

# Guardian Angels Catholic Church

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# St. Nicholas Catholic Church

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## Mass Schedule

### Weekdays:

Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8:00 a.m.  
Thursday: 8:00 a.m.  
Friday: 6:00 p.m. at St. Nick

### Weekends:

Saturdays: 4:30 p.m.  
Sundays: 8:00 a.m. /  
10:00 a.m. at GA  
10:00 a.m. at St. Nick  
Sunday: 12:30 p.m. (Mass in  
Spanish)

### Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8:00 -8:45 a.m.  
Saturday: 3:15 -4:15 p.m.

### Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — One like a Son of man received dominion, glory, and kingship (Daniel 7:13-14).

**Psalm** — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty (Psalm 93).

**Second Reading** — Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead (Revelation 1:5-8).

**Gospel** — For this I came into the world, to testify to the truth (John 18:33b-37).

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November 21, 2021 - Christ the King Sunday



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Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,  
the firstborn of the dead  
and ruler of the kings of the earth. — Revelation 1:5

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## St. Nicholas Staff

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Prayer Garden	952-913-4964

**Mass Intentions:** Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a † designating in the bulletin a deceased person. There is a \$10 suggested donation per Mass intention. Permission from the sick person or his/her family must be granted before a name's inclusion in these prayers. To schedule a Mass intention, call the Parish Office.

**Baptism:** Our Baptism Belonging Class is required for all parents as a first step to Baptism of your child. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 to sign up for a class. We encourage Godparents to attend. Baptisms are scheduled once per month after the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Special dates requested for Baptism will be considered and accommodated depending on circumstances.

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays at GA from 8:00 - 8:45 a.m. and 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. or by appt.

**Matrimony:** Marriage preparation is required. Please call Father Tony VanderLoop, Pastor, at 952-679-9415 at least 8 months in advance.

**Anointing:** If you wish to receive an anointing please call the Parish Office: (952) 227-4000.

**Communion for the Homebound:** When we come together to pray at our Eucharistic liturgy, we do not forget the members of our community who are unable to be with us because of ill health. We remember them in our prayers, and we wish to include them in our Holy Communion. Members of our community bring the Blessed Sacrament to them to comfort them and to unite us in the Eucharist. We are not always aware of those who have this need. Please call the Parish Office to let us know if you or a member of your family would like to have Holy Communion brought to them. That way we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

**Hospital, Nursing Home, Homebound Visits:** Churches are no longer notified by hospitals or nursing homes when a parishioner is admitted unless the family has requested it. If you or a family member are homebound, hospitalized or in a nursing home and would like a visit from a member of the ministry staff, please call the Parish Office.

## Church Calendar

**Monday, November 22nd** (office open 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

**Tuesday, November 23rd** (office open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

5:30 p.m. Mass at GA  
6:00 p.m. RCIA, SFH

**Wednesday, November 24th** (office open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

8:00 a.m. Mass at GA

**Thursday, November 25th** (office closed)

9:00 a.m. Mass at GA  
9:00 a.m. Mass at SN

**Friday, November 26th** (office closed)

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Nicholas † Jay Perrill

**Saturday, November 27th**

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church  
3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church  
4:30 p.m. Mass at GA † Marilyn Schepers

**Sunday, November 28th - First Sunday of Advent**

8:00 a.m. Mass at GA † Mark Halloran  
10:00 a.m. Mass at GA † Casey & Pat Dorion  
10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Nicholas † Elmer & Lucille Poppler  
12:30 p.m. Spanish Mass at GA For the People

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4  
**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11  
**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19  
**Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28  
Thanksgiving Day, Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19  
**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33  
**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36  
**Sunday:** Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14; 1 Thes 3:12 — 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

## Financial Update

CFC Loan Balance (Nov 1)	\$37,844.52
Maintenance Fund Collected (Nov 1)	\$58,822.75
Maintenance Fund Spent (Roof to Date)	<b>\$45,000.00</b>

### Guardian Angels Sunday Envelope:

Month of Oct. 2021 Collected:	\$44,221.44
Month of Oct. 2021 Budgeted:	\$53,745.00
Year to Date Collected:	\$188,139.61
Year to Date Budgeted:	\$202,177.00

### St. Nicholas Sunday Envelope:

Year to Date Collected:	\$15,982
Year to Date Budgeted:	\$14,533

### This Mirror

Pilate asks Jesus the question, “Are you the king of the Jews?”. Jesus did not answer it with a description of power, at least according to the world’s standards. And he stood before him powerless and having been scourged and in shackles. He was a prisoner with no army behind him and no financial backing. By human standards he ought to have been long forgotten and swallowed up in the broad stream of history.

But he is still there, standing before the powerful people of this world. Each of us has some desire for the world’s power, either at home or at work, or in front of our colleagues, or amongst friends. It is interesting how Jesus responds at first to Pilate. He says, “Do you say this of your own accord or did others say it about me?” It is as if he is holding a mirror up to Pilate and asking, Are you saying it because that is the general opinion or because you really want to know for yourself? Are you under pressure in saying it or does this come from your heart?

If we look in Jesus’ mirror, we can ask ourselves, “How many of my views are mere prejudices? How much of what I think and say is simply taken over from other people without asking myself whether I really think it myself?”

Pilate is not prepared for this question. Jesus says simply that his kingdom is not of this world. If it were, then his followers would fight on his behalf. He says that he came to bear witness to the truth: “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice.”

All earthly power is limited, but anyone who accepts Christ as his king cannot be dominated by such power. Christ will liberate us. The King who stands before Pilate in chains sets people free from all the bonds of self-deception and lies. We only need to respond to the truth and to look in this mirror to see if we are conforming to this great truth that Jesus Christ is our King!

Father Tony

### Upcoming Thanksgiving and Advent Liturgies

We have several upcoming special Masses and a penance service. Please note them well and we invite you to come! The Mass of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Guardian Angels</u>	<u>Saint Nicholas</u>
Thanksgiving Mass, Thurs. Nov. 25	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Advent Penance Service Sun. Dec. 5	4:00 p.m.	
Saint Nicholas Day Mass Mon. Dec. 6	7:00 p.m.	



## Thank You For Supporting Our Missions

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for supporting The Community of Saint Paul who came for a visit to our parish this past August to raise money to support their mission to the poor and disadvantaged of the Dominican Republic. Together we contributed \$2,738.94 toward this mission. May God bless your generosity and missionary spirit in supporting missions around the world!



### *Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel*

Saint Michael the archangel,  
defend us in battle.

Be our protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou, O Prince of heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



## Faith Formation

### **COME & SEE...**

Journey through Advent in a different way this year! Walk together in fellowship and experience the joy of encountering Jesus in our own lives and the lives of others.

**ENCOUNTER** Faith Formation small groups are meeting on Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> and Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> in the gym from 6:15pm-7:45pm.

We invite everyone in the Guardian Angels and St. Nicholas communities to join us! All ages are welcome and free childcare will be offered for children ages 3-5. Children **MUST** be registered to ensure proper adult supervision.

Please contact Fran Oprosko at 952-227-4000 to register or for more information.

### **St. Nicholas Faith Formation**

St. Nicholas Faith Formation is giving back to the community and we need your help! Starting Sunday November 28th, the students will be asking for donations for Christmas Ornaments they made together at Faith Formation this week in Faith in Action program we started this year to help teach the kids to give back. These ornaments are hanging the Christmas tree in the back of our church. All funds are going to go towards purchasing fleece to make blankets for a non-profit organization call My Very Own Bed. This will be the next Faith in Action event in our program. Please feel free to look and support our program.

If you would like to donate money towards the purchase of Christmas flowers in honor of a loved one, you can use either the church envelope marked Christmas flowers or use your own envelope marked "Christmas flowers" and drop in the collection basket. Please include the name(s) of the loved one(s).



### **Theologies of Disability and Aging: Becoming a Vulnerable Communion**

People with disabilities are the world's largest minority, yet they are consistently overlooked and excluded by church and society. This lecture provides an introduction to the growing field of disability theology which aims to right this wrong. Join us to see how God, church, and society can be reimagined when the experiences of people with disabilities become a locus for theological development. We will look especially at disabilities that often arise as one ages: changes in hearing abilities, cognitive abilities, and mobility.

**December 4, presentation from 9am -11am. Online Webinar Event. Free event. Registration is required: [www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday](http://www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday), 320-363-3560 or [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu).**

### "Working on the Margins:" Catholic Campaign for Human Development

This Sunday we recognize the vital work of organizations fighting poverty nationally and locally supported by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Hispanic Outreach of Goodhue County is one organization receiving grants from this collection as they advocate for the rights and dignity for Hispanic people. A collection will be taken to support important community efforts like Hispanic Outreach. Please help provide opportunities for individuals to move out of poverty and be as generous as you are able on November 20/21.

### **THANK YOU!**

Guardian Angels received a very generous gift for the maintenance and renewal of our buildings from the estate of Ed and Betty Hammers. This will help the parish with many projects that have been delayed. We look forward to the wonderful potential that the north side buildings will provide in the coming decades of faith life here at Guardian Angels.

Please consider remembering Guardian Angels and St. Nicholas in your wills. The gifts given are protected and can be used entirely for the health of the parish. Ask Lynn for more details in the Parish Office.

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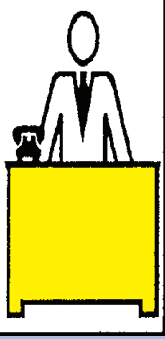
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