



August 12, 2018
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:30 & 11:00 AM
Weekday Mass Wednesday through Friday 9:00 AM

Reconciliation

Thursday 5:30 PM to 6:00 PM
Saturday 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM

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Upcoming Liturgies

Sunday, August 12

1 Kgs 19: 4-8; Ps 34: 2-9; Eph 4: 30-5: 2
Jn 6: 41-51
8:30 AM - Mass - St. Nicholas Parishioners
11:00 AM - Mass - Jay Vasconcelos †

Monday, August 13

Ez 1: 2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148: 1-2, 11-14
Mt 17: 22-27
9:00 AM - Communion Service

Tuesday, August 14

Ez 2: 8-3: 4; Ps 119: 14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131
Mt 18: 1-5, 10, 12-14
9:00 AM - Communion Service

Wednesday, August 15 Assumption of Mary

Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45: 10bc, 11-12ab, 16
1 Cor 15: 20-27
Lk 1: 39-56
9:00 AM - Mass - Joann Moran
7:00 PM - Mass - St. Nicholas Parishioners

Thursday, August 16

Ez 12: 1-12; Ps 78: 56-59, 61-62
Mt 18: 21-19: 1
9:00 AM - Mass - Bob Stout †
10:00 AM - Adoration
5:30 PM - Confession
6:20 PM - Benediction

Friday, August 17

Ez 16: 59-63; (Ps) Is 12: 2-6
Mt 19: 3-12
9:00 AM - Mass - Cynthia McIntosh †

Saturday, August 18

Ez 18: 1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51: 12-15, 18-19
Mt 19: 13-15
3:30 PM - Confession
5:30 PM - Mass - Richard Sheehan †

Sunday, August 19

Prv 9: 1-6; Ps 34: 2-7; Eph 5: 15-20
Jn 6: 51-58
8:30 AM - Mass - Bill Rueter †
11:00 AM - Mass - St. Nicholas Parishioners



St. Nicholas the Week Ahead

Sunday, August 12

NO Hospitality Hour after Masses - Parish Center
8:15 AM Toddler Nursery - Parish Center ELC
10:00 AM RCIA - Parish Center #2
11:00 AM Liturgy of Word for Children - Parish Center #3

Monday, August 13

8:30 AM Rosary - Church

Tuesday, August 14

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
9:30 AM Women's Prayer & Share - Parish Center #3

Wednesday, August 15

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
5:00 PM Festival Committee Meeting - Parish Center #4
8:00 PM Youth Group - Parish Center

Thursday, August 16

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
6:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Parish Center #5
6:45 PM Open Door Prayer Group - Parish Center #3
7:00 PM Unicycle Club - Basketball Court

Friday, August 17

8:30 AM Rosary - Church
5:00 PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy - Church

Saturday, August 18

5:00 PM Faith Formation Sign up - Church Breezeway

Sunday, August 19

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8:15 AM Toddler Nursery - Parish Center ELC
9:30 AM Hospitality Hour after Masses - Parish Center
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11:00 AM Liturgy of Word for Children - Parish Center #3



Incense Alert

August 15th is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be offered at 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Incense will be used during the 7:00 PM Mass.

From the Desk of Father Mark

19th Sunday Ordinary JN 6: 41-51

Elijah spent a long, hot day traipsing through the desert until he finally came to a sad little broom tree. Sliding dejectedly beneath it, he prayed for death, crying out. "This is enough, O Lord! Take my life." Talk about a bad day! Haven't we all been through this at some point in our stewardship journey — whether in the parish ministry work we are trying to do, at home with our family or in our profession? Maybe you're there right now. You've have been dragging yourself through the "desert" all day and have nothing to show for it but frustration and misunderstanding; you have nothing left to give and you are just done — enough already, Lord!

It's a cry we all make at one point or another, whether out loud or silently. Elijah certainly doesn't hold back in his complaint to God — he asks the Lord to end his life entirely! He's being a just a wee bit dramatic, wouldn't you agree? Yet this plea — melodramatic to be sure — is a form of the stewardship pillar of prayer, for prayer at its core is simply a lifting of the mind and heart to God.

And how does the Lord respond to Elijah? With a stern lecture? With a guilt trip to just pull himself up by the sandal straps and keep going? No, he responds with help and comfort that is both tender and practical — He sends an angel to give Elijah food and drink and lets him extend his nap a little longer. When Elijah's strength is fully restored, God sets him right back on his journey. Rejuvenated, Elijah is able to walk for 40 days until he arrives at the destination God had in mind for him all along!

We see just the opposite happening in the Gospel reading. The people, hearing Jesus' message, do not understand. But rather than take their complaint to Him, they begin to complain amongst themselves about Him — that's murmuring.

What can we learn from these reactions as modern-day disciples and Christian stewards? Several things. First, feeling worn out and worn down from time to time is actually part of the stewardship journey. It means we are giving our all to the life God is calling us to live. But it is also a sign to us that we need to find some rest and restoration, so that we can gain new and needed strength to keep going.

Second, we learn that "murmuring" is counterproductive. It only leads to more discouragement, weariness and discontent. Rather than complain about God, (or our ministry, our relationships, our work) we should take our complaints to God in prayer. We should ask Him for the rest and strength we need to keep going on the journey of faith. He delights in our reliance on Him. He will send an "angel" in some form or other to give you what you need physically for your own unique discipleship journey.

Even more, as we see in today's Gospel, He will send you His own Son, the Bread from Heaven, to strengthen you spiritually with His very Body and Blood and the living Word of the Scriptures. A stewardship way of life takes all the strength we have to give. The beauty of this way of life is that we have a God who delights in giving us every bit of strength we need to live it!

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Worship and Spiritual Life

Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

Little is known about St. Pontian (c. † 236), save that he was pope from 198 or 199 to 236. After the schism of St. Hippolytus ended, Emperor Maximinus exiled Pontian to the Sardinian mines, where he died.

St. Hippolytus (c. 170-236) was a prolific writer and probably a disciple of Irenaeus. He wrote the *Refutation of All Heresies* and exegeses of the Song of Songs and Daniel, but he is best known as a possible author of the *Apostolic Tradition*, and invaluable source of information on customs and liturgy during the first centuries of the Church. Ironically, Hippolytus shares this day with Pope Pontian, against whom he led a schism.

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St. Stephen of Hungary

St. Stephen († 1038) is thought of as the founder of the kingdom of Hungary, was its first king, and established Christianity there. According to legend, he was baptized by St. Adalbert of Prague. Hungarians believe that Pope Silvester II sent Stephen a jeweled gold crown, along with a letter recognizing him as king. This crown is venerated by the people of Hungary, although the Crown of St. Stephen that we have today probably dates from the twelfth century. St. Stephen discouraged the practice of pagan customs, brought priests in to serve as missionaries and founded several dioceses. He had hoped to retire and lead a life of prayer and contemplation after handing the kingdom to his son, Emeric, but Emeric died young, breaking his father's heart. Stephen ruled until his death in 1038 on August 15th, the celebration of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As he died, he asked Mary to look after the people of Hungary as their queen. Stephen was the first canonized "confessor king," a new category, and is venerated as the patron saint of Hungary. He is also the patron saint of kings, masons, and children who are dying.

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Sick, Hospitalized or Homebound?

Please notify Deacon Dale at the Parish Office if you find yourself or a family member in this situation. We have Ministers that can bring the Eucharist, share the readings, and pray with you.

Stewardship

Stewardship of Treasure for 8/5/2018

Sunday Stewardship	\$ 12,777
Children's Collection	\$ 32
Sunday Loose Donations	\$ 1,179
Online Giving Donations	\$ 5,922
Total Year to Date Offerings	\$ 19,437
Year to Date Budget	\$ 124,500
Under Budget	\$ -5,063
Holy Days	\$ 0
Total Year to Date	\$ 155
Building Fund	\$ 10
Total Year to Date	\$ 1,747

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

We are still trying to reach our participation goal of 520 families!

THANK YOU to all those households who have pledged and contributed to the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. Our reports show that 428 households have pledged \$225,384 which exceeds our Archdiocesan goal of \$178,541 and our "stretch goal" of \$225,000 set by Fr. Mark!

Pledges can be placed in the offering basket at a weekend Mass, mailed to or dropped off at the parish Office or submitted online through the Archdiocese web site (<https://www.seattlearchdiocese.org/Stewardship/ACA/Donate.aspx>). All donations received in excess of our assigned Archdiocesan goal will be rebated to the parish.

Please contact Sarah McLellan in the Parish Office if you have any questions regarding the 2018 Annual Catholic Appeal. Sarah can be reached at pa@stnicholasqigharbor.org or via telephone at (253) 649-0006.

St. Nicholas Catholic School



School Families: Important Dates to Know

- Campus Clean Up - August 18th 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM.
- Kindergarten Cookies and Juice - August 20th 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM.
- Preschool/Pre K Popsicle Pow Wow - August 24th 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM.
- Parents Night Out - Friday, August 24th 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM. Bring a dish and drink to share. Location to be announced.
- Back to School Ice Cream Social - Saturday, August 25th. Join us for Mass at 5:30 PM then come for an ice cream social at 6:30 PM. This is great way to meet other families. We will also have a uniform exchange, volunteer sign-ups, and more.
- First Day of School - August 29th, early dismissal.
- Mandatory Parent Information Night - (no children, please plan for childcare now) September 6th from 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Summer SCRIP Hours

SCRIP will be available for sale on Tuesdays from 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM in the Development office on the school campus (between the 7th and 8th grade classrooms). No SCRIP sales from July 20th through August 14th. SCRIP will resume Sunday, August 19th.



We're Hiring!

St. Nicholas Catholic School is seeking qualified candidates for the following positions:

- Diversified Learning Specialist (Full Time)
- PE Teacher (Part Time)
- Custodian (Part Time)

Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to Davin Reyes at dreyes@snscgh.org, as well as apply online at <http://www.ocsw.org/employment.php>.

See Ms. Rebecca Gray at the Leavenworth Summer Theater

Come see SNCS music teacher Rebecca Gray star as Maria in the Sound of Music at the Leavenworth Summer Theater. Watch this magical performance under the stars at the Ski Hill Amphitheater! August performance dates and tickets are available at: <https://www.leavenworthsummertheater.org/ticket-info/>.

Please note that infants and children under 5 are not admitted to evening shows.

St. Nicholas Catholic School...continued

Alumni Spotlight

SNCS alumna and Peninsula High School senior Julieta Ortiz-Bustillos recently made the Team USA lacrosse team and will represent her country August 6th - 15th in England and Scotland! Julieta started playing lacrosse in seventh grade and has played for the Peninsula School District team (a joint team with players from Gig Harbor and Peninsula), the Tacoma LadyHawks lacrosse club, and for Team Washington in a national tournament in Stony Brook, New York, in late May. Way to go, Julieta!



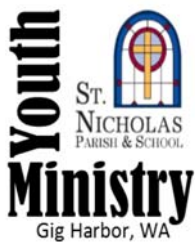
Are you or someone you know a St. Nicholas alumni?

We want to hear from you!

Please visit the alumni page on our website at

<https://www.stnicholascscs.org/community/alumni>, or email development@snscgh.org.

Faith Formation



*Youth Group
Call Youth Ministry
for the Schedule*

*7th & 8th Grade Edge
Call Youth Ministry
for the Schedule*



Have YOU registered for Confirmation yet?

Do you need to register for Confirmation? Not sure?

Contact Michele in the Youth Ministry Office at (253) 851-9040 or youthminister@stnicholasgigharbor.org.

Hearts Afire!



33 Days to Morning Glory

A parish-based program from the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception (HAPP®) is a bold and fresh approach to small group, parish-based, faith renewal programs. It is designed to help us live the complete Catholic life of faith, charity, and the sacraments. It's designed to set our hearts on fire with love of God and neighbor and to inspire us to works of mercy in our families, parishes, and communities. The retreat features materials and video from Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC.

Session begins Monday, August 27th at 9:30 AM.

For details or to register contact Barbara Jeffers at kandbjeffers@comcast.net.

Pre-registration is very important. It ensures that Session materials will be available for you.

Are you ready to follow your baptismal call?

We are looking for Catechists who help share and witness the Word of God. Experience is not necessary or required, just an open heart and love of Jesus Christ.

There are openings in K-6, Middle School, Teen and Adult ministries.

Do you have questions?

Call or email: Kurt Lawrence at (253) 851-6121 or kurt.lawrence@stnicholasgigharbor.org.

The Faith Formation Team will be in the Breezeway after All Masses this weekend August 11th & 12th, come and chat with us!



Does your child need to start preparing for Sacraments?

**1st Eucharist and
1st Reconciliation?**

St. Nicholas follows the two year preparation process set forth by the Archbishop. Preparation for 1st Eucharist (1st Communion) and Reconciliation begins in Level 1 Faith Formation, immediate preparation begins in Level 2. If you have any questions contact the Faith Formation office!

Sessions begin in September

Faith Formation...continued



Do you know a child or teen that is not Baptized?

If you have or know of a child or teen who is over the age of 7 years of age and is unbaptized, or not baptized in the Triune Form, contact Kurt Lawrence in the Faith Formation Office for details. Sessions will be beginning this fall.

Kurt Lawrence at (253) 851-6121 or
kurt.lawrence@stnicholasgigharbor.org.



**ELEMENTARY
Faith Formation
K — 6**

The 2017 / 2018 Elementary Faith Formation season is complete!

Thank you to everyone who were Catechists and Aides. Thank you to all the parents for helping to bring the children closer to Christ!

It is not too early to register your child for the 2018 / 2019 session. You can do so online at: <http://www.stnicholasgigharbor.org/grades-k-to-6>.

Session begins in September 2018



JESUS REVEALED ARE YOU INTERESTED?

If you are interested in the upcoming Parish Bible Study program, which is beginning this September, and you did not participate in our study of the Gospel of Luke last year, please sign up on one of the interest sheets in the Narthex. Signing on these forms does not replace the need for you to register. Registration will be held after all Masses on August 18th and 19th, in the Parish Hall.

Classes will be held on:

Tuesday Evenings - Men & Women 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday Evenings - Men's 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Thursday Mornings - Men & Women 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

This program is produced by Catholic Scripture Study International and is an 18-week course. Through this program you will discover the person of Jesus Christ, revealed through scripture. You will discover how the Old Testament foreshadows the New, how the New Testament fulfills the Old, and how all of scripture is oriented to Jesus Christ. Come join us at one of these classes.

If you have questions, please call the following:

Tuesday's Session Kurt Lawrence (253) 851-6121

Wednesday's Session Roger Croteau (253) 851-3251

Thursday's Session Corinne McQuade (253) 265-3547

Exciting News!

This year a third session has been added. Tuesday evenings 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM and is open to men & women, single or married! All are welcome!

For Your Information

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: Peninsula Eye Clinic



24 Hour Adoration

For more info please contact Georgina at (253) 759-3386 or email georgina@holycross-tacoma.org. Holy Cross Catholic Church is located at 5510 North 44th Street, Tacoma, WA 98407.

Project Rachael

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.



No Hospitality Hour on Sunday, August 12th

WSSC Advocacy Network

The Washington State Catholic Conference is the public policy voice of the Bishops of Washington. The WSSC Advocacy Network www.thewssc.org is an easy way for Catholics to keep up on current congressional and state legislative matters of importance to Catholics.



Hearing Assistance

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

Considering Separation or Divorce?

There *is* an alternative. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vī) has brought reconciliation and healing to tens of thousands of troubled marriages worldwide. Your situation may seem hopeless, but there is *always* hope. You are not alone. For confidential information about, or to register for our upcoming program beginning, August 17-19, 2018 call (206) 706-2608 or visit our website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



Natural Family Planning

Physician April Lind says, "True women's health care starts with the appreciation that she is fertile when healthy." She recommends her patients use Natural Family Planning to space births. To learn more visit www.live-the-love.org or call Chris or Christine Ryalls at (253) 851-7445.



Pierce County RSVP: (Retired and Senior Volunteer Program)

Are you 55 years of age or older? Would you like to apply your personal interests, skills, wisdom, talents and life experience to help meet community needs through meaningful volunteer opportunities? Can you spare four hours each week?



We have several opportunities in the greater Tacoma area in food banks: client intake, floor lead, assistant managers, dispensers, carry out/runners, drivers (mileage cost reimbursement), and some administrative/clerical, handyman and meal site volunteer positions. Other potential opportunities include reading programs, ESL (English as a Second Language), and mentoring students.

Please contact Nancy McFarland (253) 722-5695 or RSVP@piercecounty@lcsnw.org for more information on volunteer opportunities.

Homebound Ministers for Holy Communion
Please stop by the Parish Office to pick up your name tag.

Food & Wine Tasting Committee

We are looking for committee members to plan our next Food & Wine Tasting this fall. Do you have good organizational skills and enjoy setting up events? Are you creative or just trying to find a way to give back to the parish, give Kris a call.



We are looking for people that can attend our planning meetings. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Kris Grose at (253) 677-5700.

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.



Meal Train Volunteers needed

The Saint Nicholas Meal Train provides support in the form of meals for families. Meals are delivered to families experiencing the arrival of a new baby, unexpected medical challenges, personal emergencies, and bereavement. Meal train volunteers help cook meals for the parish meal trains, and deliver those meals to participating families. We are looking for volunteers! Come be a part of this compassionate, supportive, and community-building ministry. For more information please contact Rebekah Gummow at (408) 425-0568 or tyceandrebekah@yahoo.com.

The Next "Protecting God's Children" Safe Environment Live Training at St. Nicholas Church scheduled for September 20, 2018. If you want to volunteer at the School or assist in classes at the Parish please make sure to sign up for this class as space is limited.

Due to limited resources, it is important that you pre-register for this session in order to secure your place. Please register by going to the following website: www.virtusonline.org. You can also find other sessions offered throughout the diocese on this website.



For more information call Kurt Lawrence in the Faith Formation Office kurt.lawrence@stnicholasgigharbor.org.

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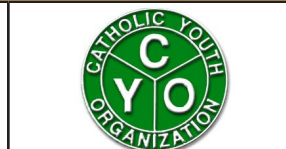


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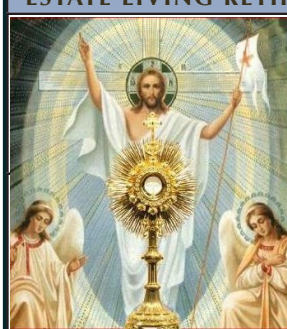


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