SAINT NICHOLAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Our Parish Vision:

To be a growing family who joyfully brings people to Jesus.

20675 87th Avenue Langley, BC V1M 3X4



September 26, 2021 We Value 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We Value Relationships of:

- Faith
- Community
- Service

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Mass of Anticipation:	Saturday evening @ 5:00pm			
Weekday Mass:	Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri & holiday Sat @ 9:00am – followed by Rosa	@ 8:15am; Tuesday @ 6:00pm & Divine Mercy Chaplet all days except Tuesday		
First Friday:		concluding with Benediction @ 3:50		
Reconciliation:	Saturday, 9:30am – 10:00am and 4:30pm, or by appointment with Fr. Nixon. 15 Minutes before weekend & weekday Mass, including Saturday morning.			
Baptism:	Please contact the Parish Office. Pre-Baptismal instruction is required.			
Marriage:	Please notify the Parish Office at least six months in advance. Marriage preparation course is required.			
Office Hours:	Tues & Wed, 1:00pm – 5:00pm; Thurs & Fri, 9:00am – 5:00pm			
EVERYBODY WITHOUT PRE-REGISTRATION. IT IS MANDATORY THAT PARISHIONERS 12 YEARS & OLDER WEAR MASKS DURING MASS, OR WHEN ATTENDING ANY PUBLIC INDOOR SPACE. FOR THE LATEST COVID-19 UPDATES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF VANCOUVER, PLEASE GO TO: Mttps://rcav.org/coronavirus/ Archdiocese		Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion— Toni Lush604-888-1254Lectors—Renee Roberge604-539-9691Music—Heather Pedlar604-970-9601Ushers—Bob Vanderaegen604-841-8686RCIA—Cheryl Unruh604-250-2733Adult Faith604-365-5617Altar Servers - Esther Spindlove778-298-4732Greeters and Hospitality—Regina Hynes604-888-7021Catholic Women's League–Michele Coleman604-888-7021Catholic Women's League–Michele Coleman604-613-7548Family Ministry—Jane Waldock778-997-4672Seniors Ministry—Teresa Hancock604-888-9541Prayer Chain—Elaine Hensel604-888-7031Counting Teams—Lois Palm604-888-7633Counting Teams—Lois Palm604-882-1475Safe Environment Policy—Jeremy Spindlovepsc.snic@rcav.orgSt. John Brebeuf—Gianni Bittante604-855-0571		
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September 26, 2021

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions:

Sept 25 to Oct 2, 2021

Sept 25	(5:00pm Sat)
Sept 26	(8:30am Sun)
Sept 26	(10:30am Sun)
Sept 26	(7:00pm Sun)
Sept 27	(8:15am Mon)
Sept 28	(6:00pm Tues)
Sept 29	(8:15am Wed)
Sept 30	(8:15am Thurs)
Oct 1	(8:15am Fri)
Oct 2	(9:00am Sat)

Eduardo & Amelia Reyes (Int.) Special Intention St. Nicholas Parishioners (Int.) Barone Family † Julie Tio (Int.) Linette Abilo † Mary H.M. Sie † Evangeline Dizon † Fred Seitz † Rizaline Dunnevant (Int.)



Eucharistic Adoration

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION is next Friday, Oct 1st @ 9am, with Benediction @ 3:50pm. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Church's foyer. We want to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is attended to at all times during Adoration.

Special prayers for **Healing & Reconciliation** will be available to those who attend.



Stewardship Reflection: September 26, 2021 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." (Mark 9:41)

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generously become easier. Why? Because that is the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain. Copyright © 2021 Archdiocese of St Louis



The Parish office will be closed on Thursday, Sept 30th to observe the National Day for Truth & Reconciliation.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK - Father Nixon is available to administer the sacraments of anointing of the sick, confession & holy communion to those who are sick or homebound. Please email him directly at ndsilva@rcav.org



St Nicholas Parish continues its pastoral work & we appreciate your continued financial support. Please consider giving online through the Parish's website or dropping off your envelopes during office hours. Thank you for your generosity.

Weekly Anticipated Expenses:\$5100Monthly Mortgage Payments:\$9330 (Principal) & \$400 (Interest)

Archdiocese of Vancouver



Our Way Forward

PROJECT ADVANCE 2021 - PHASE 2 PARISH LAUNCH

Your Parish Project Advance team is now launching Phase 2 of our Project Advance appeal for 2021. In June of this year the Archbishop commenced **Phase 1 of the 2021 Project Advance campaign; "Our Way Forward"** To date St. Nicholas Parishioners have responded generously & our parish has met & exceeded our Archdiocesan goal of \$26,000. Thank you to all those donors.

Our Parish fundraising goal this year is \$110,000. As always, the remainder of these funds raised, beyond the \$26,000 Archdiocesan Goal, returns to the parish to help us achieve our goals.

Through the generosity of our parishioners, particularly during the pandemic, we anticipate being able to pay off our current mortgage debt this year. The additional funds raised through our 2021 Project Advance campaign will be dedicated to saving toward the future development of our school & church building projects.

Please help our parish move forward by making a gift to Project Advance today.

Over the next couple of weeks all parishioners will receive in the mail, correspondence from Father Nixon & a Project Advance donation card. There are a variety of payment options detailed on the pledge card, including online giving by going to the parish website at <u>www.stnicholaslangley.com</u> & selecting the *Giving* tab which contains a

Project Advance link. Then select St. Nicholas as your parish.

Every gift is important to us in collectively achieving our parish goal.

"Live gratefully, give generously."



PREP CLASSES HAVE BEGUN!

Spaces are still available, so please **REGISTER NOW!** The Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) offers faith formation & sacramental preparation for children in grades 1 to 7 who do not attend Catholic school. Please note that 2 years preparation in PREP are required to receive First Holy Communion & Confirmation.

Parish Religious Education Program

Registration forms are on the Parish website or in the Church foyer. For more info, please contact **Jane Waldock**, **PREP Coordinator** at: prep.snic@gmail.com



This **Sunday, Sept 26th @ 5pm in the Parish Centre**, the Young Adults will be hosting a Discussion Night on *"the needs of our local Young Adult community"*. Questions? Email Brandon: <u>bdozen97@gmail.com</u>



YOUNG ADULT LEADERS ARE STILL NEEDED for the Young Adult Group. Brandon is looking to put together a core team. Core Team members must be between the ages of 18-35. Those interested, please email Brandon at bdozen97@gmail.com



<u>GETTING MORE OUT OF THE MASS</u> – The St Nicholas Parish Wednesday Men's Group is up & running! Apart from general camaraderie & chatting, we are following "*The Elements of the Catholic Mass*", a program on *Formed* under the "*Faith formation*" category (<u>link here</u>). To join, please call Darius at 604-535-3575 or Peter at 250-589-6782. Membership is FREE & new members are always welcome. We meet every Wednesday @ 7pm in classroom 3A @ the Parish Centre..



SENIORS' DROP-IN every Wednesday will begin once again, starting this Wednesday, September 29th @ 1pm. Fully vaccinated, masks & all precautions will be observed.



SENIORS OKTOBERFEST LUNCH - Wednesday, Oct 20th @ 12:30pm

Food has been ordered; adult liquid refreshments are in the house; Michelle Carlise,our Entertainer, is eager to perform; everything is organized. We just need covid to behave! Due to covid restrictions, our guest numbers for Pope Francis Room is limited to 60 people. People who are double vaccinated will be able to purchase tickets very soon (\$15pp). It is our intention & hope to provide a safe & enjoyable experience for our Seniors. We will continue to update in the coming weeks.



NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION – Thursday, September 30th, 2021

Sept 27th to Oct 1st is Truth and Reconciliation Week. To learn more teachings from Elders, knowledge keepers, residential school Survivors, leaders & artists representing First Nations, Inuit & Métis voices across the country, register <u>here</u>.

There are two live sessions daily on the <u>NCTR website</u> or <u>Youtube</u> at 2:30 pm and 4:00 pm PST. Each session will be around 45 minutes long. You need to register for the live sessions & the recorded content will then be available to anyone throughout the week on the NCTR website.

On First Friday, October 1st, Parishioners are invited to Eucharistic Adoration & to pray the prayers for reconciliation & healing that will be made available in the Church's foyer.

The Bishops in Canada share a profound commitment to renewing and strengthening relationships with Indigenous Peoples across Canada. <u>The Canadian Catholic Indigenous Council</u> consisting of Bishops & Indigenous Catholics, furthers relationships, healing & joint initiatives with Indigenous Peoples across Canada. For more information including initiatives, prayers and resources see <u>this link</u>.



SPIRITUAL ADOPTION CAMPAIGN #3 – After all Masses on Saturday & Sunday, Oct 2nd & 3rd in the Church foyer

Time to **CELEBRATE THE BIRTHS** of all the spiritually adopted children in our first two Parish campaigns.

Donations of new baby clothing, diapers, bottles etc. will be collected & given to the *Hope for Women* pregnancy centre.

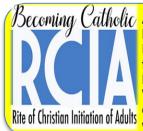
At the same time, you will have the opportunity to sign new pledge cards to adopt & pray for an unborn child for the next 9 months, from October, 2021 to June, 2022.

This is a parish-wide initiative for the support of the sanctity of life - in this case, specifically for unborn children. We welcome individuals and/or families to 'spiritually adopt' an unborn child. This involves signing a pledge card to pray each day for an unborn child for 9 months. We invite you to choose a name for your child to give them an identity. It also makes the experience of praying more personal. Prayer cards are provided.

Of course, this child is symbolic of all unborn children, specially those in danger of abortion. This program is a combination of prayer, education & vital support for mothers & their babies.

To paraphrase Archbishop Michael Miller, "We cannot save babies until we support the Mothers."

We understand there are complicated circumstances that lead to abortion. We need to assure people that God still loves them. So, we ask for prayers for healing & reconciliation for those women, men, grandparents & siblings that have been affected by abortion - that they will not let abortion separate them from God's love.



Becoming Catholic Are you – or someone you know - interested in joining the Catholic Church? RCIA at St. Nicholas begins Tuesday, October 5th @ 7pm. RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is an 8-month process that prepares adults for full initiation into the Catholic Church, focusing on the basics of the faith & culminating in Baptism, First Communion & Confirmation.

We foster a welcoming group atmosphere. This is a great opportunity for people to experience the community of St. Nicholas & explore whether the Catholic faith resonates with them. For more information, please contact Chervl Unruh at 604-250-2733.



YOUTH CHOIR (YC): Do you have a child who loves to sing?

St. Nicholas' Youth Choir is about to begin for the 2021-2022 year! Students in grades 2 & up. are invited to join us. We sing at one 10:30am Sunday Mass each month, with practices the previous two Saturdays of that month (the registration form will show practices & Mass schedules). This is a great way to become more involved in the Parish & more engaged in the Mass. Grade 7 & high school students may also be able to use choir participation towards service or volunteer hour requirements. We ask all those interested to please register. Registration forms can be found on the Parish website under the "Music" Ministry or in the Church's foyer. Return your completed form to the Parish office. For more info, please email: jacquelinejohnson10@gmail.com or ev moi@yahoo.com.

Our first practice will be on Saturday, October 23rd @ 10am in the Church.

Events/ News from around the Archdiocese & our Community:



SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY: Equipping the Family, Safeguarding Children – October 3rd, 2021 The family home should be a safe haven. But the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role & is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages & families today. Pornography & other online threats are often one click away & parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-paced digital world. The Archdiocese of Vancouver is helping families by celebrating **Safe Haven Sunday**. A booklet "Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture" will be available for parents on this awareness day, to access practical resources to protect themselves & their family from online risks & be a guide on how to teach their children to say no to pornography. To learn more, watch an informational video & for the Safe Haven Prayer, go to: https://family.rcav.org/safehaven/



THE TENTH ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER – Wed. Nov 10th @ Hvatt Regency Hotel The Archbishop's Dinner has become a way for the faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver to gather & to hear updates from our Archbishop on the activities of the past year, where we are headed in the coming year & to raise funds for Marriage & Family Ministry in the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Reception @ 6pm & Dinner @ 7pm. Tickets are \$175pp. We reserved a table of 10 for the Parish, and have 2 seats left, so if you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please contact the Parish office: 604-513-0300.

For more information, please visit: https://support.rcav.org/dinner2021/



Don't miss Domestic Abuse Services (Our Lady of Good Counsel Society) FABULOUS Fall Quilt Auction. From Saturday, Sept 25th to Friday, Oct 1st, you can bid on one-of-a-kind handcrafted quilts for babies, for gift giving, for your home, or for yourself. Visit the website at: www.32auctions.com/Quilts-for-Fall for details & to register to bid. All proceeds support our ongoing effort to purchase additional second-stage housing for victims of domestic violence.

