31st SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

When Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." - Mk 12:34ab

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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, NOVEMBER 4

8:00 AM K of C Harvest Dinner Ticket Sales - Breezeway
8:15 AM Toddler Nursery - Parish Center #7
8:30 AM Mass - Taylor Colwell
9:30 AM Hospitality Hour - Parish Center
9:45 AM K-6 Faith Formation - Parish Center
11:00 AM Mass - Jay Vasconcelos ✝
2:45 PM 15 Decade Rosary - Church
6:00 PM RCIA - Parish Center #3

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Communion Service
9:30 AM Hearts Afire - Parish Center #1
4:30 PM K-6 Faith Formation - Parish Center

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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 Club - Parish Center #2
6:00 PM Evening Bible Study - Parish Center #4
6:30 PM K of C Potluck - Parish Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
11:00 AM Funeral Mass for Joseph White
6:00 PM Men's Bible Study - Parish Center #2
6:15 PM Youth Group - Parish Center
6:15 PM Confirmation Prep (Year 1) - Parish Center
6:15 PM Edge / Middle School - Parish Center

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

No Confession Today
8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Communion Service
10:00 AM Adoration - Church
4:30 PM Children's Choir Practice - Parish Center #5
5:30 PM Unicycle Club in Parish Center
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Parish Center #5
6:20 PM Benediction - Church
6:45 PM Open Door Prayer Group - Parish Center #3
7:00 PM Landings - Parish Center #1

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:00 AM Communion Service
1:45 PM Veterans Day Assembly - Parish Center
5:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Church
5:30 PM Movie Night - Parish Center

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

3:30 PM Confession - Reconciliation Chapel
5:30 PM Mass - Del Garber ✝

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

No Hospitality Hour
No K-6 Faith Formation
8:00 AM K of C Blood Drive - Parish Center
8:15 AM Toddler Nursery - Parish Center #7
8:30 AM Mass - Peter Putzier ✝
11:00 AM Mass - Estela Rolando ✝
12:00 PM K of C Harvest Dinner - Parish Center
6:00 PM RCIA - Parish Center #2

DAILY READINGS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Dt 6: 2-6; Ps 18: 2-4, 47, 51; Heb 7: 23-28; Mk 12: 28b-34

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Phil 2: 1-4; Ps 131: 1-3; Lk 14: 12-14

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Phil 2: 5-11; Ps 22: 26-32; Lk 14: 15-24

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Phil 2: 12-18; Ps 27: 1, 4, 13-14; Lk 14: 25-33

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Phil 3: 3-8a; Ps 105: 2-7; Lk 15: 1-10

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Ez 47: 1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3: 9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Phil 4: 10-19; Ps 112: 1-2, 5-6, 8-9; Lk 16: 9-15

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

1 Kgs 17: 10-16; Ps 146: 7-10; Heb 9: 24-28; Mk 12: 38-44

FROM THE DESK OF FR. MARK Fr. Mark Guzman, Pastor

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Our Pastor, Fr Mark, is currently on pilgrimage in Italy (a gift from his parishioners and friends for his 10th anniversary as a priest).

Dear Parishioners,

This week I had the opportunity to visit the home city of our Parish Patron, St. Nicholas of Tolentino. I left Rome by train and headed north east through the Umbrian mountains. My 4 hour train ride to Tolentino was wonderful, it allowed me to see the mountain area not seen by a car ride. I was greeted at the Tolentino train station by Fr. Guistino, with a warm hug and friendly smile. Fr. Guistino is the pastor of the Basilica of San Nicola. Lunch was waiting at the convent of the Augustinian monks who reside at the Basilica. The Augustinians have served in Tolentino for nearly 800 years—St. Nicholas was a member of their community. The Basilica, originally the chapel for the monastery, was dedicated to St. Nicholas in 1465. Over the centuries the Basilica has been expanded, renovated and decorated with beautiful art.

Mass at the altar of St. Pius X in St. Peter's Basilica. I concelebrated with Fr. Marion Nguyen, O.S.B. of St. Martin's Abbey, Lacey.

After lunch, Fr. Guistino took me into the temporary chapel where the body and relics of St. Nicholas are visible and available for veneration. (In 2016 the Basilica was damaged in an earthquake. It is currently under repair and they hope to be able to open to the public soon.) I was able to spend 2 hours in prayer alone in the chapel. After some private time in prayer Fr. Guistino took me around, showing me the basilica (although not open to the public, it is safe enough for tours), the convent, and basilica museum. After seeing some of the city it I was able to celebrate Mass with the community in the chapel near the body of St. Nicholas. Mass was offered for all of you, the parishioners of St. Nicholas, and especially for the intentions written in the prayer book I carry with me. Mass was followed by adoration and benediction. Then I was treated to dinner prepared by the women of the parish ....ohhh so tasty!

After a few days in Tolentino, I returned to Rome. I visited with the Benedictine Monks at the monastery of St. Anselm on the Aventine. The following morning, I was able to say Mass in St. Peter's Basilica at the Altar of St. Pius X, one of the many side altars in the giant basilica. As I write this, I am on the train to Assisi to walk in the steps of St. Francis.

Blessings,

Fr. Mark

Fr. Mark Guzman, Pastor

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PRAYERS FOR PITTSBURGH

In response to the October 27 shooting that killed 11 people at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, the Archdiocese of Seattle issued the following statement:

Catholics of the Archdiocese of Seattle offer our love and prayers for members of the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh and for Jewish people throughout the United States. We pray for God's continued blessing and protection of the Jewish people throughout the world — people we honor as our Mothers and Fathers in Faith. We pray, too, that the Spirit of God will end the evil of anti-semitism, convert hate-filled hearts to God's own love, and heal broken minds and malevolent spirits in our midst.

WOMEN OF THE PARISH

Ladies of the Parish, are you looking for an easy prayer devotional that is sent directly to you by email? Blessed is She is just for you! *Blessed is She* is a group of women, just like you. They help to foster community, through daily devotions straight to your inbox. If you are interested, visit blessedisshe.net/subscribe/. If there is anything we at the parish can do to support you, please reach out to Sarah McLellan at (253) 649-0006 or sarah@stnicholascc.org.

YOUTH ESSAY CONTEST

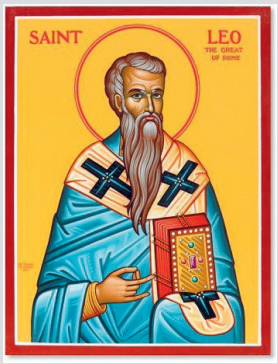
In his most recent letter, *Rejoice and Be Glad*, Pope Francis reminds us, "We are all called to be holy by living our lives with love. That does not require extraordinary deeds but everyday acts of kindness." The Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers invite students (grades 6-12) to tell a true story of when they saw someone sharing God's love through an act of kindness and how that inspired them to act in a similar way.

The cash prizes for the winning entries in two divisions (grades 6 to 8 and grades 9 to 12):
$1,000 for each of the two first-place finalists
$300 for each of the two second-place finalists
$150 for third place

Entry Deadline — November 16, 2018. Online entry, info on cash prizes, and rules can be found at:
https://maryknollsociety.org/publications/essay-contest

SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church



As pope and Doctor of the Church St. Leo the Great (✝461) strongly supported the teachings of the Council of Chalcedon, especially on the humanity and divinity of Christ. He advocated papal authority by moving from the traditional approach that the pope is a successor to St. Peter's chair to the pope as St. Peter's heir. Under his leadership, uniformity of pastoral practice was encouraged, liturgical and clerical abuses were corrected, and priests were sent on a mission to extinguish Priscillianism, a heresy that claimed the human body was evil. St. Leo is recognized as "protector of the people" because he persuaded Atilla the Hun to not invade the city of Rome and later prevented the Vandals (Germanic invaders) from torching the city of Rome and massacring its people.

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YOUNG ADULT MEET-UPS

Young adults, are you interested in meeting other young people who share your faith and values? Check out a variety of events in the Puget Sound area specifically for young Catholics by visiting: www.oyyae.org/youngadults

Mass Consumption Young Adult Bible Study
Mondays, 7:00-8:30 PM at Panera Bread, Tacoma Mall
Contact: Diana Jorda, jorda.diana@gmail.com

Young Adult Meet Up
Wednesdays, 7:00 PM at Young Adult Room
St. John the Baptist Parish, Covington
Contact: Tina Reeves, sjtbya@gmail.com

Co-Ed Young Adult Volleyball—Drop in and play!
Thursdays, bi-weekly 6:30-8:30 PM
All Saints Parish, Puyallup
Contact: Carmen Bryant, carmenb@allsaintsparish.com

"Roots" Young Adult Group
Sundays, 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM at Camerman Hall
Star of the Sea Parish, Bremerton
Contact: Jessica Howell, jessica@staroftheseа.net

Mom's Group - St. Andrew Parish
Thursdays, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM at Building E
St. Andrew Parish, Sumner
Contact: Andrea Sharkey, andrea.m.mack@gmail.com

Mom's Group - St. Patrick Parish
Wednesdays, 9:15 AM at St. Patrick Youth Room at the Parish Center, St. Patrick Parish, Tacoma
Contact: Sandra Kuharic, skuharic@saintpats.org

UPCOMING CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

Sunday & Monday, November 11th - 12th
No Class – Veterans Day Weekend

Thursday, November 22nd, 10:00 AM
Thanksgiving Mass

Friday, November 30th, TBA
School Tree Lighting

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Gracious and loving God, help the men and women of our parish to hear the call to serve in the Archdiocese of Seattle Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

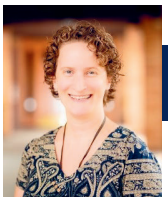
Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Vocations Prayer #4 published by the USCCB

CALL FOR CATECHISTS

Do you realize that through our Baptism we are "called" to preach Jesus' Gospel? Helping to share the Word with our fellow parishioners, children, youth and adults is a ministry worth considering. Team instruction/teaching is the preferred method used at St. Nicholas. You would like to help, but feel you would not be a good catechist. We still need you! Many support roles need dedicated people to help us too. Contact Nina Potter for more information at (253) 649-4599 or nina@stnicholascc.org.



STEWARDSHIP Sarah McLellan, Parish Administrator

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STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Your generosity as of October 28, 2018

Stewardship	$	20,943
Children	$	22
Loose	$	986
Total Year to Date Offerings	$	374,338
Year to Date Budget	$	383,470
Under Budget	$	-9,131
Holy Days	$	927
Total Year to Date	$	6,372
Building Fund	$	110
Total Year to Date	$	4,813

DID YOU KNOW WE HAVE A NURSERY?

Do you have children 18 months to 5 years of age? We are hoping to see them at our Nursery during our Sunday masses! There is no charge for using the nursery and we have plenty of toys and coloring books to keep the little ones occupied during mass. Drops ins are also available if your child is having a bad day and sitting still is just too much to handle.

We have staff and volunteers available to help look after your child during masses on Sunday between 8:15 AM and 12:15 PM.

If you have questions regarding our nursery or would like more information, please let me know at sarah@stnicholascc.org.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

THANK YOU to all the families that have returned their pledge cards this past weekend. The remaining letters were mailed out this past week.

Last year we received 427 Stewardship of Treasure pledges out of 1,290 registered families, that is 33% participation. This year we are hoping to let Fr. Mark know upon his return from Italy that we are closer to 100% participation.

If those who did not pledge last year gave as little as $1/week the church would have received an additional $44,876 to be applied towards our annual budget.

Each pledge is only an estimate of what you plan to give next year. We understand that circumstances change: loss of employment, moving, medical expenses, etc. and these pledges are non-binding. If difficulty arises please reach out to us here at the Church so that we can support you and pray with you.

We are grateful to all of our faithful pledgers and look forward to gaining the support of all of our parishioners as we strive to become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Our pledges cards are also available online at www.stnicholascc.org/pledge. If you have any questions about the Stewardship of Treasure Campaign please email me at sarah@stnicholascc.org or (253) 649-0006.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

What percentage does God ask of me as a good steward? All of my heart, all of my soul, all of my mind, and all of my strength!

ST. NICHOLAS CATHOLIC SCHOOL Davin Reyes, Principal

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VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY

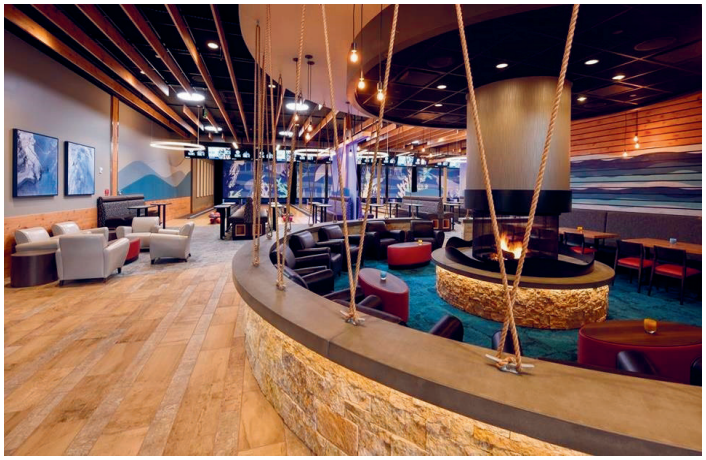
Please join us for our Veteran's Day assembly on Friday, November 9th at 1:45 PM in the Parish Center. We extend a special invitation to veterans and current service members and their families to attend so we may honor you.

KIDS' MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, November 9th from 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM, movie night is back, with *The Incredibles 2*! Cost is $10 per child and includes dinner, popcorn, and a treat. Kids are welcome to wear pajamas, bring a blanket and a pillow. All proceeds will benefit the 5th grade class trip to Camp Seymour.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Drop your kids off at Movie Night and join other St. Nicholas parents for a fun night out at Ocean5. We've reserved two lanes in the bowling alley for St. Nicholas from 6:00 PM - 7:45 PM. Grab a drink in the lounge if you arrive early. There will also be live music from local artist Lisa Donovan & Co. in the Salish Lounge, starting at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you there!



CHRISTMAS WREATH SALES

The St. Nicholas Parent Teacher Organization's (PTO) largest fund-raiser of the year is back! Get beautifully designed wreaths, crosses, centerpieces, garland, and candle rings while supporting our school!

We will have two wreath purchase options: online or in person. Our first option is to purchase online, and wreaths will be mailed directly to the buyer or whomever the buyer designates. Online orders must be placed by November 7th. This online option is a great gift for out of town friends and family. You can pay by credit card or drop off a check to the school office.

We will also be selling wreaths after upcoming Masses, beginning November 17th - 18th. These local and beautifully packaged seasonal decorations can also make excellent gifts for employees or customers. We encourage you to ask friends and neighbors to support our school! Here is the link to order: http://sffsalestrack.com/StNicholasSchoolGHPTO2018/PTO
If you have any questions, please email Jen at jenvirant@hotmail.com or text (253) 677-4401.

TUITION RAFFLE

The Tuition raffle is back! You can win $5,000 tuition credit to *any* accredited Catholic school OR a $2,500 cash prize by purchasing a tuition raffle ticket. Tickets are $100 per chance and there are only 200 available, so don't wait! Tuition raffle tickets can be purchased in the Development office on the school campus, Monday-Thursday during school hours (8:20 AM – 3:00 PM), and select days next to the SCRIP table. The winner will be announced at the auction on February 23, 2019 (you need not be present to win). This year's auction and dinner is scheduled for Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Ocean5 in Gig Harbor. Tickets are now available online at https://stnicholascs.ejoinme.org/revelandreveal.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

Get to know the members of our parish family! For more information, contact Margaret Betts: margaret@stnicholascc.org

MARK MCKIBBEN

Tell us a little about yourself.

I was born in Minnesota, the oldest of six, and grew up in Wisconsin. My dad was in the Army at Fort Worden (Port Townsend) in the 1950s and fell in love with the area. He, my mother, and my brother finally moved to Tacoma for a job opportunity in the early 1980s. They worked at a window company called Johnson Postman, where they learned the art of window and door crafting. They soon opened our family business, Traditional Concepts, which specializes in creating custom arched windows and door frames, for area window and door manufacturers and some old buildings. Soon all of my brothers made their way West. Today four of us work for the family company. I met my beautiful wife, Corinne in Bismarck, North Dakota in 1976, and we have one daughter and three grandchildren.

What do you love most about Gig Harbor?

Of all the cities I've lived in throughout the United States, Gig Harbor just feels like home. It felt that way from the beginning. It is a city, but it feels like a small town. We have everything we need right here in town – a perfect balance of big businesses and small family businesses.

What do you love most about St. Nicholas Parish?

Without a doubt: the people! This parish is our family. My other family members stopped attending Mass in the mid-80s. Corinne and I are the only practicing Catholics in our extended family. In a lot of ways, the parish became our extended family. People here genuinely know about each other's lives and care enough to support each other. We have recently had a major influx of younger families, and I think that has had a big impact on the dynamic of our parish family. We need young people and we value them because they bring a new energy and life to our parish, and parish ministries. I also have loved watching young people grow into honorable, spiritual adults. I was 35 when we moved here with a young family of my own – our daughter was 7 years old – and now I see former altar servers coming to mass with their own young children. It is incredible to witness.

Tell us a little about being a sacristan and why it is meaningful to you?

I think the beauty of our faith is in the liturgy: the timing, symbolism, meaning, and the special order of things. When we started straying away from the form of the liturgy, it makes people more confused. I help maintain the rhythm of mass so that people can have the best experience possible and focus on God. Once mass begins, I become very attentive to what is going on. I know people's personalities and habits, so I know how to help them in whatever their role is during mass. You could call my own role as sacristan the "Invisible Master of Ceremonies," a bit like a stage manager. You come to learn your people, and when you see that something isn't quite right, you sense it. Once, I noticed an elderly parishioner put communion in his hand and walked away. I was able to speak to him and a family member after mass, and discovered that he was in the early stages of Alzheimer's. Knowing this, Father and I talked and we were able to help in the future.

How do you like to spend your free time?

I love to read. I have a special interest in WWII, and for the last 6 years I've been reading about the War from the German perspective. I like to do yardwork. We like to travel when we have the chance. When I retire in the next few years, my dream trip is to drive cross-country in early fall to see our families all the way to Wisconsin and see the fall colors along the way.

Do you have a favorite bible verse?

My favorite bible passage is the Beatitudes, Matthew 5:1-12. Jesus speaks of how we should live our lives, and treat others. Years ago, Corinne got me a book called Blessed Are You by Eileen Egan, which I highly recommend.

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 Charlene & Van and The Kinzy Familly for hosting this week's Hospitality Hour for the Parish Community.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLOOD DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus will be holding a blood drive on Sunday November 4th from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon in the Parish Center.

ALL SOULS DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES

Thank you to those who purchased one of the 365 All Souls Day Memorial Candles. Those candles were lit prior to the All Souls' Day Mass and will burn continuously for about six days.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to help our parish in a small but important way? We are seeking volunteers to read the pulpit announcements prior to weekend masses. Like a lector, your unique voice helps animate the news to listeners. We are seeking a variety of voices. This is a low-commitment ministry, but an important one! For more information, please contact Margaret Betts, Communications Coordinator, at (253) 970-4277 or margaret@stnicholascc.org.

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.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER VOLUNTEERS

Calling good listeners who want to bless hospital patients with love and companionship and Holy Communion! CHI Franciscan St. Anthony Hospital in Gig Harbor is looking for one or two new Eucharistic Minister volunteers. Must be a trained Eucharistic Minister and approved by Fr. Mark. Required one day a week commitment. Hours and time of day are flexible, usually 1-3 hours per week. Requires training as a hospital volunteer, adherence to hospital policies, and close collaboration with Protestant hospital chaplain. Interview required. Thank you for considering your calling with us! To reserve a space, or more information please contact Chaplain Jo Nivling at (253) 530-2142.

YOUTH CHOIR RESUMES: EVERY THURSDAY

Youth Choir is open to school children first grade through middle school. We meet in the Parish Hall on Thursdays from 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM. I am looking forward to another year of singing God's praises and teaching your children music. For more information please contact Debra Jaap our Music Director at deb@stnicholascc.org or (253) 649-4239.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

Want to learn the secret to living your marriage sacrament freely, totally, faithfully and fruitfully? Come learn Natural Family Planning; it's highly effective and can do wonders for your relationship. To learn more visit www.live-the-love.org or call Chris or Christine Ryalls at (253) 851-7445.

BULLETIN DEADLINE CHANGE

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday all articles need to be submitted no later than 12:00 noon on **Thursday, November 15th** for the November 25th bulletin. Our printers have asked that we submit our bulletin on Monday November 19th to insure we receive it by the weekend.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PANTRY

We will start collecting food for our Giving Tree in December. The following items will be needed: Canned spaghetti, pasta-roni, DAK canned hams, packaged potatoes, cake mixes, syrup, pancake mix, jelly, and cookies. Thank you for your support and generosity for the people in need. God bless you all!

ADORATION?

I would like to say thank you to Lois Welsh for leading adoration here at St. Nicholas for over 15 years. We want to thank her for all her hard work in keeping our program going forward. Lois will still be around on adoration so make sure to say hi and thank her.

Did you know that St. Nicholas Catholic Church offers adoration and benediction every Thursday from 9:30 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. We are required to have 2 people at all times.

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

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION SUPPORT GROUP

Caring for someone with memory loss? Alzheimer's Association caregiver support groups provide a consistent and caring place for people to learn, share and gain emotional support from others who are also on a unique journey of providing care to a person with memory loss. A free information and support group for unpaid care partners, family members and friends is held the 3rd Saturday each month from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM at The Mustard Seed Crandall Center, 9016 154th Ave CT NW, Lakebay, WA 9839.

For more information, contact the group facilitator Debra Jamerson at (360) 621-1110.

MASS FACILITATORS

Mass Facilitators will be meeting in the church for training session on November 10th from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Are you interested in becoming a Mass Facilitator? Mass Facilitators make sure that everything is in place prior to mass. They assure that all lectors, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, and gift bearers are present and prepared for the liturgy. They help gather the weekly collection and assist in tidying up after mass. Contact Mark McKibben for more information at (253) 514-9275 or markmck@stnicholascc.org.

HEARING ASSISTANCE

Wireless headset receivers for hearing assistance during mass are available. Please see an Usher or Mass Facilitator for more information.

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.

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December 7-9: "Growing in Beauty, Truth, and Goodness" Women's Advent Retreat
Led by: Sr. Gabriella Yi, OP
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Is there any woman who doesn't want to be beautiful? Every woman longs for beauty, and yet a beauty lacking in truth and goodness can leave her feeling empty inside. While growing up, I recall experiencing this at Christmas Eve Mass, sitting in the pew after having spent hours on my appearance, it occurred to me that I hadn't done a thing to prepare my heart.

Our Holy Mother Church knows our hearts as women and that our longing for beauty goes deeper than mere appearances. This is why she gives us the season of Advent so that we have the time and the space to prepare our hearts in union with the Blessed Mother. Join us in this Advent Retreat for Women, to allow the Holy Spirit to beautify your heart for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ, He who is beauty, truth, and goodness incarnate.

Sister Gabriella Yi, OP, is a Dominican Sister of St. Cecilia from Nashville, Tennessee. Originally from Seoul, Korea, she grew up near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She received a Bachelor of Arts in the Great Books Program at St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland and teacher certification from Aquinas College in Nashville. After teaching in Catholic schools and studying in the Master of Arts Program at the Center for Catholic Studies at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota, she was sent to Rome to complete her graduate studies at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum). Her doctoral dissertation was on spiritual motherhood according to St. Catherine of Siena.

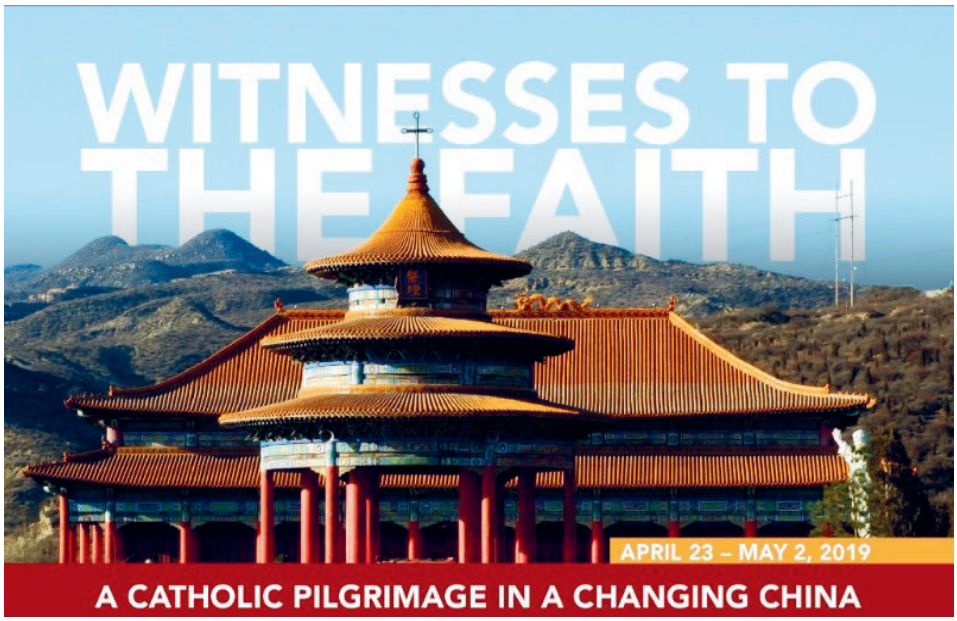
For more information about upcoming retreats, or to register online, visit: www.palisadesretreatcenter.org

February 1-3, 2019: "Lord, Teach Us to Pray: The Life of Prayer for Catholic Young Adults"
Led by: Fr. Kyle Mangloña and 0Sr. Mary Vianney, MSSR
$99.50 Per Person (This retreat is for young adults ages 18-30)

St. Therese of Lisieux called prayer "a surge of the heart." In the Christian tradition, prayer is a conversation with the Beloved and the foundation of friendship with God, which begins in the deepest part of our souls. This retreat will focus on the life of prayer for the young adult Catholic. It will not simply be a time to learn about prayer, but to pray; both privately and communally, spoken and unspoken. Our aim is to take time to step away from the chaos of daily life to focus more closely on the voice of God who tells us: "Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things you have not known" (Jer. 33:3). Prayer is not simply an aspect to plug into our lives but should be a constant practice and ongoing conversation. The purpose of this retreat is to provide the climate for a deepening of one's prayer life and learning how to listen and follow the Good Shepherd more closely.

Fr. Kyle C. Mangloña is a priest of the Archdiocese of Seattle currently serving at St. Bridget Parish in Laurelhurst. He was born and raised in the Pacific Northwest and entered the seminary at Gonzaga University in 2008. Fr. Kyle completed theological studies at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. He was ordained to the priesthood by Archbishop Sartain in 2016. Fr. Kyle's favorite saint is St. Ignatius of Loyola and his favorite spiritual writer is Fr. Thomas Merton. In his spare time, Fr. Kyle enjoys skiing, watching the Mariners, posting on Instagram, and drinking cold beer.

Sister Mary Vianney, MSSR, is a Professed member of the Marian Sisters of Santa Rosa, a diocesan Religious community in Santa Rosa, California. Sister is originally from Olympia, received her bachelor's degree from Western Washington University. Sister's current apostolates include a catechetical group for college-aged women, assisting with the Marian Sodality for high school girls, assisting with the Diocesan Tribunal, and pursuing a Masters degree in Psychology from Divine Mercy University. She enjoys teaching the faith, singing in the choir, and hand crafts.



A CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO CHINA WITH FR. HUNG NGUYEN - APRIL 23 – MAY 2, 2019

This pilgrimage sponsored by the USCCA affords the opportunity to pray over the historical witness of China's Catholics and what they say to us today. In the process, we hope you will deepen your knowledge of China, your appreciation of its Catholic history, and your own faith.

The pilgrimage will visit sites where Catholics today live out their witness to Christian faith in contemporary society, and where their forebears grounded that faith at the price of their lives. We will also visit famous cultural and historical sites in Beijing, Taiyuan (Shanxi Province), Hengsui, Xian Xian, and Tianjin. At each step of the way, commentary will be provided by renowned Catholic scholar Dr. Anthony Clark, author of *China's Saints: Catholic Martyrdom During the Qing (1644–1911)* and *Heaven in Conflict: Franciscans and the Boxer Uprising in Shanxi.*

Fr. Hung Nguyen will lead opportunities for prayer and Eucharist. Father Hung is pastor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin Parish in Seattle (and former pastor at St. Nicholas), home to a grace-filled Chinese Catholic community.

We begin our pilgrimage in Beijing, China's capital, where ancient imperial sites and churches on land granted by emperors in centuries past coexist in one of the most dynamic cities in the world. The greater Beijing metropolitan area, taking in some 25 million people, is a place where the possibilities and challenges of modern urban life confront the Chinese Church and Chinese society alike.

We then visit several local Church communities in Shanxi and Hebei Provinces, areas where Chinese Catholicism has flourished, and Tianjin, where the Catholic Church plays an important role in education, social services, and the civic life of the community. Our final stop takes us back to Beijing for debriefing and an opportunity to meet contemporary church leaders.

The pilgrimage comes to an official close late Wednesday evening, May 1st. For those who will depart the next day, provision for accommodation at a hotel in Beijing is included in the pilgrimage total. The staff of the USCCA can also provide advice and assistance to those who wish to stay longer for tourism or other purposes.

For costs and further information, visit the website for the US-China Catholic Association at www.uscatholicchina.org/tour-2019p.

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: margaret@stnicholascc.org

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PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION AND OUR ARMED FORCES

For our Commander-In-Chief, President Donald Trump, and our political and military leaders that they may tirelessly seek peaceful settlements to international disputes; we pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the Lord may preserve the members of our Army, Navy, Marines, Coast Guard and Air Force from all harm; we pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That even in war, we may keep clearly before us the defense of all human rights, especially the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness; we pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the families, relatives and friends of our military members may be strengthened in this time of concern and anxiety; we pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer*

That the Lord may help families with men and women in the armed forces to cope with daily challenges in the absence of their loved ones; we pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That our homeland will be preserved from violence and terrorism; we pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That the nations of the world will seek to work together in harmony and peace; we pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer..*

That the hearts of all men and women will be moved to pursue true peace and justice; we pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That violence may be overcome by peace; that weapons of destruction be transformed into tools of justice, and hate give way to true charity; we pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

That grateful for and inspired by those veterans who have given their lives for our country we may bravely face the challenges ahead; we pray to the Lord: *Lord, hear our prayer.*

Lord God, Almighty Father, creator of mankind and author of peace, as we are ever mindful of the cost paid for the liberty we possess, we ask you to bless the members of our armed forces. Give them courage, hope and strength. May they ever experience your firm support, gentle love and compassionate healing. Be their power and protector, leading them from darkness to light. To you be all glory, honor and praise, now and forever. Amen.

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