning can help you prayerfully discern what His will is for your family, and is more safe, healthy, effective, and morally acceptable

than using contraception! To learn more visit [www.live-the-love.org](http://www.live-the-love.org) or call Chris or Christine Ryalls at (253) 851-7445.

## ATTENTION BULLETIN OR FUTURE BULLETIN ADVERTISERS

Thank you to all the businesses that have supported the weekly bulletin through advertising.



If you have a business and wish to support our Parish by advertising in

the bulletin, please call Michelle Jacobs at (253) 229-6354 or email [Michellej@catholicprintery.com](mailto:Michellej@catholicprintery.com).

## INCENSE ALERT



Incense will be used on Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> for the "Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord". Saturday mass will be incense free.

## WW FORWARD CLUB

There will be NO meeting the month of MAY due to the Holidays, Mother's Day and Memorial Day weekend and other factors. We will celebrate the May birthdays at our June 29th meeting. Any questions, please call Judy Durand at (253) 857-3900.

## NO HOSPITALITY HOUR

Hospitality Hour will be chanced this weekend due to Memorial Day Weekend. We look forward to seeing you all the following weekend.

## PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a confidential ministry of Catholic Community Services for anyone who desires healing after being impacted by abortion. This includes the mothers and fathers of children lost to abortion, grandparents and other relatives, health care providers, and many others. Abortion crosses all boundaries of religion, race, age and socio-economic position. Project Rachel's mission is to provide a confidential and compassionate ministry that offers resources for spiritual, emotional, and psychological healing to anyone who has been impacted by abortion regardless of faith background. We strive to convey God's forgiveness and mercy in order to restore and empower lives. Call 1-888-456-HOPE for information or assistance.



project rachel  
Peace starts here

## TIME TO DOWNSIZE?



The Facilities Team is looking for a used Lawn Mower to help maintain our 9 acres.

If you have one please contact Mark McLeod at [markmac@stnicholascc.org](mailto:markmac@stnicholascc.org) or (253) 649-4273 or Larry Roemmich at (253) 851-6345.



Unfortunately we are suspending the nursery service through the summer with the last sessions this weekend May 26. We apologize for any inconvenience and for the last minute announcement. Please check the bulletin for more information later on the summer about our Nursery.

## ST. NICHOLAS ALTAR SERVERS

Altar servers assist the priest during masses and special celebrations. Altar servers are registered members of St. Nicholas



Catholic Church, are baptized & have received First Communion. Boys & girls, men & women may be Altar Servers. If you have a desire in your heart to be an Altar Server we welcome you to become a part of this ministry. Training is required and will be provided several times throughout the year.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, please contact Mark or Corinne McKibben at (253) 858-2920 or [markmck@stnicholascc.org](mailto:markmck@stnicholascc.org) for more information.



## ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?

The "Lost and Found" boxes in the Parish Office and the Narthex are getting full. There are numerous items Please check to see if what you have lost could be there! We will be cleaning out these boxes mid - June, so please stop by.

## MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Mental illnesses are far more common than cancer, diabetes, heart disease or arthritis. Our faith communities can be an important part of the recovery process through education, support and by helping individuals and families feel part of a caring community.



Find resources for you and your community contact the Archdiocese of Seattle - Mental Health Ministry at [www.facebook.com/mentalhealthministry](http://www.facebook.com/mentalhealthministry).

## NATIONAL SUICIDE HOTLINE

We can all help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

**1-800-273-8255**



## MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY- JOIN US FOR TH ROSARY

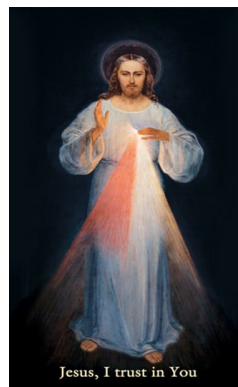
The month of May is a special time for us Catholics to pay homage to our Blessed Mothers Mary. We pray the Rosary as a parish every morning at 8:30 AM, Monday - Friday. All are welcome to join us.

*“Devotion to Mary is not spiritual etiquette; it is a requirement of the Christian life. The gift of the Mother, the gift of every mother and every woman, is most precious of the Church, for she too is mother and woman.” - Pope Francis*

## PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Our parish directories are still available for pickup in the Parish Office! If you had your picture taken for the directory, you are eligible to pick up a copy reserved for you through **Sunday, May 26th**. If you do not pick up your directory by May 26th, we will begin distributing the extra copies to the names on our wait list. If you have any questions, please contact Christopher Polinsky at [chris@stnicholascc.org](mailto:chris@stnicholascc.org) or (253) 851-8850.

## CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY



Please join us in Church on Friday evenings at 5:00 PM to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for each other, our parish, and a world in need of God's mercy and salvation. Through St. Faustina, our Blessed Lord promises souls who pray the Chaplet and trust in His unfathomable mercy, endless graces. It's a blessed way to begin your weekend and takes about 20 minutes.

Remember. Christ can never be outdone in His generosity.

## WSCC ADVOCACY NETWORK

The Washington State Catholic Conference is the public policy voice of the Bishops of Washington. The WSCC Advocacy Network is an easy way for Catholics to keep up on current congressional and state legislative matters of importance to Catholics. Learn more at [www.wacatholics.org/](http://www.wacatholics.org/).

## ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

Please patronize the businesses advertised on the back page of this bulletin. Their support allows Catholic Printery to print this bulletin at no cost to the Parish. When you patronize these businesses let them know that you saw their ad in our bulletin. Advertiser of the week is: [Mountain View Funeral Home](http://MountainViewFuneralHome.com).





In a special way on Memorial Day, we remember the many men and women who have served our country.

Please remember in your prayers all those who have given their lives to protect and defend our freedom.

To add or remove a name from the active duty Troops & First Responders list, write to: [margaret@stnicholascc.org](mailto:margaret@stnicholascc.org)



### MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

Gracious God,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom.

May the examples of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with Your strength and peace.

In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We ask this through your name.

Amen.

### THANK YOU, ACTIVE DUTY TROOPS & FIRST RESPONDERS

CR Leonardo Bruno Rueda Adaro, USN

Lance Corporal Thomas S. Arnesen, USMC

COL Lawrence "Larry" Bielstein, USAF (ret)

Captain Claire Betterbed, USA

Captain Elizabeth Betterbed, USA

Lieutenant Tommy Betterbed, DMD USN

SSG Dane Betts, USA

Julianna P. Haven, Critical Care Nurse

Nathan Haven, EMT

SGT Mitchell Jeffers, USMC, Force Reconnaissance

2nd Lieutenant Joseph Keenan, USMC

LCDR Matt Kokkeler, USN

SFC Ryan Kraeger, USA

Master Sergeant Justin Patrick Mansfield

SSgt Dakota K-R Moist, USMC

Airman First Class Liam Morris

Staff Sergeant Jason Naputi

Master Sergeant Merideth Naputi

PFC Tyler Munn

James R. Olson, Firefighter/Paramedic

Jason R. Olson, Tacoma Police Officer/Pierce County Search and Rescue

1st Lieutenant Casey Peloquin, USAF

PFC Graham Potter

Glenn Rogers, GHFD Firefighter/EMT

Lt. Col. Jim Routt, USAF (Ret)

MIDN 3/C Will Ryan, USN

Cpl. Austin L Rudy, USMC

Patrick R. Sam, Gig Harbor Police Officer

Captain Kimberly Sandberg, USN

Joe and Linda Siegel

Eric Waters, Division Chief, Gig Harbor Fire Department