

# Saint Nicholas Catholic Church

*His Eminence Daniel Cardinal DiNardo*

*Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston*



**Pastor: Rev. Fr. Eliseus Ogbonna Ibeh, MSP**

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9am – 4pm	9am – 4pm	9am – 4pm	9am – 4pm

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	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.

## FEBRUARY 18, 2024– FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### 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., Diane Elkins, Preston Reed, Anita  
 Garvey, James A. Garvey, Genevia LaFleur, Gladys Njiti,  
 Kourtney Njiti, Elise Richmond, Marie Southern, Lillie  
 Taylor, Eleanor Williams, Velocia Ulmer, Peggy Castenda,  
 Benjamin Petteway, Elaine Mullone, Diele Ekancy, Ella  
 Uwimana, Cynthia Page Randle, Eloise Rollins

**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- February 11, 2024**

On Line Giving	Sunday, February 11th Offerings	Mass Intentions	DSF GOAL 2024
<b>Sunday Offerings</b> <b>\$538.00</b>	9:00am- \$722.00 11:00am - \$2,547.00 11:00am-\$223.00 Kids	9am-\$10.00 11am-\$360.00	<b>\$9,000.00</b>
<b>Maintenance Fund</b> <b>\$5.00</b>	1:15pm - \$322.00 Total - \$3,814.00	<b>Candles</b> <b>\$126.55</b>	<b>DSF</b> <b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Zelle Funds/Offerings</b> <b>\$920.00</b>	<b>Maintenance Fund</b> 9:00am-\$80.00 1:15pm - \$20.00	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 9am- \$60.00	
<b>Zelle Funds/ Mass Intentions</b> <b>\$70.00</b>	<b>CCE Funds</b> <b>\$245.00</b>	<b>Black &amp; Indian Mission</b> 9am-\$182.00 11am-\$606.00 1:15pm-\$89.00	

Weekly Readings	LECTORS		
<b>Feb 19:</b> Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-8; Matthew 25:31-46	9am	11am	1:15pm
<b>Feb 20:</b> Isaiah 55:10-11; Matthew 6:7-15	<b>February 18</b> Sharon/Tara	Tochukwu/Nelly/Christabel	Rebecca/Elijah
<b>Feb 21:</b> Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 11:29-32	<b>February 25</b> Mary/Mari	John/Efua/Eunice	Agnes/John Paul
<b>Feb 22:</b> 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19	<b>EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS</b>		
<b>Feb 23 :</b> Ezekiel 18:21-28; Matthew 5:20-26	<b>February 18</b> Cassandra/Jackie	Esther/Joyce/John	John Paul/Japhet
<b>Feb 24:</b> Deuteronomy 26:16-19; Matthew 5:43-48	<b>February 25</b> Theresa/Jackie	Dorothy/Al/Clement	Agnes/Rebecca
	<b>ALTAR SERVERS -11am</b>		
	<b>February 18</b>	Alexis/Jolene Aiden/Waryn	
	<b>February 25</b>	Sammuel/Alexis/Gima/Vianney	

**Mass Intentions**

<b>9:00am</b>	(B-day) Dorothy Lewis & Patti Rollins, (B-day) Janet Gary and Myriam Marin (B-day) Hester Roundtree, Patti Rollins and Dorothy Ann Lewis
<b>11:00am</b>	+ Yah Mary Yefon Sendze, + Pa Joseph Atia Asong + S.K. Kilo, +Charles Kilo, + Manyi Grace Kah Tangwa + Edna Akpan, Magdalene Welashey, Helen Wamey, Aloysius Welashey and Mami Mary Njowo + Debora S. Wara, + Marie Njowo + Therese Fonji, + Pa John Awah, + Manyi Grace Segah Awah
<b>1:15pm</b>	(Special) For God's guidance and constant protection for all his children

**PRAYER ON THE FEAST OF ST. PETER'S CHAIR**

"Oh, God who, together with the power of the keys of the kingdom of heaven, didst bestow on blessed Peter Thy Apostle the pontificate of binding and loosing, grant that by the aid of his intercession we may be blessed from the yoke of our sins:"

He who deserts the chair of Peter, upon whom the Church was founded, does he trust himself to be in the Church? -St. Cyprian

## **ZELLE ACCOUNT FOR ST. NICHOLAS**

**IS: [Stnichpastor@gmail.com](mailto:Stnichpastor@gmail.com)**

### **LENTEN REVIVAL SAVE THE DATE**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Lenten for Adults**

**Theme: "God of Second Chances"**

**Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> Lenten Revival for the children.**

**Theme: "Be the best version of yourself"**

**Guest speaker- Father Franklin Fomukong**

### **FUNDRAISING GALA**

**Saturday April 6, 2024 St. Nicholas Catholic Church will be having a Fundraising Gala from 8:00pm to Midnight at the parish hall located at 2501 Bell Street, Houston, Texas 77003.**

**Cost of Tickets \$50.00**

**Dress to Impress**

**Red Carpet Glamour/Black Tie Event**

**Sumptuous 3 Course Dinner will be Served/**

**Cash Bar \$\$\$**

### **LIVE THE LITURGY**

**Though some situations which invite temptation cannot be changed, most can. A man who will not flee the setting of his temptation when he is able, still loves his sin.**

### **ST PETER'S CHAIR**

**The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter is about the formation of the Church when Christ said, "You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church." It has been celebrated on 18 January in Rome, Italy from the early days of the Christian era, in commemoration of the day when Saint Peter held his first service in Rome.**

**The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Antioch, commemorating his foundation of the See of Antioch, has also been long celebrated in Rome, on 22 February. A chair (cathedra) was venerated, which the Apostle had used while presiding at Mass. One of these chairs, preserved in the cathedral treasury of Monza, Italy, has a label reading, "oleo de sede ubi prius sedit sanctus Petrus" (oils from the chair where Saint Peter first sat).**



### **SAINT OF THE WEEK**

**St. Pope Pius the X**

**His love for children and his long history of catechizing them led him to lower the age for First Holy Communion from twelve to seven. His devotion to the Eucharist was very inspiring, encouraging frequent reception of the Eucharist for children and all people. He was also Deeply devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

### **SAINTS OF THE WEEK**

**February 19-St. Conrad of Piacenza, St. Cumiano, St. Boniface of Lausanne**

**February 20- ST. Eleutherius, St. Eucheius, St. Leo of Catania**

**February 21- St. Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, St. Robert Southwell**

**February 22-Feast of St. Peter's Chair, St. Margaret of Cortona**

**February 23- St. Polycarp, Bishop, Martyr**

**February 24-St. Ethelbert**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **March 22-ACCCRUS meeting at 6pm**
- **Every Friday during the Lenten Season, there will be Reflection, Sacrament of Reconciliation and Counseling at 10am in the Church**
- **Liturgical Meeting for all Liturgical Ministers-Lectors, EMHC, Altar Servers, Ushers, and Psalmists-Saturday March 2, 2024 at noon**
- **Stations of the Cross will be every Friday at 6:30pm will be led as follows:**
- **February 16-Led by Father Ibeh**
- **February 23-Led by 9am Mass Parishioners**
- **March 1-Led by CWA-ICB**
- **March 8-Led by CMA**
- **March 15- CWA-OLOM**
- **March 22-1:15pm Mass Parishioners**
- **March 29-Youth Ministry**

### **HALL RENTALS**

**March 2 - Hall rental-meeting at 7:30pm**

**March 21-Women meeting at 8pm**



February 13, 2024

Dear Potential Donor,

The bearer of this letter is authorized to ask for donations on behalf of St. Christopher Catholic School. We are a Catholic school, established in 1939, located off I 45 South, just outside Loop 610 at 8134 Park Place Blvd., Houston, TX 77017. Our mission is to provide a quality education with a spiritual influence on children in grades Pre-K 3 through eighth. These children are our leaders of tomorrow.

Each year at this time we hold our Spring Festival. This year it will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2024, from 11:00 am until 7:00 PM. The success of this festival depends heavily on outside donations from companies and surrounding businesses such as yours. All proceeds from this day go directly to the school to help keep our school buildings up to date as well as teacher salaries, update textbooks, technology, etc.

We humbly seek your monetary support for our Spring Festival towards Raffle prizes: Grand Prize - \$5000.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$2500.00, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$1000.00. Whatever amount you can donate would be appreciated.

All donors and sponsors will be recognized throughout the day of the event, as well as in our school newsletter and church bulletin. Any type of donation, large or small, from an individual, business or company will go a long way towards ensuring the success of our Spring Fest, and it is tax deductible. We will give you a letter for tax purposes.

You can contact us by phone 713-649-0009, fax 713-649-1104 or email Ms. Whitley at [LWhitley@sccs1939.org](mailto:LWhitley@sccs1939.org)

Thank you for your time and consideration of our request.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "S. Akubue", written over a horizontal line.

Sr. Mary-Thecla Akubue, Principal  
St. Christopher Catholic School