

“Go to the poor: you will find God.”
— St. Vincent de Paul, Memorial September 27th



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.

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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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
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THIS WEEK AT ST. NICHOLAS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

8:30 AM Mass - Alexander Gary
9:30 AM Hospitality Hour - Parish Hall
11:00 AM Mass - Rosa Quenga †
5:00 PM All Ages Catechesis

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Communion Service
9:30 AM Hearts Afire - Parish Center #2

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
8:30 AM Prayer & Share Group - Parish Center #3
9:00 AM NO Communion Service
10:00 AM Spirituality Book Club - Parish Center # 2

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Mass - Blake Nordstrom †
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Parish Center #2
7:00 PM SVdp Spirituality Meeting - Parish Center #1 & #3

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Mass - Barbara Arnesen †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 (Continued)

10:00 AM Adoration - Church
10:00 AM Parish Bible Study - Parish Center
5:30 PM NO 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 NO Open Door Prayer Group - Parish Center #3

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Mass - Robert Nelson †
5:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Church
5:00 PM School PTO Movie Night - Parish Hall

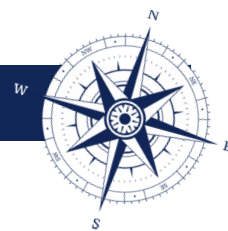
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

3:30 PM Confession - Reconciliation Chapel
5:30 PM Mass - Howard Barton Sr. †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

8:30 AM Mass - Barbara Arnesen †
9:30 AM Hospitality Hour - Parish Hall
11:00 AM Mass - Lee & Christian Tataro †
2:45 PM 15 Decade Rosary - Church
5:00 PM All Ages Catechesis

DAILY READINGS



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Am 6: 1a, 4-7; Ps 146: 7-10; 1 Tm 6: 11-16; Lk 16: 19-31

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Zec 8: 1-8; Ps 102: 16-23, 29; Lk 9: 46-50

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

Zec 8: 20-23; Ps 87: 1b-7; Lk 9: 51-56

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Neh 2: 1-8; Ps 137: 1-6; Mt 18: 1-5, 10

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

Neh 8: 1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19: 8-11; Lk 10: 1-12

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

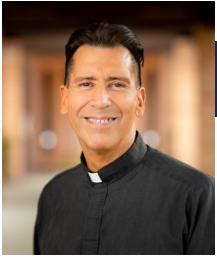
Bar 1: 15-22; Ps 79: 1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10: 13-16

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

Bar 4: 5-12, 27-29; Ps 69: 33-37; Lk 10: 17-24

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Hb 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-9; 2 Tm 1: 6-8, 13-14; Lk 17: 5-10



ALL SOULS' DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Catholic Church adopted the use of candles early in its history. Today, in our Catholic churches there are sections for the lighting of candles for intercessory prayers, and for deceased loved ones and others. At St. Nicholas, one such section is at the statue of Our Lady.

Candles are important in Catholic rites and ceremonies. At Baptism, the Paschal Candle is lit and from that flame a lighted candle is presented to the newly baptized – representing the Light of Christ received – the light of faith. At a Catholic funeral the Paschal Candle is again lit to remind all present that the departed Christian received the Light of Christ, the light of faith and thus promise of life eternal through that faith. Candles can symbolize life, light, and prayers. They are also used as a sign of reverence and celebration.



In honor of All Souls' Day (Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed) we will have tables in the Narthex of the church for the Memorial Candles. The Memorial Candles can be dedicated in honor of a deceased loved one or friend. At the same time they can serve to remind us that for departed loved ones and

Memorial candles remind us that for our departed loved ones and friends, "life has changed not ended" and the light still burns brightly.

friends "life has changed not ended" and the light still burns brightly. The Memorial Candle has space to inscribe the person's name. Some folks have also written a prayer or remembrance on the candle.

The candles will be lit and blessed prior to the Mass of All Souls' Day, Friday November 1st and will continuously burn inside the church for approximately six days. Of course, at the time of purchase, you are welcome to take the candle with you, instead of having it burn in your home. The candles meet all purity and safety requirements. The Memorial candles will be available after weekend Masses beginning on October 5th and continuing through October 27th. You can also purchase the candles in the Parish Office. The suggested donation for a candle is \$10.00.

God bless you,

Fr. Mark Guzman, Pastor



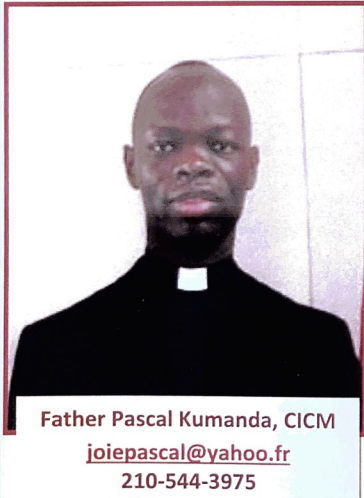
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Father Pascal Kumanda, CICM
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OUTREACH PRIEST

Rev. Pascal Kumanda, CICM

Father Pascal NG. Kumanda, CICM, is originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He was ordained in 2013 in San Antonio, Texas, and is a missionary of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As a missionary in Africa, he dedicated himself to the service of the sick, elderly, orphans, abandoned children and vulnerable communities.

Father Kumanda has ministered in the San Antonio Archdiocese, Raleigh Diocese and is currently in Arlington. He has served as an Associate Pastor and remains involved in Hospital, Hospice and Social ministry. He is fluent in English, Spanish and French. His passion and love for the abandoned, suffering and vulnerable children of God, led him to join Cross Catholic Outreach where he hopes to inspire others to bring hope and life to the poorest of the poor around the world.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus (1873-1897), also known as the "Little Flower," was the youngest of Sts. Zélie and Louis Martin's five daughters. Zélie died of breast cancer when Thérèse was only four years old, a blow from which Thérèse took years to recover.



The family moved to Lisieux, to be closer to Zélie's brother and his family. After their mother's death, Thérèse became very close to her sister, Pauline, but five years later, Pauline entered the Carmel of Lisieux. Eventually, all five sisters would become nuns, four of them at the Lisieux Carmel. Because she was so young, Thérèse had to obtain permission from the diocesan bishop to join the Carmel, and she was able to do so at age fifteen. As a Carmelite nun, she overcame the narrow, negative spirituality prevalent in nineteenth-century France, and focused on love—her love of God and God's love for her. She called her path of holiness the "Little way," referring to her belief that every act, no matter how small, brings us as close to God as do heroic acts performed by spiritual giants such as St. Ignatius of Loyola or St. Teresa of Avila. She developed tuberculosis when she was only twenty-four and was unable to join a Carmel in the missionary territory of Vietnam. A year later, when only twenty-five, she died of the disease, after suffering through a period in which she doubted the existence of heaven. Thérèse left behind a memoir, *L'histoire d'une âme* (*The Story of a Soul*), which she wrote under obedience to her sister, Pauline, who had become prioress. It

was published posthumously, after heavy editing by her sisters brought it into conformity with their idea of piety, but recent editions have restored the original material. Translated into over fifty languages, it has inspired faith in skeptics and strengthened the souls of believers. Because of her missionary spirit, Thérèse of Lisieux is the patron saint of the missions. Pope John Paul II declared her a Doctor of the Church in 1997, one of only three women so honored, along with Teresa of Avila and Catherine of Siena.

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STEWARDSHIP Mary Shelton, Parish Administrator

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ARCHDIOCESAN PARISH AND MINISTRIES EVALUATION



The Archdiocese conducts a standard review our parish and ministries. This review will be in the form of a survey that will be linked to our parish website, stnicholascc.org, from September 14th – October 1st. There will be no hard copy version, but the survey can be done in the parish office if you don't have a computer. Please help us improve our community with your honest and charitable assessment

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 to which our Parish ministers.

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

ARE YOU MOVING?



WE'VE MOVED!

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.

ARE YOU UTILIZING ONLINE GIVING?

Online giving is a convenient, secure way to offer donations to our parish. You can choose to give one time, or to schedule recurring gifts. You can also choose to designate your donations to specific missions, such as the Building Fund, Del Garger Scholarship Fund, or St. Vincent de Paul Society. Donate online by visiting www.stnicholascc.org/give



“
...IF YOU DO
RECOGNIZE AND
FOLLOW A CALL
FROM GOD, THERE
YOU WILL FIND
COMPLETE
FULFILMENT.”

—POPE FRANCIS,
CHRISTUS VIVIT, 276

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STEWARDSHIP OF TALENT

Next weekend, October 5th/6th, the Parish will begin the Stewardship of Talent Yearly Commitment Renewal. For questions, contact Mary at mary@stnicholascc.org or (253) 948-3396. Please consider your yearly commitment to give of your talent to God and others.



UPCOMING EVENTS: SAVE THE DATE!

October 18th: *Fall Festival* – Friday from 5-8 pm. Suggested donation of \$5 per individual, \$20 per family. Dinner will be served from 5-6pm, followed by games and activities from 6-8pm.

February 29, 2020 : *Annual D.R.E.A.M. Benefit Dinner and Auction "Anchored in Faith"* at Ocean5 in Gig Harbor. More details, including ticket information, coming soon!

Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered and supported our Guardian Angel Dinner in the Vineyard last Saturday. It was a beautiful evening of fellowship, food. You all have made a St. Nicholas education accessible to more children in our community!



October movie night – the Parish Hall. \$10 covers dinner, popcorn and a treat! Children are welcome to come in their pajamas, bring a blanket and a pillow. Contact Jen @ jfinnerty@sncsg.org

TEMPORARY SCRIP HOURS IN OCTOBER

The SCRIP table will not be available Oct. 20 or Oct. 27. SCRIP will be available on Tuesdays and Fridays, 8:15 to 8:45 in the parish hall except for Oct. 11 as school is closed that day. We will return on Sunday, Nov.3,

Thank you for your understanding. For more information please contact Judy McFarland at (253) 265-3260.

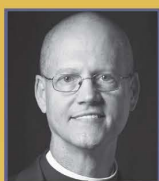
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WASHINGTON STATE BISHOPS' PANEL

Archbishop Paul Etienne

The panel discussion of all Washington bishops consistently draws high marks from Cornerstone attendees. This year, we are thrilled to welcome Archbishop Paul Etienne (pronounced "AY-chin"), who was just appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of Seattle.



KEEPING THE FAITH BY DARING TO BE DIFFERENT

Bishop Frank J. Caggiano

Bishop of Bridgeport (CT) who has participated in every World Youth Day since 2008. Last October, he took part in the Synod on Young People at the Vatican.



TRANSFORMATION FROM THE HEART: WHY YOUR ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS CHANGES THE WORLD

Sr. Miriam James Heidland, SOLT

Former Division I athlete who experienced a radical conversion. She speaks regularly on the topics of conversion, authentic love, forgiveness, healing (and sports!).



WHOEVER WELCOMES A CHILD IN MY NAME, WELCOMES ME

Sr. Norma Pimentel, MJ

Executive Director of Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley. Sr. Norma founded the Humanitarian Respite Center in McAllen, TX and was recently featured on CBS' 60 Minutes.

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Scholarships available according to need.
Email WSCC@WACatholics.org to request a scholarship.





ADORATION
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Come visit Our Lord every Thursday
9:30 AM - 6:20 PM

ALL SOUL'S MEMORIAL CANDLES



Memorial candles for All Soul's Day will be available for sale beginning October 5th & 6th after all the weekend Masses. If you can help sell candles on the weekends through October 26th & 27th you may sign up on the sheets in the Narthex. Any questions, please call Mark and Corinne McKibben at (253) 858-2920.

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.

15-DECADE ROSARY FOR LIFE

Please join other parishioners in Church on Sunday, October 5th, 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.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS



Catholic Printery has now been shifted to LPI and the submission for the bulletin will change a couple days earlier. The new submission day for the Bulletin will now be on Wednesdays 12:00PM for the following weekend. Submit items on Wednesday Oct 2nd to go in the October 12/13 weekend. Please be patient as we make this adjustment in the coming future.

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

Ronni & Anita for hosting this week's Hospitality Hour for the Parish Community.



LEARN MORE
www.40daysforlife.com

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Did you know that abortion has taken the lives of over 60 million Americans since 1973?

Abortion always leaves one dead and one deeply wounded. 40 Days for Life, 40 days of peaceful prayer, fasting and public witness at abortion facilities, has been a divine answer to this crisis.

Since launching in 2007, 40 Days for Life campaign has resulted in:

- Over 1 million volunteers in 6,428 campaigns in 61 nations and 855 cities
- 104 abortion facilities closed with 191 abortion workers leaving the industry
- 16,004 lives are known to have been saved!

Join us for life!

SEPT 25 - NOV 3
8 AM - 4 PM

Cedar River Clinic
1401 MLK Jr Way | Tacoma

To get involved, email
tacoma40daysforlife@gmail.com

Please join Kevin Meyer with the Knights of Columbus every Sunday from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. For information, Contact Kevin Meyer (253) 820-3396

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

Next week we will start gathering food donations for our Giving Tree. Thank you for your continued support!

PARISH DIRECTORIES

We still have a number of Parishioners who still need to pick up their Parish Directory. Parishioners who had their photo taken for the directory receive a copy first. Once all those directories have been distributed, anyone is welcome to add their names to the waitlist on a first come first serve basis until they run out.

Please stop by the Parish Office any time Monday - Friday, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM or Sunday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM to receive your copy!

Any questions please contact Christopher Polinsky In the Parish Office at chris@stnicholascc.org or (253) 851-8850.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

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

BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS



Results of September 15th Blood Drive: 4 donors showed and 14 units of blood were collected.

Our next drive will be November 17th with the Harvest Dinner.

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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRIEST APPRECIATION DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be holding their fourth annual Priest Appreciation Dinner in support of Father Mark Guzman.

Dinner will be held Sunday, October 13th in the Parish Hall from 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM. The Menu will be: Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, and french bread.

We encourage all parishioners to join us in this most worthy even by showing our support and love for Father Mark, our spiritual leader and teacher.

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 <https://wacatholics.org/>.



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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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING



Learn how freeing it is to know and understand how your body works rather than being enslaved to artificial hormones. Look into Natural Family Planning. To learn more visit www.live-the-love.org or call Chris or Christine Ryalls at (253) 225-8889.

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:

[The Lodge at Mallards Landing.](http://TheLodgeatMallardsLanding.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
- Chief Master Sergeant Brion P. Blais
- 2nd Lieutenant Aaron J. Black, USA
- SFC Mario R. Rios, USA

- 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
- CPT Joseph Feathers, USA