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and how I wish it were already blazing!” –Luke 12:49



St. Nicholas
CATHOLIC PARISH

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

SERVICES & SACRAMENTS

Sacramental Emergencies: (253) 549-1954
Archdiocese of Seattle: (206) 382-4560
Gig Harbor Police Department: (253) 851-2236
St. Vincent de Paul Assistance: (253) 851-0554
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THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 AM Festival Sign Up - Breezeway
8:30 AM Mass - Chris Goodman
9:30 AM Hospitality Hour - Parish Hall
11:00 AM Mass - Chris Wholey

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
8:30 AM Prayer & Share Group - Parish Center #3
9:00 AM Communion Service
4:00 PM Festival Meeting - Parish Office

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Mass - Colleen Newburg †

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Mass - Elsa Putzier †
10:00 AM Adoration - Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22 (CONTINUED)

5:30 PM 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, AUGUST 23

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Mass - Cecelia & Tom Soran †
5:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Church

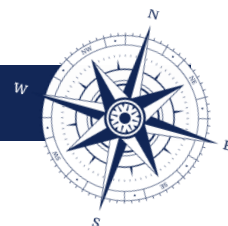
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

9:00 AM Baptism Class - Parish Center #3
3:30 PM Confession - Reconciliation Chapel
5:00 PM Festival Sign Up - Breezeway
5:30 PM Mass - Jean Olson †
6:00 PM Back to School Ice-Cream Social - Parish Hall

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

8:00 AM Festival Sign Up - Breezeway
8:30 AM Mass - Benjamin & Reyna Reyes †
9:30 AM Hospitality Hour - Parish Hall
10:00 AM RCIA - Parish Center #3
11:00 AM Mass - St. Nicholas Parishioners

DAILY READINGS



SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

Jer 38: 4-6, 8-10; Ps 40: 2-4, 18; Heb 12: 1-4; Lk 12: 49-53

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

Jgs 2: 11-19; Ps 106: 34-37, 39-40, 43ab-44; Mt 19: 16-22

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

Jgs 6: 11-24a; Ps 85: 9, 11-14; Mt 19: 23-30

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Jgs 9: 6-15; Ps 21: 2-7; Mt 20: 1-16

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Jgs 11: 29-39a; Ps 40: 5, 7-10; Mt 22: 1-14

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

Ru 1: 1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146: 5-10; Mt 22: 34-40

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

Rv 21: 9b-14; Ps 145: 10-13ab, 17-18; Jn 1: 45-51

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Is 66: 18-21; Ps 117: 1-2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13: 22-30



Today's readings set a high bar for us Christian disciples, reminding us that a discipleship way of life is meant to be a challenging way of life. The bar is set immediately, beginning in the first verse of our Old Testament reading from Jeremiah: The king is told, "Jeremiah ought to be put to death" for "demoralizing" the people. What had Jeremiah been doing to merit such a punishment? He was speaking out against corruption and unjust treatment of the poor. For speaking God's truth to those around him, Jeremiah gets thrown into a cistern where he is left to die. Later in the passage we learn that the king relents and sends someone to rescue Jeremiah from the cistern. Even so, some thanks he gets for preaching God's word!



In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we are told to live as Christ lived. And how did Christ live? "For the sake of the joy that lay before Him, He endured the cross." If we are tempted to complain about the sufferings we must endure in living as Christ's disciples, we are told, "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood." In other words, "If you're not bleeding, what are you complaining about?" That is quite a high bar!

The Gospel reading from Luke continues this challenging theme. Our Lord tells His disciples "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing." A couple of verses later Jesus adds, "Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Jesus's life on this earth and the message He brought were not meant to simply make us feel good. In fact, His words can make us downright uncomfortable at times. That's because His Good News (and it is indeed good news!) Is meant to change us, to make saints of us.

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Another verse in our second reading encourages us to embrace this challenging way of life. "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [our big brothers and sisters, the saints] let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us while keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith."

The discipleship way of life helps us to stay in good racing shape. By putting God first in all areas of our lives, we rid ourselves of the burden and sinfulness of over-attachment to our selves and our things. We get lean and fit and strong for the long race to Heaven. We begin to look and act more like Jesus, the leader and perfecter of faith. The Christian disciple's way of life sets a high bar indeed. But deeply embraced, this way of life focused on God and others will make us the saints we are called to be.

God bless you,

Fr. Mark Guzman, Pastor



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NEED SACRAMENTS?

Baptism Prep Class: Preparation for parents and god parents. Saturday, Aug 24th at 9 AM in the Parish Hall. Contact david@stnicholascc.org for more information.

Baptism, Confirmation, and 1st Communion programs for adults, teens, and children are starting soon! david@stnicholascc.org for more information

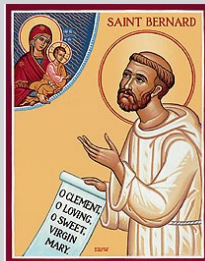
DISCIPLESHIP ALL-AGES CATECHESIS REGISTRATION

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

St. Bernard (1090-1153) joined the Cistercian Abbey at Cîteaux, known for its strict and austere way of life. Within a short time he was noticed for his leadership; hence he was appointed abbot of a new monastery at Clairvaux. His monastic vision at Clairvaux led to the foundation of several monasteries throughout France, Britain, and Ireland. In solitude he wrote numerous theological and spiritual classics, including his treatise *On Loving God*, eighty-six sermons on the Song of Songs, and a major work *On Consideration*, a reflection on papal spirituality. St. Bernard had a special devotion to Mary, earning him the titles "Our Lady's faithful chaplain" and "Mary's harper." Due to his abundant writing and influence upon the Church, he was declared a Doctor of the Church.



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GOSPEL OF MARK BIBLE STUDY

Curious to learn more about the Gospel of Mark? In this engaging eighteen-week study, join Fr. Patrick Winslow, JCL, and Michael Pakaluk, PhD, as they examine this compelling introduction to the Christ. This year's parish bible study will run from September through May at the following times:

Thursday mornings for Men & Women in the Parish Hall from 10:00-11:30 AM beginning September 12, 2019

Wednesday evenings for Men in the Parish Hall From 6:00-8:00 PM beginning September 11, 2019

Sunday evenings during the DisciplesSHIP All-Ages Catechesis program from 5:00-7:00 PM.

We invite you to register after all weekend Masses on August 17 and 18, 2019 at the sign-up table in the breezeway. If you have questions, please call Corinne McQuade at (253) 265-3547 for the Thursday morning men and women's sessions or Roger Croteau at (253) 851-3251 for the Wednesday evening men's sessions.

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 Aug 25th. For more information, please contact David Charboneau at (253) 649-4240 or david@stnicholascc.org.



STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

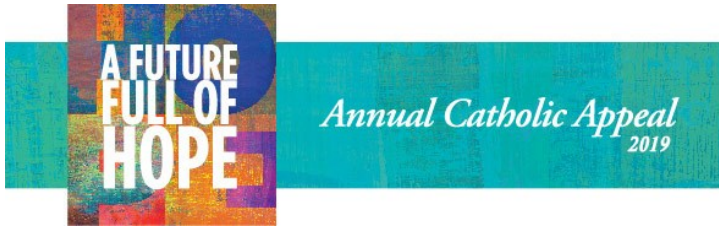
For the week of August 7th—13th, 2019

Stewardship	\$	33,070
Online Stewardship	\$	6,267
Children	\$	14
Loose	\$	1,120
<u>Total Weekly</u>	\$	<u>40,471</u>

Total Year to Date Offerings	\$	165,294
Year to Date Budget	\$	141,767
<u>Over Budget</u>	\$	<u>23,527</u>

Holy Days	\$	0
<u>Total Year to Date</u>	\$	<u>0</u>
Building Fund	\$	0

<u>Total Year to Date</u>	\$	<u>2,665</u>
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2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

THANK YOU to the 398 families that contributed to our Annual Campaign. Our reports show that we have received pledges totaling \$ 184,486 = 108% of our goal.

Pledges can be made online through the Archdiocese website (<https://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Stewardship/ACA/Donate.aspx>). All donations received in excess of our assigned Archdiocesan goal will be rebated to the parish. Please contact Mary Shelton in the Parish Office if you have any questions regarding the 2019 Annual Catholic Appeal.

TOLENTINO FESTIVAL 2019

We are excited for our Annual St. Nicholas of Tolentino Festival, September 7, 2019! We hope you can join us!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Particularly in these areas:

- Diswashers
- Take down and Clean Up

We have dedicated time slots to each role. If you are able to lend your assistance, it would help the success of this event greatly! You can sign up online at stnicholascc.org/festival.

DESSERTS: We are also asking for everyone in attendance if they can contribute a dessert for the event. Please have a small card that lists main contents for allergy purposes.

We are also calling all ministries to showcase their group at our Ministry Fair. Please contact Mary Shelton at mary@stnicholascc.org for more info. Thank you!

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Are you new to the parish? You can register online at <https://www.stnicholascc.org/new> or pick one up in the in the Narthex of the Church, during welcome Sundays or the Parish Office.

You may ask "Why should I register?". Registering allows the Parish to better plan for ministry programs offered as well as allowing the Archdiocese to plan for the needs of our Parish based on how many families our Parish ministers to.

Completed forms can be mailed or dropped off at the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket.



SCRIP SUMMER HOURS

During August, SCRIP will be available on Tuesdays, from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM, in the Development office on campus. I am also available on Sundays in the parish hall after the 8:30 mass.

If you need to make special arrangements for pick up, or to place a special order, please call me and we will work it out.

All summer purchases are applied to the 2019-2020 school year requirement. Judy McFarland (253) 265-3260.

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE IN OUR PRESCHOOL CLASSES

Register Now!

We have had a few last minute openings throughout our different preschool programs (2's, 3's and 4's) for the 2019-20 school year. Don't miss the opportunity to register your child! Email kheins@sncsgh.org or call 253-858-7632 for a tour and registration information.



Please join us
09.21.2019
5:30 - 8:30 PM
for the *Guardian Angel*
Dinner in the Vineyard
at Olalla Vineyard & Winery

JOIN US FOR DINNER IN THE VINEYARD

Saturday, August 21 from 5:30-8:30 pm at the Olalla Vineyard & Winery, in support of our Guardian Angel tuition assistance program. Enjoy a lovely evening of music, gourmet food and delicious wine. Ticket and sponsorship information is available here at:

<https://stnicholascs.ejoinme.org/MyEventsDinnerintheVineyard2019>

SAVE THE DATE!

Preschool/Pre-K Popsicle Pow Wow

Friday, August 23rd at 11:00 AM on the school playground.

For incoming preschool and pre-k families.

PTO Welcome Back Ice Cream Social & Information Fair

Tentatively set for Saturday, August 24th right after 5:30 PM

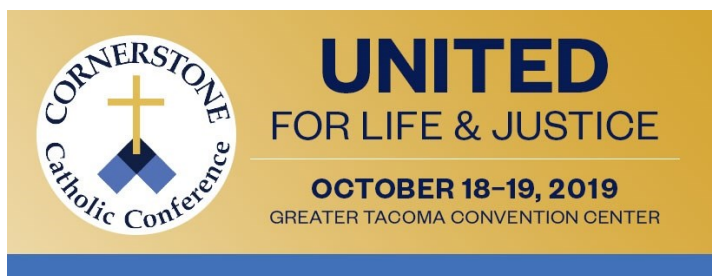
Mass, in the Parish Hall.



ADORATION
of the
BLESSED
SACRAMENT

Come visit Our Lord every Thursday

9:30 AM - 6:20 PM



The 2019 Cornerstone Catholic Conference is two days of networking, workshops, and keynote speakers that will inspire you. You'll meet all of the Washington state bishops, including Seattle's new Archbishop Paul Etienne. You'll also hear about the latest issues impacting the Church today, including:

- Respecting human life
- Immigration
- Care for the environment
- Racism
- Mental Illness
- And more...

We are excited to welcome Bishop Frank Caggiano of Bridgeport, CT, a strong advocate for outreach to young Catholics, Sr. Miriam James Heidland, who will share an inspiring story of conversion and her efforts in drawing closer to Jesus and Sr. Norma Pimentel, who will share first hand encounters with migrants and refugees.

Bring a friend and join other Washington State Catholics, October 18 and 19, at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center to:

Advance your learning about Catholic teaching on today's pressing issues.

Connect with other Catholics, just like you from across the state.

Discover meaningful actions that can help our neighbors living in poverty or on the margins of society

Grow your passion for bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to life today.

Register online at WACatholics.org.



LIBRARIANS NEEDED

Help us re-launch our parish lending library. Helpers needed to organize, label, and assist the library needs. If you would like to help or learn more, contact David Charboneau 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!

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.

FORMED CATHOLIC MEDIA

Because of your faithful stewardship, every parishioner can experience hundreds of hours of viewing, reading, and listening to the best Catholic content. Enrich your life and bless your family—sign up and begin using FORMED today!

Go To: www.formed.org

Enter Our Parish Code: M4HZ4Y

HOSPITALITY HOUR

Join fellow parishioners in the Parish Center after Sunday Masses for fellowship and introduce yourself to the parish community.. We would like to thank Don & Van and the Henson Family for hosting this week's Hospitality Hour for the Parish Community.

PROJECT RACHEL

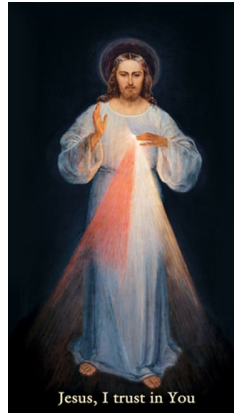
Project Rachel is a confidential ministry of Catholic Community Services for anyone who desires healing after being impacted by abortion. This includes the mothers and fathers of children lost to abortion, grandparents and other relatives, health care providers, and many others. Abortion crosses all 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.

ST. NICHOLAS WW FORWARD CLUB

For those widows and widowers who have lost a loved one, the purpose of our group is to offer comfort, companionship and support in this new season of our lives through sharing and seeking God's Will, purpose and direction.

On Saturday, August 31st @ 1:00pm, we are having a picnic at Juanita Fischer's lovely home on Fox Island. Please plan to bring your favorite picnic food. Don't forget to call her to RSVP at 253-549-0543. Those who would like to carpool, plan to meet at St. Nicholas parking lot at 12:30pm. If you are new, please plan to join us for some fun time.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Paper copies of the current schedule are available in the Sacristy for anyone who would like one.

If you do not have a computer and need a sub or need to make changes to your schedule or are not comfortable with the scheduler you can call or text Mark McKibben at (253) 514-9275 to make changes.

WSCC ADVOCACY NETWORK



The Washington State Catholic Conference is the public policy voice of the Bishops of Washington. The WSCC Advocacy Network <https://wacatholics.org/> is an easy way for Catholics to keep up on current congressional and state legislative matters of importance to Catholics.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING



Want to be in charge of your own body and make your own choices about it? Try Natural Family Planning! No drugs, shots, or doctors needed! To learn more visit www.live-the-love.org or call Chris or Christine Ryalls at

(253) 225-8889.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of the following items, Rice a Roni, Pancake Mix, Mac & Cheese, Pasta Roni, Hamburger Helper, Soup and Canned Chicken. Thank you for your continued support!

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 looking for parishioners who can help out.

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 someone 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@stnicholascc.org.

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 Shannon Miller at (253) 859-6879 or email

Shannon@catholicprintery.com.

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: Peninsula Eye Clinic

PRAYERS FOR OUR TROOPS & FIRST RESPONDERS

Please pray for the men and women, and their families, who devote their lives to the safety of our country.

To add or remove a name from the list, write to: diana@stnicholascc.org

CR Leonardo Bruno Rueda Adaro, USN
Lance Corporal Thomas S. Arnesen, USMC
Captain Claire Betterbed, USA
Captain Elizabeth Betterbed, USA
Lieutenant Tommy Betterbed, DMD USN
SSG Dane Betts, USA
COL Lawrence "Larry" Bielstein, USAF (ret)
Major Nathan Davis, 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

LCDR Scott Blanchet, D.O > USN
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)
Cpl. Austin L Rudy, USMC
MIDN 2/C Will Ryan, USN
Patrick R. Sam, Gig Harbor Police Officer
Captain Kimberly Sandberg, USN
Joe and Linda Siegel
Eric Waters, Division Chief, Gig Harbor Fire Department