

Welcome to
St. Nicholas & St. William
Catholic Parish

SERVING
GOD

BY SERVING
OTHERS

FOR THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVED,
BUT TO SERVE, AND GIVE HIS LIFE AS A RANSOM FOR MANY.
MARK 10:45

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time - October 17, 2021

Sunday Masses

Indoor Masses

St. Nicholas - Sunday at 8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00 noon,
& 5:00pm (French)

St. William - Sunday at 11:00am & 5:00 pm

Outdoor Masses

St. William - Saturday at 4:00pm

St. William - Sunday at 9:00am

Livestreamed Mass

Sunday at 11:00am <https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org>

Confessions

St. William - Saturdays 2:30 to 3:30pm (Hall)

Daily Masses

Indoor Masses

St. Nicholas - Monday - Saturday at 8:00am
Monday - Friday at 12:10pm

Office Hours: Currently closed. Email or call for service:

Mon - Fri 8:30am - 5:00pm

(650) 948-2158 email: stnicholas@dsj.org

Sacramental Care: If you are in need of Anointing of the Sick, Last Rites, Confession, or Holy Communion, call the Parish Office to set up a time (650) 948-2158.

Spiritual Resources: Visit our website

<https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org>

Updates: COVID-19 response and updates from the Diocese of San José, visit: <https://www.dsj.org>

Looking Back at Pope Francis’ *Evangelii Gaudium*

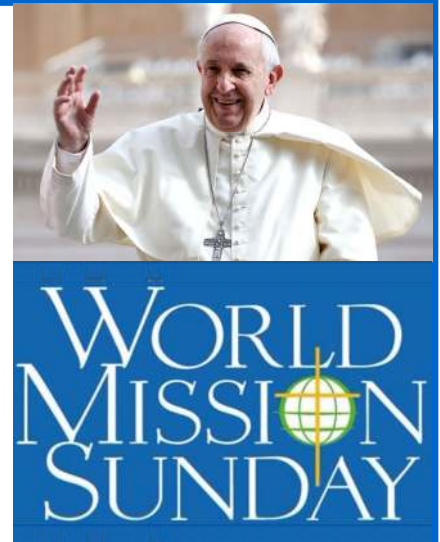
On the occasion of World Mission Sunday, which Pope Pius XI instituted in 1926, I would like to revisit one of Pope Francis’ most important apostolic exhortations: *Evangelii Gaudium* (*The Joy of the Gospel*.)

In 2013, on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Pope Francis released the first apostolic exhortation of his pontificate, *the Joy of the Gospel*. In this magisterial document, Pope Francis encourages “the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization” marked by Christ’s joy. (*Evangelii Gaudium*, par. 1) The Pope invites all Christians, everywhere, “to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them.” (Ibid., 3) The Pope starts by pointing out that evangelization is the task of the Church. By evangelizing, the Church obeys Jesus’ mandate to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.” (Mt 28:19-20). The Church is missionary by her very nature. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel has a universal destination. Its mandate of charity “encompasses all dimensions of existence, all individuals, all areas of community life, and all peoples.” (Ibid., 181)

Evangelization, which is first and foremost the work of the Holy Spirit, involves not only the ordained ministers of the Church, but also all the baptized people. By virtue of their baptism, the baptized people are called to become missionary disciples. The Pope says that “all the baptized...are agents of evangelization, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelization to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients.” (Ibid., 120)

In our work of evangelization, we must take into consideration cultures. Cultures play a big role in evangelization. Pope Francis asserts that “the People of God is incarnate in the peoples of the earth, each of which has its own culture... culture embraces the totality of a people’s life... Grace supposes culture, and God’s gift becomes flesh in the culture of those who receive it.” (Ibid., 115) The Pope adds that “proclaiming the Gospel message to different cultures also involves proclaiming it to professional, scientific and academic circles.” (Ibid., 132) This proclamation, continues the Pope, involves “an encounter between faith, reason and the sciences with a view to developing new approaches and arguments on the issue of credibility, a creative apologetics which would encourage greater openness to the Gospel on the part of all.” (Ibid.)

The mandate of evangelization demands that pastoral workers, and indeed all the baptized, continue to be formed and grow in their faith through a solid prayer and sacramental life, catechesis, theological reflections, spiritual accompaniment, study of sacred Scripture, faithful citizenship, preferential option for the poor, etc. The Pope also notes in his apostolic exhortation that since “the task of evangelization operates within the limits of language and of circumstances,” the task of evangelization therefore must strive “to communicate more effectively the truth of the Gospel in a specific context, without renouncing the truth, the goodness and the light which it can bring whenever perfection is not possible.” (Ibid., 45) The Church must constantly seek new ways of expressing unchanging truths in a language accessible to all. The Pope concludes his apostolic exhortation with a firm call to live our Christian lives as missionary disciples. Each one of us is a mission on this earth, says the Pope, something we cannot uproot from our being without destroying our very self. (Ibid., 273) Any true evangelization must include the “explicit proclamation of Jesus as Lord.” (Ibid., 110) Our definitive, deepest and greatest motivation for evangelizing is “the glory of the Father which Jesus sought at every moment of his life.” (Ibid., 267) We must constantly invoke the Holy Spirit and ask for the intercession of Mary, “the missionary who draws near to us and accompanies us throughout life, opening our hearts to faith by her maternal love.” (Ibid., 286)



Blessed World Mission Sunday,
Fr. Robain

St. Joseph

Faithful Protector of Mother and Child

RESPECT LIFE MONTH 2021 | REFLECTION *St. Joseph: Faithful Protector of Mother and Child*

The infant Christ “came into our world in a state of great vulnerability. He needed to be defended, protected, cared for and raised by Joseph” (PC 5). The humble and often hidden carpenter of Nazareth accompanied Mary in her pregnancy, assisted at the birth of the Messiah in a stable, presented Jesus in the Temple, fled with his family far from their homeland to protect them, and lovingly raised Jesus as his own son in the years to come.

While the angel of the Lord appeared to Mary to announce that she would bring forth the Savior of the world, it was revealed to *Joseph* in a series of dreams how God’s plans would be brought to fulfillment. As Pope Francis highlights, “God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life, but would always provide for her and her child” (PC 5).

**Dear St. Joseph
help us to
imitate your
faithful trust
and courage**

Like every other human family, the Holy Family had to confront real and concrete challenges. Yet, “in every situation, Joseph declared his own ‘fiat’” (PC 3). His “yes” to the Lord meant that regardless of the hardship and personal sacrifice to himself, he consistently chose to put the needs of Mary and Jesus before his own. Joseph’s devotion helps reveal to us our own call to show special care for the lives of those whom God has entrusted to us.

During this Year of St. Joseph, each of us can find in him “an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble” (PC, Intro). Joseph shows us how to say “yes” to life, despite our own fears, frailties, and weaknesses. For it is Joseph who was “chosen by God to guide the beginnings of the history of redemption. He was the true ‘miracle’ by which God saves the child and his mother” (PC 5).

May we, too, be miracles in the lives of those who are most in need, especially at the beginning and end of life. *Dear St. Joseph, you who were “able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting always in divine providence” (PC 5), help us to imitate your faithful trust and courage.*

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Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

OUR ADULT FAITH FORMATION SERIES HAS BEGUN, BUT THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN!

This program is for any adult who is interested in:

- ◆ Becoming a Catholic (RCIA program)
- ◆ Completing their Sacraments
- ◆ Learning their Faith at a deeper level

Our program meets weekly through Easter and combines lecture, fellowship, and bible-based prayer. Together with others who are exploring their faith, we will walk through Salvation History, the Sacraments, and the major Dogmas of the Church while learning different ways to pray with the Scriptures and working our way through the Gospel of Matthew.

Join us Thursday's at 7:00 pm in St. Nicholas Hall

For questions, contact Fr. Anthony Uytngco at (650) 948-2158 x2088 or anthony.uytngco@dsj.org or register your interest at <https://stnicholasandstwilliam.org/aff/> and we will call you!



LIVE Laudato Si'

"We commit to take action together because it is urgent and necessary."

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* #57

"Join advocacy initiatives such as the [Healthy People, Healthy Planet Petition](https://thecatholicpetition.org) <https://thecatholicpetition.org> urging for bold action to protect creation in addition to other initiatives calling for new paths forward together."
-- from the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development

Respect Life Month Baby Bottle Fundraiser



Every October, we consider more deeply why every human life is valuable and reflect on how to build a culture that protects life in all stages, from conception to natural death.

During **Respect Life Month** we will be collecting donations in support of the **Guadalupe Hope Society**, which aims to protect the sanctity of life by providing support to pregnant women and their families through medical services, advocacy and education offered at GHS Women's Center and its affiliates.

Please make donations by check (payable to St. Nicholas & St. William Parish) or electronically at <https://tinyurl.com/2021respectlife>.

All Souls Novena of Masses October 25 - November 2



Each year on November 2nd we observe *The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed*, better known as **All Souls' Day**.

The intent of this remembrance is for the living to assist through prayer all the souls in purgatory. This year from Monday, October 25th through Thursday, November 2nd we will offer a Novena of Masses for the souls of the beloved dead of our parishioners, as well as for all deceased members of the parish. We invite you to fill out one of the All Souls' envelopes found in the entrances of each church, to share the names of those you would like to have held in prayer during this period. To be included, please return your envelope by October 25th to the collection basket at Mass or to the Parish Office. Names may also be sent electronically using this link: <https://tinyurl.com/allsouls2021>.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of the Animals



Faith Formation & Youth Program

Next Family Mass: November 7

To sign up your 4th graders to serve on November 7, please contact catherine.raffa@dsj.org

Faith Formation (grades 1 to 5)

Sundays 10:00 to 11:00 am
October 17, 24, 31

RCIA (generally grades 4 to 7)

Monthly on Saturdays
9:00 to 11:00 am November 13

Edge (grades 6 to 8)

Mondays from 5:00 to 6:30 pm
October 18, 25

theIntersection (grades 9 to 12)

Sundays 6:15 to 8:00 pm
October 17, 24

Confirmation (grades 7 to 12)

Monthly on Saturdays 9:00 to 11:00 am
Next class is November 13

Monday, Oct 25

"Even just a smile like, 'Hey, I'm here. You can come to me', can do tremendous things. As long as it's even an inch forward, you're doing something. Then that inch turns into a mile and it just keeps going."

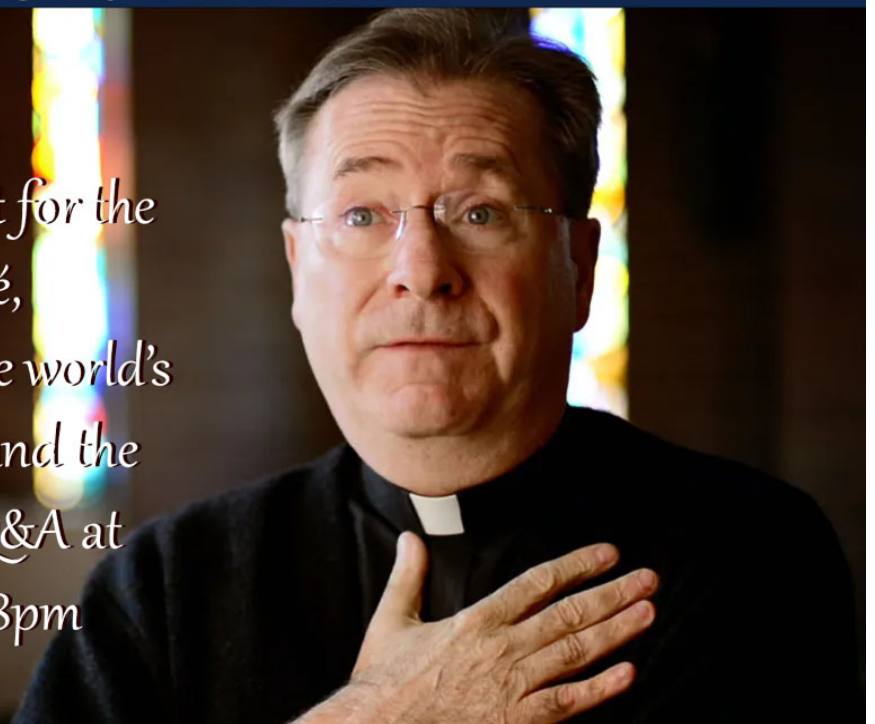


Register now for this film on resilience & the power of connection to end bullying

Learn more and register at tiny.one/UpstandersOct25

THE INTERSECTION IS INVITING TEENS FOR A SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER ON OCTOBER 24TH

Fr. Gary Thomas, Vatican certified Exorcist for the Diocese of San José, will be speaking about the world's hunger for spirituality and the occult, followed by a Q&A at St William Hall 6:15-8pm



St. Nicholas Catholic School

"Faith in action is love, love in action is service,"

**these words from St. Teresa of Calcutta defines our work at
St. Nicholas Catholic School**

Over the next several months, our students will be engaging in many different acts of service. Prior to the pandemic, our students would travel to our outreach programs such as Morgan Center, helping young adults with autism develop their social and communication skills, and places like Villa Sienna where our students sing and read with our senior citizens. During the pandemic, we have had to pivot and do all our service support remotely. Students collect canned foods, toys and coats and parents drop them off to the various organizations. Our students write cards to our youth that are in shelters, to vets and to our elderly. We make blankets for organizations such as the Linus Project. We will continue to prioritize helping the next generation actively serve and understand the value of service.



EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION



**WE INVITE YOU TO COME AND LEARN
ABOUT WHAT ST. NICHOLAS
HAS TO OFFER!**

Virtual Open House

Sessions for
TK/Kindergarten • 1st - 5th Grades • 6th - 8th Grades

Tuesday, October 26, 6-7:30 pm


RSVP at www.StNicholasLAH.com

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BIBLE STUDY



We meet every **Wednesday, from 3:00 to 4:30PM in the St. Nicholas Hall.** Come and join us, bring your Bible and face mask (the doors are kept open.)

HUNGER HAS NO SEASON You and your fellow parishioners help two local food banks with your food donations. During October, we will be delivering food to Community Services in Mountain View. We ask that you please bring non-perishable food items and place them in the "little white church" at St. Nicholas and in the food bin in the back of St. William Church. Thank you!




BEAUJOLAIS NOUVEAU 2021



SAVE THE DATE!
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19
An Evening Wine & Cheese Social

Please see future bulletins for more information!



TODAY'S SECOND COLLECTION: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Stewardship Report: September 20-26, 2021

	Actuals	Budget	Variance
Basket, Mailed-in & Online Giving 9/20-26	\$22,410.41	\$21,076.71	\$1,333.70
YTD (as of 9/26)	\$253,936.55	\$266,964.38	(\$13,027.83)
% of Budget YTD			95.1%

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Mass Intentions for the week of October 18, 2021

St. William Church

Sat 4:00pm Claude Edwin Andrews † *Andrews Family*
Margaret Grapp † *Loving Family*

Sun 9:00am Sandra Panontin † *Loving Family*
5:00pm

St. William - In-Person & Livestreamed

Sun 11:00am People of the Parish

St. Nicholas Church

Sun 8:00am Michael Bruno † *Loving Family*
Reece Sharp - Birthday *Loving Family*
10:00am Jack Paul Leon † *Mary Hardy*
12:00pm Harry Glaze † *Tim & Loretta Fennell*
Skye Lynn Montgomery † *Montgomery-Eder Family*
5:00pm

Mon 8:00am Pat Hanley † *Mariza Farrales & Family*
Estelle Newcomb † *Loving Family*
Dr. Richard Martin Hutchinson † *Loving Family*
12:10pm Jean-Luc Giuliani †

Tue 8:00am Don Tate † *Jane & Henry Evans*
12:10pm Ralph Colet † *Loving Family*


Wed 8:00am
12:10pm Fr. Mateo Sheedy † *Loving Friends*

Thu 8:00am Frank Steine † *Jo Steine*
12:10pm

Fri 8:00am William Ladstatter † *Loving Family*
Raymond Hiznay † *Loving Family*
12:10pm Rey Mendoza - Birthday *Andrews Family*

Sat 8:00am Marcie Smith † *Parish*
Cesare & Rita Fraguaglia †

SICK RELATIVES AND FRIENDS



Let us pray for Erin A., Rosie Abrahamson, Bertha Alarcon, W. M. Andrews, Steve Bednar, Bill Brown, Barbara Brugnoli, Christine Brugnoli, William Brugnoli, Marian Buchheit, Louie Buckley & Friends, Hortense Burke, Jose Cabaccan, Jim Carr, Shirley Chiu, Irmgard Chu, Msgr. John Coleman, Jack Connolly, Dominic Corcoran, Mary Jo Corcoran, Sean Corcoran, Joanna Cross, Alta Cuevas, DeBell Family, Angela DiBattista, Pat Dixon, Dan Eber, Cecilia Espadas, Kaitlyn Farley, Jeanine Ford, Shirley Frier, Tia Garner, Kay Gemello, Diane Geschke, Emil Girczyc, Michael Gray, Pat Guinan, Iris Hahne, Patricia Novack, Carmen Olavarrieta, Kirk Paige, Edna Pear, John Pecoraro, Irene Piontek, Tina Prudencio, Eva, Isidoro, & Jaime Ramirez, Caden James Reinhart, Aidee Reyes, Maria Roja, Star Rodriguez, Mike Roman, Manuel R. Santiago, Doug Sarver, Kathy Schlosser, Kathryn Schmittzch, Geri Schultz, Ana Segovia, Jeanne & Lori Sinsley, Carmel Smith, Maryanne Stanislaw, Shirley Stevenson, Nathaniel Stoll, Margie Strasser, Anne Sturm, Mary Lou Swain, Marie Torrise, Lisa Tucker, Robert Tucker, Kathleen Urbaniak, Katie Vanoli, Connie Weaver, David Weis, Tracy Weiss, Ruby Welch, Terry Wills, Mercedes Yañez, and Rafael Zamora that Jesus will be a source of strength & comfort.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Tue: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wed: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thu: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Fri: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Sat: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
Sun: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Join Our Parish Prayer Team! We invite registered parishioners to join our Parish Prayer Team. Our coordinator receives prayer requests and sends one consolidated prayer request email each weekday. Prayer team members are committed to praying for these intentions in a timely and confidential manner. To sign up to join the Parish Prayer Team go to <https://tinyurl.com/snsprayerteam> or click on this icon on our website www.stnicholasandstwilliam.org

