

Rev. William Charles Nicholas -- Curriculum Vitae

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Ordained for the Archdiocese of San Francisco, CA by Archbishop William J. Levada

- Diaconate -- June 4, 2000
- Priesthood -- June 23, 2001

Parishes served:

- **Church of the Nativity**, Menlo Park CA -- March 7, 2000-June 30, 2005
- **St. Cecilia's Church**, San Francisco -- July 1, 2005-December 31, 2007
- **Our Lady of Loretto Church**, Novato, CA -- January 1, 2008-June 30, 2011
- **Mission Dolores Basilica**, San Francisco, CA -- July 1, 2011-June 20, 2013
- **St. Rose of Lima Church**, Simi Valley, CA -- July 1, 2013-June 30, 2016
- **St. Bruno Church**, Whittier, CA -- July 1, 2016-June 30, 2018
- **St. Vincent de Paul Church**, San Francisco, CA -- July 1, 2018-August 15, 2019
 - Administrator -- December 1, 2018-May 31, 2019, July 1-August 15, 2019
- **Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption**, San Francisco, CA -- Aug 15, 2019-Aug 31, 2022
 - Administrator -- October 10-December 31, 2019
- **Our Lady of Mount Carmel**, Mill Valley, CA -- September 1, 2022-February 28, 2023
 - Administrator
- **St. Patrick's Church**, Larkspur, CA -- February 1-July 1, 2023
 - Administrator
- **Corpus Christi Church**, Evansville, IN -- June 28, 2023-June 25, 2025
 - Administrator
- **St. Mary of the Anunciation Church**, Ireland, IN -- June 25, 2025-present
 - Administrator

Degrees earned:

- BA (Philosophy) -- St. John's Seminary College, Camarillo, CA (1992)
- S.T.B. -- St. Mary's Seminary and University & St. Patrick's Seminary (1999)
- MA (Theology) -- St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, CA (1999)
- M.Div -- St. Patrick's Seminary, Menlo Park, CA (1999)
- MBA (Marketing) -- DeVry University & Keller Graduate School of Management (2012)

Website -- www.frbillnicholas.com

YouTube Page -- "Fr. William Nicholas"

Podcast -- "Faith, Hope & History with Fr. Bill"

Published Writings

Book:

"I Saw the World End: An Introduction to the Bible's Apocalyptic Literature." Paulist Press: Mahwah, NJ. 2007.

- also -- DeVecchio, Rick *"Priest's guide to biblical final days literature geared for 'rank and file.'"* Catholic San Francisco, Nov. 2, 2007.

Commentaries -- and subject addressed (printed in the *Catholic San Francisco*):

"A Modest Perspective on the Harry Potter Phenomenon" (Dec. 6, 2002)
"Slavery and a Woman's 'Right' to Choose" (Jan. 2004)
"The Fourth of July and Freedom" (June 25, 2004)
"July 1-3: 'Ember Days' to Independence" (June 24, 2005) -- remembering Gettysburg
"A Reflection on Capital Punishment" (Feb. 3, 2006)
"When the Supreme Court 'Respects Precedent'" (March 17, 2006) -- new Justices and Roe v. Wade
"The Holy Grail - A Spiritual Quest" (May 26, 2006) -- the Da Vinci Code
"Why Do We Believe the Earth is Round?" (Feb 9, 2007) -- Faith vs. Science
"The Bible and Homosexuality: The 'Shrimp-cocktail' Defense" (Oct. 16, 2009)

Scripture Reflections -- and subject addressed (printed in the *Catholic San Francisco*):

"Lost in Transfiguration" (March, 2004) -- Transfiguration
"A Christmas Carol for Ordinary Time" (July 30, 2004) -- The Rich Fool
"The Other Nine Lepers" (October 8, 2004) -- the Ten Lepers
"Reaching out Into the Darkness" (November 12, 2004) -- Coming Tribulations
"The Foundation of 'The Twelve'" (June 10, 2005) -- the Apostles
"The Time Has Come!" (March 31, 2006) -- Jesus Dismissal of Judas
"The Passion at Cana" (Jan. 12, 2007) -- Wedding at Cana
"Love - the Great Legitim�er" (Jan 26, 2007)
"Lent's 'Spiritual Strain'" (Feb. 23, 2007) -- Lenten Observances
"It is the Lord! Catching 'fish' in the Net of the Gospel Call" (April 20, 2007)
"Revelation Hails New Jerusalem: The New Creation, the Church" (May 4, 2007)
"Laborers for the Harvest: Time for an Attitude Check?" (July 6, 2007) -- Vocations
"The Other Prodigal Son" (Sept. 14, 2007) -- the Prodigal Son
"Squeaky Wheel Gets the Grace" (Oct. 19, 2007) -- the Persistent Widow
"Holding On Until the End" (Nov. 16, 2007) -- Coming Tribulations
"Overlooking the Externals and Recognizing the Obvious" (Dec. 14, 2007) -- the Baptist's Questions
"Preview of Coming Attractions" (Feb. 15, 2008) -- Transfiguration
"Holy Week: Beginning With a Passion" (March 14, 2008)
"Doubts to Questions; Questions to Answers; Answers to Faith" (April 18, 2008) -- St. Thomas
"I Am' What 'I Am'" (May 16, 2008) -- Holy Trinity
Year of St. Paul - *"Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul Launches 'Year of St. Paul'"* (June 27, 2008)
"Fraternal Correction: Are We Called to Judge?" (Sept. 5, 2008)
Year of St. Paul - *"When Everybody Does It Better"* (Oct. 24, 2008)
"Year in Review: Wrapping Up Liturgical Year 2008" (Nov. 21, 2008) -- Christ the King Sunday
"The Tradition of Annunciation" (Dec. 19, 2008) -- Annunciation to Mary
Year of St. Paul - *"Made To Be Moral"* (Jan. 16, 2009)
"'Thy Kingdom Come'... 'My Will Be Done'" (Feb. 13, 2009) -- Cure of the Leper
"Ten Commandments - Ten Exceptions" (March 13, 2009)
"Where is He? - The Great Cliffhanger" (April 10, 2009) -- Resurrection
"Love - God Has Set the Standard" (May 15, 2009)
"Eucharistic Assimilation Into Christ's Body" (June 12, 2009) -- Corpus Christi

Year for Priests - *"Sometimes They Just Don't Listen"* (July 10, 2009) – "Shake the dust from your feet..."

"Paul's Revolutionary Concept" (August 21, 2009) -- Marriage

"Never Assurances - Always One More Thing!" (Oct. 9, 2009) -- the Rich Young Man

Year for Priests - *"Consecrated By One Sacrifice"* (Nov. 13, 2009) -- Jesus the High Priest

Year for Priests - *"Letter to a Friend"* (Jan. 22, 2010) -- Luke writing to Theophilus

"The One Without Sin..." (March 19, 2010) -- Woman caught in Adultery

Year for Priests - *"A Call With A Catch"* (April 16, 2010) -- "Peter, do you love me"

"Invisible and Uncontrollable Power" (May 21, 2010) -- Holy Spirit

"Yes...But' Followers" (June 25, 2010) -- Modern Catholicism

"The 'Shrewd' Steward - A Call to Cleverness" (Sept. 17, 2010)

"To Witness the Triumph" (Nov. 12, 2010)

"What Did You Expect?" (Dec. 10, 2010) - Jesus and John the Baptist

"Our Divided, Divided Church" (Jan. 21, 2011)

"Retribution - A Daring New Direction" (Feb. 18, 2011)

"The Faith of Abraham" (March 18, 2011)

"Love, as God Intended" (May 27, 2011)

"Muggles & Gentiles" (Aug. 12, 2011)

"Stone Rejected" (Sept. 30, 2011)

"Be Prepared" (Nov. 6, 2011) -- End-Time Expectations

"The Angel of the End Times" (Dec. 16, 2011) -- St. Gabriel the Archangel

"The Disquieting Wisdom of Job" (Feb. 3, 2012)

"Written on Our Hearts" (March 9, 2012) -- The Ten Commandments

"Christian 'Mythology' of the Good Shepherd" (April 27, 2012)

"Perfected by a Perfect Sacrifice" (June 8, 2012) -- Eucharist: Corpus Christi

"A Time for Choosing..." (Aug. 24, 2012)

"God's Gift...On God's Terms" (Oct. 5, 2012) -- Marriage

"Pecuniary Generosity to God" (Nov. 9, 2012) -- The Widow's Mite

"Sidetracked by an Aside" (Dec. 21, 2012) -- The Visitation

"Human Temptations of our Divine Lord" (Feb. 1, 2013)

"Where is He?: The Great Cliffhanger" (March 29, 2013) -- The Empty Tomb

"Work that Must Be Done" (May 10, 2013) -- Ascension

"Vocations: What Are We Praying For?" (July 5, 2013)

"The Prodigal Mother?" (Aug. 13, 2013)

"2013 in Review" (Nov. 22, 2013) -- Christ the King

"United by the One Who Calls" (Jan. 24, 2014)

"Ascent Into Darkness" (March 14, 2014) -- Transfiguration

"The Best Empirical Data" (April 18, 2014) -- Resurrection

"That We May Be One..." (June 20, 2014) -- Eucharist: Corpus Christi

"Milestones in History and Eternity" (September 12, 2014 -- Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"Giving What is 'Owed'" (October 17, 2014) -- "Render to Caesar..."

"Comfort, With a Catch" (December 5, 2014)

"The Veiled Language of Parables" (June 12, 2015)

"An Act of Mercy . . . To Rule Them All" (June 10, 2016) -- The Penitent Woman

"Amos & Divine Forgiveness: A God Who Does Not Change" (Sept. 15, 2016) -- Confession

"The Tradition of Annunciation" (Dec. 15, 2016) -- Annunciation to Joseph

"The Perils of Christian Testimony" (March 23, 2017) -- The Man Born Blind

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"Fear No One": Divine Encouragement and Inspiration (June 22, 2017)
"Just Behind the Veil..." (October, 12, 2017) -- Apocalypse of Isaiah (Isaiah 24-27)
"What's in a Name?" (June 21, 2018) -- The Birth of John the Baptist
"I Don't Care What Jesus Would Say" (Oct. 12, 2018) -- The Rich Young Man
"Called to Catch" (May 2, 2019) -- The Catch of Fish
"The Tragic Truth of the Narrow Gate" (August 25, 2019) -- The Narrow Gate
"Preparation By Way of Confession" (December 5, 2019) -- John the Baptist

Adult Faith Formation Series and dates given

Old Testament Prophetic Books (25 Sessions)

- Fall 2001-Spring 2002 -- Nativity Parish, Menlo Park, CA
- Fall 2008 -- St. Cecilia's Parish, San Francisco, CA

Psalms: Prayer and Poetry, Direct from God (16 Sessions)

- Spring, 2004 – Nativity Parish, Menlo Park, CA
- Spring, 2007 – St. Cecilia's Parish, San Francisco, CA
- Spring, 2014 – St. Rose of Lima Parish, Simi Valley, CA
- Spring, 2021 – Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, San Francisco, CA (*online*)
- Fall, 2024 – Corpus Christi Church, Evansville, IN (*online*)

Overview of the Synoptic Gospels (16 Sessions)

- Spring 2001 -- Nativity Parish, Menlo Park, CA
- Fall 2005 -- St. Cecilia's Parish, San Francisco, CA
- Fall 2016 -- St. Bruno Parish, Whittier, CA

The Gospel of Matthew (3 Sessions)

- Advent, 2020 (Dec 2019) – Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

The Gospel of Mark (3 Sessions)

- Advent 2021 (Dec 2020) – Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
- Advent 2024 (Dec 2020) – Corpus Christi Church, Evansville, IN (*online*)

The Gospel of Luke (3 Sessions)

- Advent 2022 (Dec 2021) – Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption

The Gospel and Letters of John (25 Sessions + 1 "Appendix" Session)

- Fall, 2004-Spring, 2005 – Nativity Parish, Menlo Park, CA
- Fall, 2014-Spring, 2015 – St. Rose of Lima Parish, Simi Valley, CA
- Fall, 2021-Spring, 2022 – Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption (*online*)

The Gospel According to Paul: St. Paul and his Letters (25 Sessions)

- Fall 2002-Spring 2003 -- Nativity Parish, Menlo Park, CA

Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (4 Sessions)

- Fall 2008 -- Our Lady of Loretto Parish, Novato, CA

Ephesians, Colossians, Philippians and Thessalonians (4 Sessions)

- Spring, 2009 -- Our Lady of Loretto Parish, Novato, CA

Biblical Apocalyptic Literature (13 Sessions + 2 "Appendix" Sessions)

- Fall 1999 -- St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Napa CA
- Fall 2000 -- Nativity Parish, Menlo Park, CA

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- Spring 2006 -- St. Cecilia's Parish, San Francisco, CA
- Spring 2016 -- St. Rose of Lima Parish, Simi Valley, CA
- Fall 2022 – Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Mill Valley, CA (*online*)

Foundations in Worship (*12 Sessions*)

- Fall, 2003 – Nativity Parish, Menlo Park, CA
- Fall, 2006 – St. Cecilia's Parish, San Francisco, CA
- Fall, 2009 – Our Lady of Loretto Parish, Novato, CA
- Spring, 2014 – Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, Simi Valley, CA
- Fall, 2015 – St. Rose of Lima Parish, Simi Valley, CA
- Fall, 2017 – St. Bruno Parish, Whittier, CA
- Spring 2023 – St. Patrick Parish, Larkspur, CA (*online*)

Foundations in Christology (*11 Sessions*)

- Fall, 2014 – Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, Simi Valley, CA

History of the Catholic Church: An Overview (*32 Sessions*)

- Spring, 2015-Spring 2016 – Sister Servants of the Blessed Sacrament, Simi Valley, CA

Workshops & Special Events (*Single Session Presentations*)

Los Angeles Religious Education Congress

2011

- Apocalyptic Literature: Making Sense of Dynamic Imagery
- The Prophets of the Bible: Ancient Men with Modern Messages

2012

- *"This Generation Shall Not Pass..."*: Christ's Eschatological Discourse
- The Psalms: Prayer and Poetry, Direct from God

The University Series: A Multi-Parish Adult Education Program

2014

- Visions of the Future: The Book of Daniel (March 13)
- The Gospel of St. Paul (March 21)

2015

- The Prophets of the Bible: Ancient Men with Modern Messages (February 27)
- The Psalms: Prayer and Poetry, Direct from God (March 10)
- *"This Generation Shall Not Pass..."*: Christ's Eschatological Discourse (March 26)

2016

- God and Country: Faith and Religion in America's Founding (February 19)
- Vatican II: What Was It? What Did It Produce? (February 29)
- The Book of Jonah: Beyond the Great Fish (March 11)

2017

- God and Country: Faith and Religion in America's Founding (March 2)
- The Prophets of the Bible: Ancient Men with Modern Messages (March 14 & 27)
- Vatican II: What Was It? What Did It Produce? (March 20)
- The Book of Jonah: Beyond the Great Fish (March 21)

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2018

- The Psalms: Prayer and Poetry, Direct from God (February 23)
- *"This Generation Shall Not Pass..."*: Christ's Eschatological Discourse (February 26)
- Vatican II: What Was It? What Did It Produce? (March 6)
- Visions of the Future: The Book of Daniel (March 8)
- God and Country: Faith and Religion in America's Founding (March 15)

2019

- *"This Generation Shall Not Pass..."*: Christ's Eschatological Discourse (March 11)
- Mother of Modern Science (March 18, 20)
- God and Country: Faith and Religion in America's Founding (March 19, 21, 25)
- The Prophets of the Bible: Ancient Men with Modern Messages (March 26)
- The Psalms: Prayer and Poetry, Direct from God (April 4)

2021

- Slavery: Does the Bible Condone It? Does Christianity Foster It? Is Our Nation Founded On It?" (Feb 24)
- Collisions with History – The Catholic Church in the World (March 24)

2022

- *This Generation Shall Not Pass..."*: Christ's Eschatological Discourse (March 21)
- The Biblical Virgin Mary – How the Holy Scriptures Present the Mother of Jesus (March 22)

San Pedro Regional Congress (Archdiocese of Los Angeles)

2017

- God and Country: Faith and Religion in America's Founding (October 7)
- The Gospel of St. Paul (October 7)

Video Presentations and Series: Featured on YouTube channel: "Fr William Nicholas"

- **"Precepts of the Church"** (10 videos) - Sept. 9-Dec 9, 2016
- **"The Biblical Virgin Mary: Mary in the Holy Scriptures"** (10 videos) - May 2-July 7, 2017
- **"Apocalypse"** (43 videos) - January 12-December 6, 2018
- **"Daily Lenten Reflections"** (39 videos) - March 5-April 19, 2019
- **"The Ten Commandments"** (22 videos) – February 28-July 31, 2020
- **"Death and the Funeral: The Catholic Road to Eternal Life"** (5 videos) – November, 2022

Parish Missions and Evenings of Recollection

Parish Lenten Mission
February 25-March 1, 2002
San Vicente Parish, Saipan, SNMI
Rev. Roger Tenorio, Pastor

Parish Advent Mission
Dec. 5, 12, 19, 2007
Mater Dolorosa Parish
South San Francisco, CA
Rev. Brian Costello, Pastor

Parish Advent Recollection
December 18, 2009
St. Bruno's Parish, San Bruno, CA
Rev. Michael Brillantes, Pastor

Parish Advent Mission
Nov. 25, Dec 2, 9 & 16, 2013
St. Peter Claver Parish
Simi Valley, CA
Rev. Riz Carranza, Pastor