



“The Queen stands at your right hand arrayed in gold” —Psalms 45



St. Nicholas
CATHOLIC 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.

PARISH OFFICE

Address: 3510 Rosedale St. NW, Gig Harbor, WA 98335
Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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Email: office@stnicholascc.org
Web: www.stnicholascc.org

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
(After Hours and Weekends)
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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(253) 858-7282 giorgina.wells@gmail.com
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THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS

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 - Chris Wholey

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

- 8:30 AM Rosary - Church
8:30 AM Prayer & Share Group - Parish Center #3
9:00 AM Communion Service

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

- 8:20 AM School PTO Welcome Back Coffee - Parish Hall
8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Mass - Jean-Gabriel Romero †

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

- 8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Mass - Mary Soren †
10:00 AM Adoration - Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29 (CONTINUED)

- 5:30 PM Confession - Reconciliation Chapel
5:30 PM Unicycle Club - Basketball Courts
6:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal - Parish Center #5
6:20 PM Benediction - Church
6:45 PM Open Door Prayer Group - Parish Center #3

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

- St Vincent de Paul Appeal
3:30 PM Confession - Reconciliation Chapel
5:00 PM Festival Sign Up - Breezeway
5:30 PM Mass - Emile A. Oustalet III †

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- St Vincent de Paul Appeal
8:00 AM Festival Sign Up - Breezeway
8:00 AM KofC Breakfast - Parish Hall
8:30 AM Mass - Robert Sam †
11:00 AM Mass - Bill Rueter †
2:45 PM NO 15 Decade Rosary - Church

All Parish Offices will be Closed on Monday, September 2nd, for Labor Day!

DAILY READINGS



SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

1 Thes 1: 1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149: 1b-6a, 9b; Mt 23: 13-22

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

1 Thes 2: 1-8; Ps 139: 1-3, 4-6; Mt 23: 23-26

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

1 Thes 2: 9-13; Ps 139: 7-12b; Mt 23: 27-32

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

1 Thes 3: 7-13; Ps 90: 3-5a, 12-14, 17; Mk 6: 17-29

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

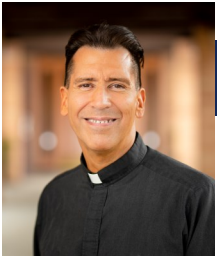
1 Thes 4: 1-8; Ps 97: 1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12; Mt 25: 1-13

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

1 Thes 4: 9-11; Ps 98: 1, 7-9; Mt 25: 14-30

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Sir 3: 17-18, 20-28-29; Ps 68: 4-7, 10-11; Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24a;
Lk 14: 1, 7-14



Today's readings show us that it is not enough to be Christ's disciples in name only. To be a real disciple, we must live for Christ every day and in every aspect of life. This kind of life takes strength and discipline. In fact, the Second Reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, mentions "discipline" five times in the six verses of today's passage. Some examples: "Do not disdain the discipline of the Lord." "Endure your trials as discipline." "Whom the Lord loves, He disciplines." In this passage we also learn why we should embrace God's discipline: "Later it brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who are trained by it."

Intentionally and consistently offering the Lord the best of our Time, Talent, and Treasure through a stewardship way of life is a form of spiritual discipline. These spiritual disciplines teach us to become ever more aware of God's constant provision for us and they keep us on the narrow path towards the Kingdom of Heaven. The more we embrace this way of life, the more we can be "trained" by the Lord in the ways of true discipleship. Though difficult, these disciplines become a source of spiritual strength. Our Lord Himself speaks of the difficult path to the Kingdom of Heaven in today's Gospel passage from Luke. He is asked, "Lord, will only a few be saved?" Jesus responds, "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough."

Then, He goes on to tell the parable of the master of the house who locked his door to those outside. Jesus says, "You will stand outside knocking and saying, 'Lord open the door for us.'" But the master will say in reply that he does not know them. Jesus continues, "And you will say, 'We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.' But the master will insist, 'I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers.'" Showing up for Mass on Sunday while living as if Christ is an afterthought the rest of the week does not make us disciples. What's more, this approach to our faith is an unjust and unloving response to our good God who has given us all that we have and are.

Jesus does not want us to merely go through the motions of faith. He wants much more from us and for us. He wants to know us deeply and for us to get to know Him so that we become His holy disciples. This is not a burden; it is a privilege. But it does take discipline, the discipline of a stewardship way of life.

At the end of the Gospel passage, Jesus leaves us with great hope that it is indeed possible to make it through the narrow gate. He tells us, "People will come from the east and the west, and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God." Holiness of life, true discipleship, is meant for everyone — young and old, rich and poor, powerful and lowly. In the week ahead let's strive to embrace the spiritual disciplines that can transform us into real disciples of Christ and lead us into the Kingdom of God.

God bless you,

Fr. Mark Guzman, Pastor

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

PARISH SCRIPTURE STUDY MARK. THE GOSPEL THROUGH THE EYES OF PETER

If you are interested in joining the Parish Bible Study program, please note the following.

Classes will be held on:

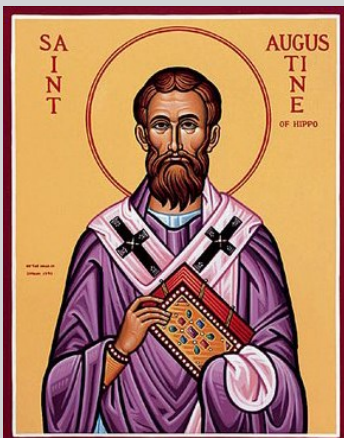
- Thursday mornings for **Men & Women** in the Parish Hall from 10:00-11:30 AM beginning September 12, 2019.
- Wednesday evenings for **Men** in Classroom 2 of the Parish Hall from 6:00-8:00 PM beginning September 11, 2019.

This program is produced by Catholic Scripture Study International and is an 18-week course. Through this program you will discover Peter's story of what it was like to be with Jesus during His three years of ministry as told to Mark by Peter. Come join us at one of these classes.

If you have questions, please call Corinne McQuade at (253) 265-3547 for the Thursday morning sessions or Roger Croteau at (253) 851-3251 for the Wednesday evening men's sessions.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



St. Augustine of Hippo (354 - 430) is one of the four great Latin Fathers of the Church. Augustine was born in North Africa in present-day Algeria. His mother was St. Monica and his father, Patricius, a pagan. Augustine showed early promise as a scholar, but he disappointed his mother by espousing Manicheism (gnostic religion) and leading a hedonistic life (a life devoted solely to pleasure), even living with a mistress with whom he had a child. Eventually, due to Monica's prayers, he decided to become a Christian and was baptized by St. Ambrose in Milan. He became a priest and, later, the bishop of Hippo. Augustine was a prolific writer and is credited with writing one of the first autobiographies, his *Confessions*. His books, homilies, and letters are a rich source of theological insight still mined today by students of every Christian denomination or ecclesial community.

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TOLENTINO FESTIVAL 2019

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

GREAT FOOD! LIVE BANDS! BOUNCY HOUSES! & MORE!

VOLUNTEERS: 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.

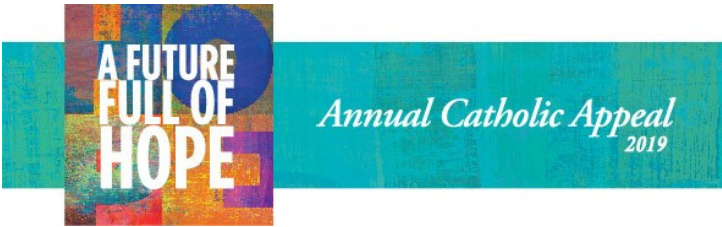
DESSERTS: We are also asking for everyone in attendance if they can contribute a dessert for the event. Please have a small card that lists main contents for allergy purposes.

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!

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your generosity as of August 20, 2019

Stewardship	\$	9,679
Online Stewardship	\$	6,670
Children	\$	87
Loose	\$	1,242
<u>Total Weekly</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>40,471</u>
Total Year to Date Offerings	\$	182,973
Year to Date Budget	\$	164,321
<u>Over Budget</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>18,652</u>
Holy Days	\$	3,188
<u>Total Year to Date</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>3,188</u>
Building Fund	\$	115
<u>Total Year to Date</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>2,780</u>



2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

THANK YOU to the 406 families that contributed to our Annual Campaign. Our reports show that we have received pledges totaling \$ 203,126.00 = 110% 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.

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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Need to get your Safe Environment Certification or current profile up-to-date? If you are ministering to those who are minors and or vulnerable adults, the Archdiocese of Seattle requires this certification for participation.

Contact Mary Shelton at mary@stnicholascc.org to inquire or get current.



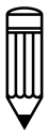
WELCOME BACK

Our students return to school Wednesday, August 28. We would appreciate your prayers for a safe, fun and fruitful school year!"

SAVE THE DATE



WELCOME BACK COFFEE: sponsored by the St. Nicholas PTO, after drop off on the first day of school (Weds. August 28 at 8:20 am) in the Parish Hall.



BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT: Thursday September 5 from 6-7:30 pm (parents & guardians event)



FALL FESTIVAL: Please note this event has been rescheduled to Friday, October 18 from 5-8pm

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@sncsg.org or call 253-858-7632 for a tour and registration information.

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.



ticket info available at www.stnicholascs.org

JOIN US FOR DINNER IN THE VINEYARD

Saturday, September 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>

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 Ronni & Anita and the Dela Housse Family for hosting this week's Hospitality Hour for the Parish Community.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING



Needing to rely on unnatural chemicals, artificial hormones, and barriers is not freedom. Natural Family Planning is! To learn more visit www.live-the-love.org or call Chris or Christine Ryalls at (253) 225-8889.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BREAKFAST



The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Breakfast on Sunday, September 1st from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM.

The breakfast menu will be Blueberry Pancakes, Sausage, scrambled eggs, and fruit. Good Will Proceeds to support St. Nicholas School.

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.

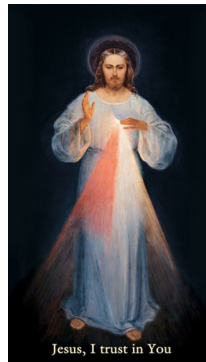
If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, please contact Mark or Corinne McKibben at (253) 858-2920 or markmck@stnicholascc.org for more information.

BULLETIN DEADLINE CHANGE



Due to the Parish Office being closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 2nd, all articles need to be submitted no later than 12:00 PM Noon on Friday, August 30th for the September 8th bulletin.

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.

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 at 1:00 PM, 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 Juanita Fischer at (253) 549-0543 to RSVP. For those who would like to carpool, plan to meet at St. Nicholas parking lot at 12:30pm. If you are new, please don't hesitate to join us!

DIVINE MERCY

IN THE SECOND GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD

HEARTS AFIRE PROGRAM



Are you interested in deepening your Catholic faith?
Come and join us for video and discussion:

The Second Greatest Story Ever Told: The life of St John Paul II,
St. Faustina and others.

Mondays, September 23 - December 9 from 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Call Peggy Fickes at (760) 518-5354 to register
Space is limited. All materials will be provided



ST. NICHOLAS CONFERENCE
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Expense Report to the Parish

August 1, 2018 - August 1, 2019

Community Aid

Utilities	\$18,728.82
Gasoline	\$7,740.33
Rent	\$20,317.94
Motel	\$5,412.95
Mortgage	\$3,318.70
Vehicle	\$1,665.20
Furniture	\$482.00
Food Pantry/Gift Cards	\$43,870.00
Clothing and Baby Items	\$14,216.95
Propane	\$353.51
Other Household	\$460.00
Other Utilities	\$1,759.91
Telephone	\$541.00
Transportation	\$549.39
Shelter	\$93.92
Storage	\$76.47
Education	\$138.25
Medicine/Treatment	\$200.00

Total Community Aid **\$119,925.34**

Other Expenses

Disaster	\$300.00
Twining - St Ann's Tacoma	\$2,400.00
Contribution to Local Council	\$4,260.00
Operating Expense	\$2,089.29
Other Expense	\$269.50

Total Expense **\$129,244.13**

93% of donations go directly to Community Aid

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 always looking for parishioners who can help out.



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: [Gaffney Funeral home](http://GaffneyFuneralhome.com).

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

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