

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>
9am – 4pm	9am – 4pm	9am – 4pm	9am – 4pm

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

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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 28, 2024– FOURTH 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.

CCE 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 21, 2024

On Line Giving Sunday Offerings \$606.60	Sunday, January 21st Offerings 9:00am - \$391.00 11:00am - \$1,716.00 11:00am-\$152.00 Kids 1:15pm - \$612.00 Total - \$2,871.00 Maintenance Fund 1:15pm-\$2.00		DSF GOAL 2023 \$9,000.00 Paid \$5,041.00 Remaining to be paid \$3,959.00
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Weekly Readings	LECTORS		
Jan 29: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30: 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20 Jan 30: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30- 19:3; Mark 5:21-43 Jan 31: 2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17; Mark 6:1-6 Feb 01: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13 Feb 02 : Malachi 3:1-4, Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 Feb 03: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34	9am January 28 Cassandra/Sharon February 4 Mari/Cassandra	11am Joyce/Shu Shu	1:15pm Egide/Laura
	EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS		
	January 28 Jackie/Theresa February 4 Jackie/Theresa	Esther/Joyce/John Dorothy/Al/Clement	Japhet/Egide
	ALTAR SERVERS -11am- Sammuel/Sameer/Jolene/Aiden Francine/Gima/Waryn/Vianney		

Mass Intentions

9:00am	Birthday blessings for Gardenia Champ-by The Champ family
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 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 our mother & grandmother Princess Catherine Fombang -by Joe Fomukong & family For God's guidance and constant protection for all his children-by Joe Fomukong and 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.



World Day for Consecrated Life Mass

All are invited to a special Mass celebrating the World Day for Consecrated Life on February 4 at the CoCathedral of the Sacred Heart, 1111 St. Joseph Parkway (Downtown) Houston, TX 77002 at 11 am. Mass presided by Daniel Cardinal DiNardo.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

January 30-Saint Aedan of Ferns

January 31- Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

February 1-Saint Brigid

February 2-Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

February 3- Saint Ansgar, Bishop

Saint Blaise, Bishop, Martyr

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

February 2-Funeral Mass at 6pm in the Church

February 3-Career day for children in the hall

February 14-Ash Wednesday

February 14-World Marriage Day

February 19-President's Day

CLEANING SCHEDULE

Next week cleaning for Feb 3rd will be done by members from the 9:00am Mass

The three Scripture readings assigned for this Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time speak about being attentive and listening to the prophet whom God will send (the first reading from Deuteronomy), of being free from worry (second reading from First Corinthians), and finally, in the Gospel, the importance of the “completely new teaching in the spirit of authority,” which Jesus heralds.

The reading today from the Book of Deuteronomy is addressed to God’s people by Moses, considered to be the greatest of the prophets. Moses’ words carry an important message for those who belong to God, that God will not abandon his people, but will continue to raise up prophets after Moses, who acts on God’s behalf, as did Moses, to make God’s ways and commands known to the nations. Eventually such a prophet was to be understood and being embodied in the promised Messiah, whom we now recognize as embodied in Jesus Christ, true God and true man, who as the Gospel today expresses it, teaches and acts “in a spirit of authority,” derived from God.

The reading from Saint Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians today is not so much about which is better, married life or the single life, as it is about that fact that every person has his or her own special gift from God. Paul desires, in the spirit of the Gospel he is preaching, that no one be bogged down with anxiety, or feeling that a noose has been thrown around their neck. Rather, everyone should consecrate him or herself to the Lord, according to one’s call. Saint Paul is not advocating pushing anyone into an ideal that is beyond the capacity of the believer.

Turning to the Gospel for this Sunday, we find Jesus teaching in the synagogue of Capernaum. The synagogue there, by the Sea of Galilee, is neither grand nor outstanding, and in its present state stands partly in ruins, with no roof on it. This fact, of being roofless, strikes me as underlining the fact that the message of the saving deeds of the Lord cannot in any way be bound or confined, but must extend to all the ends of the earth. In other words, there is no roof on Jesus’ message.

Our work is cut out for us as followers of Christ, challenging us to proclaim the Gospel by our lives. We should never give up in our search for God each day of our life, trusting in the loving help of the One who created us and who has sustained us to the present. At the same time, we need also to keep in mind that at some point we will all be exchanging time for eternity, one definition of the reality of death. May we be prepared to meet the Lord now and at the moment of the completion of our earthly pilgrimage.