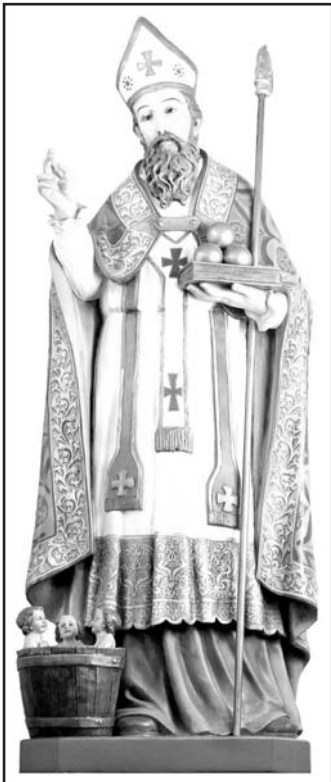


*Join us in celebrating faith and culture as one—everyone is warmly welcomed into our parish family, where Christ's love embraces us all!
Tutti sono benvenuti nella nostra famiglia parrocchiale, dove l'amore di Cristo abbraccia ciascuno di noi!*



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MESSE DOMENICALI

9:00am: Italiano
10:30am: Inglese
12:00pm: Ge'ez Rite

MESSE FERIALE

8:00am: da Martedì a Sabato
7:30pm: Mercoledì
Messe memoriali (prenotare prima)

BATTESIMI

Chiamate in Ufficio quanto prima

CONFESSIONI

Tutti i giorni prima o dopo la Messa.
Altri giorni su appuntamento

MATRIMONI

Prenotarsi 1 anno prima

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Chiamate in Ufficio

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Chiamate in Ufficio qualunque
giorno

SUNDAY MASSES

9:00am : Italian
10:30am: English (with Children's Liturgy)
12:00pm: Ge'ez Rite

WEEKDAY MASSES

8:00am: Tuesday to Saturday
7:30pm: Wednesday & Friday Memorial
mass (upon request)

BAPTISM

By appointment and after instruction.
Parents must be registered members of our
parish community

CONFESSIONS

Every day before and after Mass and upon
request

MARRIAGES

One year notice and marriage course
mandatory

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Please call the Office

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – December 15, 2024

Christmas message from father Bruno

Dear friends, in this season of joy and anticipation, I want to speak to your hearts about the true meaning of Christmas. Many of you are caught in a whirlwind of preparations - elaborate dinners, gift shopping, family gatherings. These are beautiful traditions, but they risk overshadowing the very heart of Christmas: the celebration of Christ's birth. Your calendars are full. Between work commitments, children's activities, and family expectations, the Christmas Mass might seem like just another item to squeeze in. But I urge you to pause and reflect: what are we truly celebrating? Christmas is not primarily about perfect decorations, gourmet meals, or exchanging expensive gifts. It's about God becoming human, about divine love entering our world in the most humble of circumstances - a simple manger in Bethlehem. When you choose a family dinner over Mass, when you prioritize material preparations over spiritual celebration, you're teaching your children a profound, yet unintended lesson. You're showing them that convenience matters more than faith, that comfort trumps commitment. Your children learn more from what they see you do than from what you tell them to do. If Christmas morning is about opening presents instead of opening your heart in worship, what message are you sending? The Christmas Mass is an opportunity - to gather as a community, to remember God's incredible love, to pause in the midst of life's chaos and reconnect with what truly matters. I know the pressures you face. Grandparents expecting you for lunch, children excited about gifts, social media showcasing perfect family moments. But remember: the most perfect family moment is standing together before God, receiving Christ in the Eucharist.

POINSETTIAS



In anticipation of adorning the Altar for the upcoming Christmas season, we extend a warm invitation to our parishioners to contribute by donating poinsettias (red or white). Alternatively, you may choose to make a donation towards acquiring poinsettias for the Church. For further details, kindly reach out to the parish office. Your participation in enhancing the festive beauty of our worship space is truly appreciated.

Thank you, Jerret Funeral Homes

On behalf of the St. Nicholas Parish community, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation of Sunday Missals. Your thoughtful contribution will enrich our worship experience and provide invaluable support to our parishioners as they participate more fully in the liturgy. Fr. Bruno

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE Tuesday December 24



Christmas Eve

8:00 p.m. - Bilingual Mass
(Italian/English)

Christmas Day – Wednesday, Dec. 25th

9:00 a.m. - Italian Mass
11:00 a.m. – English Mass

New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1st

9:00 a.m. - Italian Mass
11:00 a.m. – English Mass

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on December 26, 2024 and January 1, 2025. Please call us if any emergency occurs and we will respond as soon as possible.

Children to perform at Christmas mass



We are excited to share some wonderful news! This Christmas, your children will have the special opportunity to perform during our Christmas Mass. Their hard work, beautiful voices, and joyful spirits will help make this celebration even more meaningful and memorable for everyone in our community. The performance will take place on Christmas Day (December 25). We invite all families to join us for this heartfelt occasion as we come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus with joy, music, and love. We kindly ask that children attend the practice every Sunday to ensure they are prepared and feel confident in their performance.

MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS SALE & RAFFLE!



Join us in the Church Foyer every Sunday, Nov 10 - Dec 22, from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Raffle tickets: \$5.00

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Weekly offerings : \$1,736.80

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3. DOMEMICA DELL'AVVENTO - 15 DICEMBRE 2024



December 15 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am – Antonietta Pallotta; Potenza Nicola e Margherita e Pietro; Gilberto Giovanni

10:30am – Jim & Joe Deleo & for all the deceased members of the Deleo & Ferreri Families; Santa Lucia & all souls in Purgatory

12:00pm – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

December 16 Monday/Lunedì

No mass today ----- Nessuna messa oggi

December 17 Tuesday/Martedì

8:00am – Repose of the soul, of Stanislav Manets, Guadalupe & Manuel Conde; Birthday blessings upon Jacqueline Lopez de Gomez, Rev. Priest Patrick Ezimora

11:00am – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

December 18 Wednesday/Mercoledì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Irene Bone, Maria Agustina & Roberto Maravilla; St. Joseph help upon Colette and Alistair, Sylvia Lorenzo, Dinora, Irena, Ania, Linh, Renaldo, Carlos Tejada, Julian & Tabatha, Luba, Bryan, Martin, Josue, Rene Meza, Johana & Ivan, Andrew Coppens, Josue, Jose Mauricio Castaño, Emmanuel

9:40am – Mass Loretto College

6:45pm – Gruppo di preghiera di San Padre Pio

December 19 Thursday/Giovedì

8:00am – End of abortion & euthanasia; For all Priest living and deceased; Healing of Jacob Lee McEwen, Otto, Walter, Irena, Ania, James Breggar, Gloria, Joe, Lucia, Pinargote Castro Family, Mily

11:00am – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

December 20 Friday/Venerdì

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Zofia & Stanislaus Misiko, Vivi, Ram; For the Priests of Holy Cross of Marylake; Repentance, conversion, peace in the world; Healing of Ivette, Pax, Emriz, Emma Sophia Greco, Han Ycaza

9:30am – Mass - St. Nicholas School

11:00am – 12:00pm – Day of Confession

6:00pm – 7:30pm – Day of Confession

December 21 Saturday/Sabato

8:00am – Repose of the soul of Rev. Priest Daniel Chiu, CSB, Rev. Priest Juan Triviño, Rev. Priest Pier Giorgio Di Cicco; For the Priests of Holy Cross of Marylake; For the unborn, orphan & unbaptized children; All souls in Purgatory, for all migrants, refugees, prisoners, dying, sick, lonely, unemployed, poor; Thanksgiving to Heavenly Father for all Sacraments; Birthday blessings upon Zofia, Omar Conde

December 22 Sunday/Domenica

9:00am – Michele e Maria Lamanna e Michele e Carmela Cimicata; Saverio Bianco e Annantonia De Cotiis; Giuseppe Macri, Filomena Macri, Pasquale Macri, Joe Saverino, Aurora Ramos, Victor Ramos, Mary-Ann Ramos

10:30am – Vincenzo & Angelina Rubino, Bernardo Marino & Rocky; Adelina O. Costello

12:00pm – Catholic (Ge'ez Rite)

Messaggio da parte di padre Bruno

Oggi voglio parlarvi di un momento cruciale della nostra vita cristiana: il Natale e la Santa Messa. Molti di voi, cari anziani, siete stati per decenni colonna portante di questa comunità.

Avete insegnato ai vostri figli i valori cristiani, li avete accompagnati nei sacramenti, avete tramandato la fede di generazione in generazione. Eppure oggi vi trovate in una situazione nuova e complessa. I vostri figli e nipoti vi chiamano, vi chiedono aiuto per la preparazione del pranzo di Natale, per sistemare la casa, per accudire i più piccoli. E voi, con la generosità che vi contraddistingue, rischiate di dimenticare l'essenziale: la celebrazione della Nascita di Gesù. Ricordatevi che la Messa di Natale non è un optional, non è un appuntamento che può essere rimandato o sostituito. È il cuore della nostra fede, il momento in cui celebriamo l'Incarnazione, Dio che si fa uomo per noi. Prima di ogni impegno familiare, viene Dio. Se avete insegnato ai vostri figli e nipoti il valore della fede, oggi dovete essere coerenti. Non potete averli educati al rispetto di Dio per poi cedere alle loro richieste pratiche. La vostra testimonianza è più forte di qualsiasi parola: partecipare alla Messa di Natale è un gesto di fedeltà che educa più di mille prediche. La famiglia è importante, ma la famiglia cristiana mette Dio al primo posto. Gesù nasce per tutti, e il suo Natale va celebrato nella comunità, nell'Eucaristia. Non lasciatevi sottrarre questo momento prezioso. Se necessario, organizzatevi. Chiedete ai figli di adattarsi ai vostri orari liturgici, fate capire loro che la Messa viene prima di tutto. Ricordategli che voi, per primi, li avete portati a conoscere Dio. Il Natale non è solo un pranzo, non è solo uno scambio di regali. È l'incontro con Cristo, è la celebrazione del suo amore. Non permettete che gli affetti familiari, pur così importanti, oscurino questo mistero sublime. La vostra presenza in Chiesa la mattina di Natale sarà la più bella predica, il più toccante insegnamento che potrete dare ai vostri cari. Che Dio vi benedica e vi dia la forza di essere fedeli.

ORARIO MESSE DI NATALE E CAPODANNO

Martedì, 24 Dicembre :

8:00pm: Vigilia di Natale (Italiano/Inglese)

Giorno di Natale – Mercoledì, 25 Dicembre

9:00 a.m. – Messa in Italiano

11:00 a.m. – Messa in Inglese

Nuovo Anno – Mercoledì, 1 Gennaio 2025

9:00 a.m. – Messa in Italiano

11:00 a.m. – Messa in Inglese

Nota bene: l'ufficio rimane chiuso : Giovedì 26 Dicembre 2024 e Mercoledì, 1 Gennaio 2025

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A nome della comunità della Parrocchia di San Nicola, desidero esprimere la nostra sincera gratitudine per la vostra generosa donazione dei calendari del 2025. Questo dono sarà sicuramente apprezzato da tutti i parrocchiani e contribuirà a diffondere un senso di comunità e di fede tra di noi.

Benvenuto a Don Francesco, un diacono ben conosciuto, che verrà dall'Italia per predicare alle Messe di Natale in italiano e in inglese

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