Principal Organist/Accompanist
St. Bartholomew the Apostle Catholic Church
5356 11th St.
Katy, TX 77493

Summary:
St. Bartholomew the Apostle Catholic Church, located in Katy, TX, seeks a qualified organist/keyboadist to serve as Principal Organist for the parish. Music is an integral part of the life of St. Bartholomew the Apostle Catholic Church, a large suburban parish currently implementing a thoughtful and exciting renewal of sacred liturgy and sacred music. Though a variety of styles are utilized at the eleven weekend Masses, emphasis at the principal Masses will be placed on traditional hymnody, chant, and polyphony. The parish hymnal is *The St. Michael Hymnal* and utilization of both organ and piano is expected. The Principal Organist reports to the Director of Music.

**Primary Duties:**
1. Accompany 3-4 Sunday Masses each weekend, including necessary warmup and rehearsal time preceding each service
2. Accompany other liturgical services throughout the year including holy days of obligation, sacramental celebrations, and the Triduum
3. Support the Director of Music in selection of hymns as necessary and, in collaboration with the director, select and play solo organ and piano repertoire appropriate to the sacred liturgy
4. Accompany the choir at two 3-hour rehearsals each week as well as at other scheduled or extra rehearsals
5. Prepare in advance, and to a professional standard, accompaniment for hymnody and chant as selected by the Director for rehearsals and liturgies
6. Advise the Director of any matters pertaining to maintenance of the church’s organ and pianos
7. Other duties as requested by the Director of Music or Pastor

**Qualifications and Other Notes:**
The successful candidate will exhibit training, background, and competence as a keyboard player (organ and piano). Formal training is highly desired. Strong choral accompanying skills for both choir and cantor is essential as is the ability to support congregational singing and participation. Experience in a similar position in a Roman Catholic Church and a strong alignment with and understanding of the Catholic liturgy is vital. Minimum of a bachelor’s degree in music or a professional recommendation from a professor or professional organist validating that candidate possesses skill equal to a graduate. The Principal Organist will have right of first refusal for all weddings celebrated in English, and all funerals when the regular funeral organist is not available. Compensation commensurate with experience.

Interested candidates please submit resume to Arland Nichols at music@st-bart.org, with “Organist” in the subject line.