

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Pastor: Rev. Fr. Eliseus Ogbonna Ibeh, MSP

<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>9am – 4pm</i>	<i>9am – 4pm</i>	<i>9am – 4pm</i>	<i>9am – 4pm</i>

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<i>Cassandra's Office Hours</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
	<i>9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	<i>9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	<i>9:00am 3:00pm</i>	<i>9:00am –3:00pm</i>

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Parish Mission Statement

At St. Nicholas, we are a welcoming Community guided by the Holy Spirit and we celebrate the presence of Jesus Christ in our lives, in prayer, in liturgy, in religious education and in scripture. Joyfully we reach out to everyone and invite them to serve the Lord in the spirit of love. Join us in working for peace, justice and in building a community that welcomes and accept all people as children of GOD.

JANUARY 14, 2024– SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE AND DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS

Sunday: *Rosary – 8:30am and 10:30am*

Mass Schedule: Sundays at 9:00am 11:00am and 1:15pm

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: Holy Hour 7:00am-Mass 8:00am

Reconciliation: Saturdays 10:00 – 11:30 am or by request

Tuesday Mass

Tuesday – Holy Hour 5:00pm Mass 6pm; Legion of Mary Devotion 5:00pm

Sacraments Information

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office (713) 223 – 5210

Baptism

Registered parishioners must contact the Parish Office for an interview with the Pastor. Pre-Baptism classes are required before Baptism.

CCC Education

Classes are available for children who need preparation for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Classes are held on Saturdays from September through May.

Funeral Services

In the event of the death of a parishioner, please contact the Parish Office before finalizing any arrangements with the Funeral Director

Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Registered engaged couples must call the Parish Office at least one year before their expected wedding date. Six to eight months are required for marriage preparation. Pre-Cana or Engagement Encounter is required.

Sick and Homebound - Stewardship of Time
Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish and all who have asked for our prayers:

Mary Broussard, Gardenia Champ, Wilmer John Champ, Wilmer John Champ Jr., June Cushingberry, Diane Elkins, Preston Reed, Anita Garvey, James A. Garvey, Geneva LaFleur, Gladys Njiti, Kourtney Njiti, Elise Richmond, Marie Southern, Lillie Taylor, Eleanor Williams, Velocia Ulmer, Peggy Castenda, Benjamin Petteway, Elaine Mullone, Diele Ekaney, Ella Uwimana

Prayer for the Sick

Dear Lord, Thank you for the lives of everyone in our parish. We pray that you heal the sick amongst us, taking away their sufferings. We burn all chronic and long-term illnesses with the fire of the holy spirit, help them overcome their illnesses. Give them all the power and strength to battle through their diseases. Bring them divine healing in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

Stewardship Offering Contributions- January 7, 2024

On Line Giving Sunday Offerings \$754.35 Maintenance Fund \$5.00	Sunday, January 7th Offerings 9:00am - \$1,281.00 11:00am - \$1,131.00 1:15pm - \$303.00 Total - \$2,715.00 Maintenance Fund 9am-\$413.00 11am-\$287.00 1:15pm-\$110.00 Total-\$810.00	Hall Rental \$1,125.00 Mass Intentions 9am-\$5.00	DSF GOAL 2023 \$9,000.00 Paid \$5,041.00 Remaining to be paid \$3,959.00
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Weekly Readings	LECTORS		
	9am	11am	1:15pm
Jan 15: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22	January 14 Mari.Mary	Beatrice/Joseph	Agnes/Rebecca
Jan 16: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28	January 21 Theresa/Tara		Elijah/John Paul
Jan 17: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6	EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS		
Jan 18: 1 Samuel 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12	January 14 Theresa/Jackie	Dorothy/Al/Clement	John Paul/Japhet
Jan 19: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19	January 21 Jackie/Cassandra	Emmerencia/Valeria/Ernest	Japhet/Egide
Jan 20: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21	January 14 ALTAR SERVERS -11am- Alexis/Francine/Vianney/Waryn		
	January 21	Sameer/Gima/Gilbert/Fokwang	

Mass Intentions

9:00am In loving memory of the **Champ, Gardner and Miller** family that they continue to rest in peace

11:00am For the repose soul of **Yah Mary Yefon Sendze**- by the Sendze family

For the peaceful repose of our father, **Pa Joseph Atia Asong** and all deceased family members -by the Asong children

For repose of the souls of her husband **S.K. Kilo** and her son **Charles Kilo** and all deceased members and friends of the Kilo family -by Johana Kilo

For the repose of the souls of **Manyi Grace Kah Tangwa** and all deceased family members of the Tangwa & Wando family-by Gilbert Tangwa

For the repose of the souls of **Edna Akpan, Magdalene Welashey, Helen Wamey, Aloysius Welashey and Mami Mary Njowo** and all members of the Youdjeu and Mafiamba families-by Alida Welashey

For the repose soul of **Debora S. Wara, Marie Njowo** and **Therese Fonji**-by Prisca Wara-Nelson

In thanksgiving to God for the life of our father and grandfather **Dr. Benedict Wara**-by The Wara family

For the repose of the souls of **Pa Christian Sanosi, Ma Clara Durshui, Rose Beryen, Grace Beri, Judith Bongayen, Angeline Yensi, & Keafon Sanosi**-by Sanosi children

For the repose of the soul of **Pa John Awah**-by the Awah family

For the repose of the soul of **Manyi Grace Segha Awah**-by he Awah family

1:15pm For the People of the Parish

ZELLE ACCOUNT FOR ST. NICHOLAS

IS:

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IMPOSTOR PRIEST EMAIL/TEXTING SCAMS

Recently, there has been an increase in reports of fraudulent email solicitations for financial support, usually in the form of gift cards. These reports are coming from email accounts or text messages identifying as Archdiocesan priests. To minimize fraudulent impact, pastors are encouraged to remind their membership that priests/churches would never make such appeals to the parish community. Advise parishioners to notify the church office immediately if they receive any unfamiliar donation requests.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION DAY

Join us Saturday, February 3 for the Liturgical Ministry Formation Day Winter 2024. We are offering formation sessions in four different ministries:

- EMHCs
- Lectors
- **HOSPITALITY MINISTRY:** Parish Usher and Greeter Formation, and
**Included in this session: "Surviving an Active Shooter". Two officers from the Harris County Constable Office will present skills and techniques to prepare and protect your church in active shooter situations. **
- The venue for this formation is at St. Dominic Archdiocesan Center (2403 Holcombe Blvd., Houston, TX 77021) from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more information and to register logon to Capernaum.

Early Registration-\$30 until Sunday, January 14th.

Regular Registration - \$40 begins Monday, January 15th through Sunday, January 28th.

Walk-in Registration - \$50 on a first serve basis if space is available.

CLEANING SCHEDULE

Next week cleaning for January 20th will be done by members from the 1:15pm Mass.



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING BIRTHDAY

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston 39th Observance of the Annual Celebration:

"A MASS OF REMEMBRANCE"

Honoring the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mass of celebration will be held on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at 3:00pm at the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart 1111 St. Joseph Parkway Houston, Texas 77002. Principal Celebrant Most Rev. Daniel Cardinal DiNardo and Homilist Rev. Martins C. Emeh, J.C.L. Please plan to attend and celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King. Reception to follow in the Cathedral Centre.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

January 15-Saint Ita, Saint Remigius

January 16- Saint Fursa

January 17-Saint Anthony, Abbot

January 18- Saint Margaret of Hungary

January 19-Saint Wulstan, Saint Faolanand
Saint Henry of Uppsala

January 20- Pope Saint Fabian, Pope
Saint Sebastian

CHURCH

The Sanctuary is a sacred place of worship and should be respected at all times. Please be mindful, EATING and DRINKING is strictly prohibited in the CHURCH at all times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

January 20-Altar Server training 12-2pm in the Church

January 26-Funeral Mass at 6pm in the Church

January 26-Women meeting at 8pm in the hall

February 2-Funeral Mass at 6pm in the Church

February 3-Career day for children in the hall

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Although the liturgical season of Ordinary Time begins this week, today's reading continues with the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord, which concludes the Christmas season. Today's reading from the Gospel according to John immediately follows John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus and his identification of Jesus as the Lamb of God. Having been baptized by John, Jesus begins to gather followers. The first followers sought out Jesus because of the testimony and witness of John the Baptist.

We are familiar with the title that John the Baptist uses for Jesus—the Lamb of God. We hear it weekly at the fraction rite during Mass. For those who heard John the Baptist, however, this title recalled key themes from the Old Testament. It alludes to the paschal lamb offered as a sacrifice when God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt, the event that is commemorated by the Jewish Passover celebration. The designation also recalls the prophet Isaiah's description of the suffering servant of Israel. In using this name for Jesus, John the Baptist predicts Jesus' passion and death and the new interpretation of Passover that will begin with Jesus' Last Supper.

We learn in today's reading how Jesus' first followers were gathered. The first two, Andrew and another man, were followers of John the Baptist. After hearing John's testimony, they became followers of Jesus. During their time with Jesus, the details of which are not specified, Andrew and the other follower came to believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Andrew then brings his brother, Simon, to Jesus. Immediately, Jesus gave Simon a new name, calling him *Peter*, which means "rock" in Greek. The renaming of Simon to Peter is reported in all four of the Gospels.

In the exchange between Andrew, the other disciple, and Jesus, we see an example of the usual pattern for first-century Jewish rabbinical schools. Jews sought out rabbis and established themselves as disciples of a particular rabbi. Jesus appears to have been unique in that he sought out individuals, inviting them to be his followers. In the passage that follows, John's Gospel tells us how Jesus took the initiative in calling Philip and Nathanael.

Jesus asks Andrew and the other disciple, "What are you looking for?" This is a telling question, and one that we might often ask of ourselves. John the Baptist testified to Jesus' identity, the Lamb of God, using the framework of the Old Testament. Andrew, Simon, and the other first disciples were looking for the Messiah, whom they also came to know as the Son of God. What do we look for and what do we find in Jesus?