# The Churches of The Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas

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Wednesday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Thursday: 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

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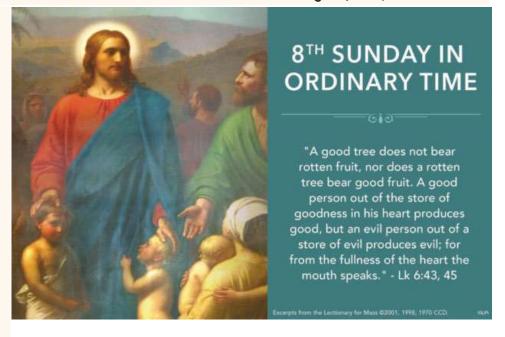
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### March 2nd, 2025

### Weekly Liturgy Schedule / Horario de Misas

#### **Sunday Masses:**

Saturday: 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 9 a.m.

7:30 a.m. at Saint Nicholas Sunday: 12:00 p.m. in Spanish

#### **Daily Masses:**

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

bilingual at Saint Nicholas

#### **Reconciliation:**

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

#### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

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

#### **Misas dominicales:**

Sábado: 4:30 p.m. Domingo: 9 a.m.

Domingo: 12:00 p.m. en español

#### **Misas diarias:**

Martes: 5:30 p.m. Miércoles: 8:00 a.m. Jueves: 8:00 a.m. Viernes: 6:00 p.m.

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#### Reconciliación:

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

#### Adoración Eucarística:

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

#### Grupo de Oración

Jueves: 7:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

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Please submit announcements, feature articles, or event summaries for the bulletin for Guardian Angels or St. Nicholas by email at bulletin@gachaska.org by 12 p.m. the Tuesday before. Photographs must be in .jpg format.

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Si tiene algo que enviar para el boletín de Guardian Angels o St. Nicholas, envíe un correo electrónico a bulltin@gachaska.org antes de las 12:00 p.m. el martes anterior. Fotografía debe estar en formato .jpg.

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

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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, March 3rd

6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting, St. Francis Hall

#### Tuesday, March 4th

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

#### Wednesday, March 5th

12:00 p.m. Mass

6:00 p.m. Faith Formation, Campus-Wide

7:00 p.m. Mass

#### Thursday, March 6th

8:00 a.m. Mass, ⊕ Tony Koll

8:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration, GA Church

7:00 p.m. Latino Prayer Group, GA Church

#### Friday, March 7th

6:00 p.m. Mass (SN)

#### Saturday, March 8th

8:00 a.m. Confessions, GA Church

8:30 a.m. Dad's Group, Room 004

3:15 p.m. Confessions, GA Church

#### Sunday, March 9th

7:30 a.m. Mass (SN)

8:00 a.m. Men's Club Father-Son Breakfast,

St. Francis Hall

8:15 a.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft

9:00 a.m. Mass, For the People

12:00 p.m. Mass (Spanish), ⊕ Rosa Rangel Calderon and Lorenzo Perez Lemus

#### **Mass Intentions:**

Mass intentions may be for the living and/or the departed, with a  $\oplus$  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, please 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 90:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. Special dates requested for Baptism will be considered and accommodated depending on circumstances.

#### **Matrimony**:

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

#### 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. Then we can schedule a time for our ministers to visit and bring the Sacrament.

#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor

15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27 Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31 Wednesday: JI 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2

Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25 Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see

5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-1

#### LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo: Eclo 27, 4-7/Sal 91, 2-3. 13-14. 15-16 (ver 2)/1 Co 15, 54-58/Lc 6, 39-45

Lunes: Eclo 17, 20-28/Sal 31, 1-2. 5. 6. 7/Mc 10, 17-27 Martes: Eclo 35, 1-15/Sal 49, 5-6. 7-8. 14 y 23/Mc 10, 28-31 Miércoles: Jl 2, 12-18/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 12-13. 14 y 17/2 Co 5,

20—6, 2/Mt 6, 1-6. 16-18

Jueves: Dt 30, 15-20/Sal 1, 1-2. 3. 4 y 6/Lc 9, 22-25 Viernes: Is 58, 1-9/Sal 50, 3-4. 5-6. 18-19/Mt 9, 14-15 Sábado: Is 58, 9-14/Sal 85, 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/Lc 5, 27-32

Domingo siguiente: Dt 26, 4-10/Sal 90, 1-2. 10-11. 12-13. 14-

15 (ver 5)/Rom 10, 8-13/Lc 4, 1-13

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE



All of today's readings remind us that our works reflect what is in our hearts. Do *my* words and actions reveal a heart that is grateful for—and generous in sharing—the abundance God has poured into my life?

## Year-To-Date 7/1/24—02/24/25

	Guardian Angels	St. Nicholas
Goal, Year-to-Date	\$456,547	\$44,380
Last Sunday's Collection	\$6,784	\$974
Total Giving YTD	\$390,159	\$39,053
Percent of Goal Funded	85%	88%

#### Maintenance Expenses Paid 7/1/24 to Date:

New A/C Compressor Architectural Fees for School Steps

#### **Guardian Angels Maintenance Fund:**

Contributions this fiscal year: \$34,793.46 Expenses this fiscal year: \$47,989.34 Fund Balance: \$117,162.42

Please remember the Church of the Guardian Angels or Saint Nicholas in your Will.



## THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF LENT IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

With Lent quickly approaching and this Wednesday being Ash Wednesday, I look forward to this upcoming season with you. Lent is a time in which we, together as a whole Church, go on a 40-day retreat of interior spiritual renewal. It is a season of grace and a time to consider what we will do with this season that God gives us. It is a time of spiritual spring housecleaning in which we experience less of those things that distract us so that we can experience more of God's abundance. It is a time of prayer, fasting and almsgiving so that

we can experience this transformation. Together, we heed in a more concerted way the call of our Lord Jesus to offer our works of charity, known as almsgiving, especially to those who need it most. As our prayer, almsgiving, and practices of penance including fasting is made more intense, we recognize that Lent is a time not so much of less, but of more. It is a time of finding the interior freedom needed to give more of ourselves to our God and to our neighbor.

Lent is a time in which the Old and New Testaments and the Gospels that we will hear are meant to trouble us. They are meant to help us confront our illusions about ourselves, let go of our pride, and embrace humility. "Remember you are dust and unto dust you shall return." Our prayer, penance, and almsgiving will begin to help bring ourselves to the Lenten resolutions that we make in response to those scriptures. At the same time, even if we fail in those resolutions, they may in a mysterious way have greater effect than if we had succeeded in them, since they are not meant to confirm us in our sense of virtue, but to bring home to us our radical need of salvation. May our new understanding of this radical need help us to receive our Lord's sacrifice of himself on the cross now given in the Holy Eucharist more fervently, with greater awe and devotion. May our greater devotion to Him lead us to climb the holy mountain of Easter and be changed forever at the mountain top of the resurrection.

Again, I look forward to our upcoming Lenten journey together toward a lasting change of heart for each one of us.

May God bless you all, Father Tony

## THURSDAY EVENING WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

We'd love to welcome women who are looking for a supportive and uplifting community to grow together in faith and fellowship.

This is a women-only small group that meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The meeting location rotates between members' homes. We currently have space for 4 new members.

For more information or to sign up go to archspm.groupvitals.com/groupfinder/profile/70855.

#### LENT WILL SOON BE HERE!

Ash Wednesday this year is March 5th. We will have a Mass in English at 12:00 p.m. (noon) and a bilingual Mass at 7:00 p.m. May God be with us in our pilgrim's journey of hope as we renew our faith and commitment to God.

#### RUMMAGE SALE

We will be having the Rummage Sale this year in June, so keep us in mind when you're doing your spring cleaning.

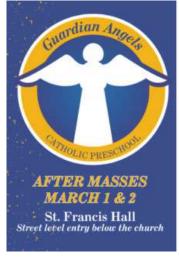
We will be accepting donations on June 9-11th from 8a.m.-8p.m.

### FATHER/SON APPRECIATION BREAKFAST



Sunday, March 9th, 2025
St. Francis Hall: 10 a.m.
A heartfelt gratitude for your hard work and dedication to another successful year at the Beef and Sausage Dinner.

Come Hungry!



## You're Invited

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### ANNUAL SAINT PATRICK'S DAY MASS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL

Monday, March 17th, 9:30 a.m., Cathedral of Saint Paul

The Ancient Order of Hibernians invites everyone to celebrate a Mass in honor of St. Patrick. Leaders in the local Irish community will vest and process, and priests who wish to concelebrate should be in the sacristy by 9 a.m. Refreshments will follow Mass in the Cathedral basement, and of course the St. Patricks' Day parade begins at noon in downtown St. Paul.

### **CANTORS FOR MASS**

Have you ever thought about becoming a cantor? We are looking for new cantors for both Guardian Angels and Saint Nicholas. You will get trained in on how to lead the congregation in joyful praise to the Lord!

For more information or to sign up, contact Brittany Kaufmann at bkaufmann@gachaska.org.

#### BUSY PEOPLE SMALL GROUP

**Group Type:** Both Men and Women are welcome **Meeting Time:** Saturday Morning at 6:30 a.m. **Location:** 1509 Sunshine Ct., Chaska (although it sometimes rotates to St. Francis Hall or other Members' Homes)

**Openings:** We could comfortably handle 6 more attendees, but we'll figure out a way to work things out if more show up.

Contact: Craig Schapira at (320) 492-1362

We have scheduled the prayer group at this time to accommodate busy schedules where it won't conflict with kids'/grandkids'/family activities. We love coffee and have grown together in faith and fellowship, and we have even gathered outside of the small group to lend a hand to a parishioner in need.

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Our Ash Wednesday Masses will take place at 12:00 in English and 7:00 p.m. bilingual, both at Guardian Angels. There will be no Mass at Saint Nicholas. Ash Wednesday is not a Holy Day of Obligation, but it is a holy day of opportunity to enter into the Lenten season ready to hear God's voice of repentance so that we can experience renewal and transformation. We hope to see you there! We will take up a collection for Love INC Carver County.

## A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS WITH DR. EDWARD SRI

Friday, March 21st, 6-8 p.m., Station 10 Pub House, 754 Randolph Ave, St. Paul

Young adults are invited to this social, cocktail hour, and presentation with Dr. Edward Sri. Dr. Sri is an author, speaker, and theologian and will present this walk through the Mass specifically geared towards young adults.

In partnership with Catholic Softball Group, CEND, Cathedral Young Adults, Ale Mary's, and Twin Cities Catholic Singles.

### PENANCE, FASTING, AND ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS

#### The Practice of Penance

As a practice of self-denial, thereby uniting ourselves to the sufferings of Christ, and of renewal of the virtue of temperance, the divine law binds us to do penance throughout the year each in his or her own way. However, in order that we are united among ourselves by some common observance, the Church has prescribed all Fridays throughout the year and the season of Lent as penitential days.

#### On Fridays Throughout the Year

On Fridays throughout the year, with the exception of days that are listed as a solemnity, the Catholic faithful are bound to do a specific act of penance each in his or her own way.

#### What are the regulations for penance, fasting and abstinence during Lent?

#### The Penitential days of Lent

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and concludes with the celebration of the Paschal Triduum. During this time the whole Church is invited to do penance in order to purify our hearts in preparation to celebrate the renewal of our baptismal promises on Easter Sunday. The following regulations should be observed by Catholics during Lent:

#### **Abstinence**

Catholics 14 years of age and older must abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. It is only on other Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, that a Catholic may substitute another form of penance instead of abstinence.

#### **Fasting**

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive are required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On these days one full meal is allowed. Food may be taken at two other times during the day, in order to maintain strength according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted. Liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed, however.

#### Sacrament of Penance

All the faithful who have reached the age of reason (second grade) are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year. Lent is a good time to fulfill this precept of the Church. Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion without previously having been to sacramental confession (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1457). Of course, frequent confession, even of venial sins, is highly recommended to grow in God's grace (CCC, #1458).

#### **Other Lenten Observances**

Each weekday of Lent, with the exception of Solemnities, is also an obligatory day of penance and should be marked by prayer and increased devotion to spiritual practices. Some recommendations to fulfill this obligation include the participation in daily Mass, increased personal prayer time or spiritual study, self-imposed fasting or abstinence, works of charity, financial generosity to programs which benefit others, especially the poor, and participation in traditional Lenten Devotions (Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Retreats, Parish Missions, etc.). The goal of all our Lenten disciplines is the conversion of our hearts. As the Catechism states, "interior conversion urges expression in visible signs, gestures and works of penance" (CCC, #1430). These penances help us to "repent" as the Lord asks, by redirecting our whole life toward God and away from the sin and evil which wounds our nature (CCC, #1430-1439).

### SW METRO TWIN CITIES SERRA **CLUB MEETING**



Please join us for meeting and lunch on Fri. March. 14 at noon in the Our Lady of Grace dining room. (Edina, MN).

Fr. Sean Magnuson, retired Army Chaplain and current Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Grace will present his vocational story including his time serving in the Army. Please join us.

Serra International is the Holy See lay apostolate for supporting vocations. The SW Metro Twin Cities Serra Club meets over lunch on the second Friday of the month to learn more about our church and to support each other as we grow in holiness. Serrans encourage and support those pursuing vocations through individual and group activities and prayer.

If you would like to join us, please call or email Susan Lein at 952-426-3720 or susanleinusa@gmail.com. You can learn about Serra at https://serrainternational.org/

### A DAY WITH JESUS THE DIVINE **HEALER**

Saturday, March 8th, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., St. Paul Church, 1740 Bunker Lake Blvd NE, Ham Lake, \$45 admission, \$60 admission and lunch

Let Jesus part the waters in your life. Explore the reasons behind your feelings and discover what you can do about them. Take a fresh look at old struggles and explore where Jesus wants to meet you for healing. Join this day of reflection on Jesus, the Divine Healer. Experience his healing touch in a profound way. Together, attendees will explore how attachments, compulsions, and unhealthy coping mechanisms impact our physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.

Register at edgeoftheredseaministries.org/retreat/

#### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Jesus' call to "do to others as you would have them do to you" (Luke 6: 31) seems doable - until it applies to those who have hurt us. The "others" Jesus refers to aren't limited to our family and friends who treat us with respect. "Others" includes the difficult people in our lives, even the malignant ones. He is asking us to transfer the kind of love reserved for ourselves and our loved ones to those who may very well be undeserving – when viewed exclusively through their actions - but who are children of God and thus merit love and respect. Elsewhere, Jesus says, "Even the pagans do good to those who do good to them."

If we are to love as God loves, we must focus more on others and less on ourselves. There is no "what's in it for me" in Jesus' message. In fact, Jesus offers numerous examples of how the love He is calling us to is anything but reciprocal. Someone takes your coat? Give him the shirt off your back. Suffer a strike across one cheek? Turn to offer your assailant the other one. Someone wishes you ill? Bless them and wish them well. Are you the recipient of mistreatment? Pray for the perpetrator.

Jesus is holding us to a very high standard. Be generous, be loving, and expect nothing in return. We do this when, as parents, we spend the night tending to a sick child or spend hours consoling a friend who has lost her husband. But this is service given to those we know and love. When we give to those we never meet by supporting the Catholic Services Appeal, we are answering Christ's call to "lend expecting nothing back" (Luke 6: 35).

#### **BOUNTIFUL BASKET CURRENT NEEDS - February 2025**



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- Canned Pineapple & Mandarin Oranges
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- · Cooking oil

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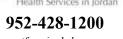


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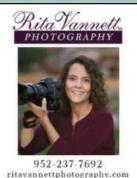
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