



St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street · Huffman TX 77336

May 26, 2019 6th Sunday of Easter

Spirit and Truth Newsletter **Love, Elegance, Letting Go**

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Rev. Richard Barker
Deacon
Deacon John Sarabia
Secretary
Windy McMichael
Maintenance
Roy Ayala

Mass Times

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 am

Daily Mass
Tuesday: Noon
Wed-Sat: 8:30 am

Adoration
Friday: 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Reconciliation:
Saturday: 3:30-4:30pm

My dear parishioners, following his resurrection from the dead, Jesus appears by the shore of Galilee where he cooks breakfast for his apostles. Thereafter, Our Lord probes Peter three times by asking, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He was referring to the other apostles. Upset, Peter cries out, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." [Jn 21:15,17]



Jesus instructs Peter to work: "Feed my sheep." [v. 17] He directs him to sacrifice: "You will stretch out your hands, and another will gird you and carry you where you do not wish to go." [v. 18] This prophecy foretells Peter's martyrdom in Rome. Our Lord directs this message to every leader in the Church, both laity and clergy. All must work to feed the flock. To be a friend of Christ is to shepherd in his name. All must sacrifice to feed the flock. For love without sacrifice is dead.

What then are the "green pastures" and "still waters" of which King David sang, but the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass? [cf. Psa 23:1-2] To worship the Blessed Trinity on the Lord's Day is to consummate your Christian work and sacrifice in Jesus name. In the liturgy, the Lord's people are received by God as his sheep and shepherds. Here the Good Shepherd feeds his lambs with his Holy Body and quenches them with his Precious Blood. [Jn 6:32-25]

Ever in our hearts echoes the voice of Jesus: *Do you love me more than these?* And to what in this generation could be Our Lord be referring?

YOUNG ALTAR servers and acolytes advance far when they learn this important lesson about the liturgy: *Don't try to be perfect. Rather, strive to make an elegant recovery.* The most wonderful example of elegant recovery is, of course, Jesus' resurrection on the third day. I am convinced that for all human beings, life in this broken world is lived authentically in the 'recovery' zone.

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We welcome you to our parish. If you would like to become a member please fill out a registration form located on the counter by the main entrance.

Join Us for Daily Mass

The First Precept of the Catholic Church: *You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on Holy Days of Obligation and rest from servile labor.*

This is the minimum required by the Church which reminds us that Christian life requires a commitment to prayer and active participation in the life of the Church. But if this is the minimum what more can we do to show our commitment to God? How about daily Mass?

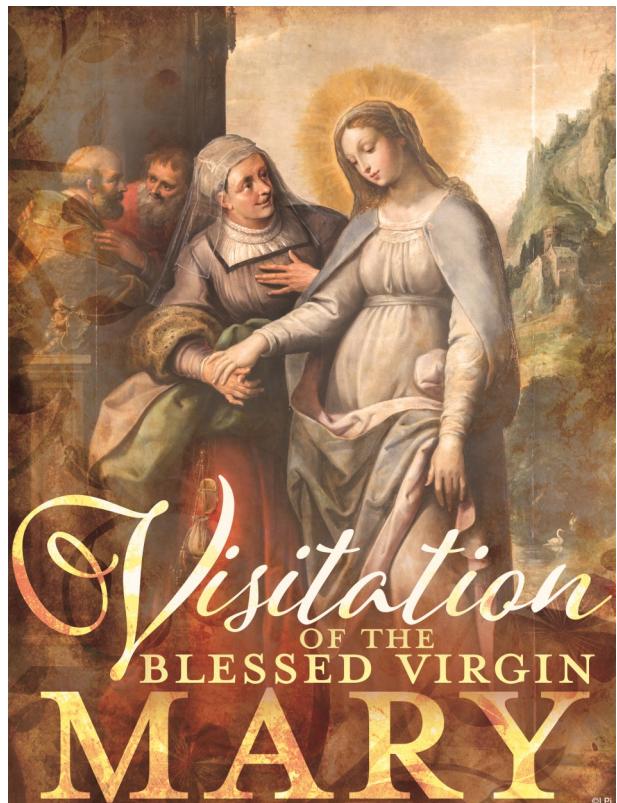
"Draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil" Eph 6:20-11

"O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
All Praise and All Thanksgiving,
be every moment thine"

Prayer Before Holy Mass



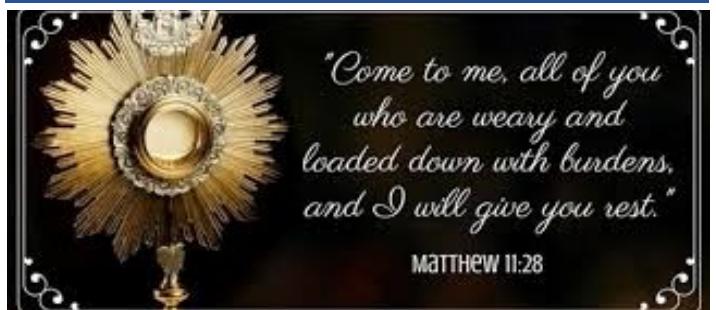
Receive, O Holy Trinity, One God, this Holy Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which I, Your unworthy servant, desire now to offer to Your Divine Majesty by the hands of this Your minister, with all the Sacrifices which have ever been or will be offered to You, in union with that most Holy Sacrifice offered by the same Christ our Lord at the Last Supper, and on the Altar of the Cross. I offer it to You with the utmost affection of devotion, out of pure love for Your infinite goodness, and according to the most holy intention of the same Christ our Lord, and of our Holy Mother the Church. O God, almighty and merciful, grant us through this Holy Sacrifice, joy and peace, a holier life, time to do penance, grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit, and perseverance in good works. Amen.



Friday, May 31st—Feast Day

Mary with Jesus in her womb visits her cousin Elizabeth who is also with child, John the Baptist.

Come Adore Our Lord



We have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday immediately following the 8:30 am Mass and continuing until 4:00 pm. At the beginning of adoration we gather together in the day chapel and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Father Barker leading. It is a most blessed time of prayer!

All parishioners are invited to spend time with Christ before the Most Blessed Sacrament. Adoration takes place in the Day Chapel. Come for a few minutes or an hour. We are in need of additional scheduled adorers. If you'd like to sign up to have a permanent hour please contact Ms. Janet Hays at 281-852-3444.

MEMORIAL DAY

We remember today the courageous men and women who gave their lives in faithful service to our country.



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Smartphone App Prayer Requests for your Fallen Friends and/or Relatives



Select **PRAYERS** Button on our SPCC App Homepage, **Select PRAYER REQUESTS**, complete the form and **SUBMIT**.

Prayer for the Fallen

God our creator and sustainer,
today our country brings to our memory
those who have defended this nation in times of
trouble.

They have sacrificed their lives to protect our
shores from those who would limit our freedoms
or enslave us to ways that are against your will.
Bring all those who have died in service to our
country into your heavenly presence.

We humbly call down your blessing on those still
serving; grant your heavenly protection to these
men and women, and open your Sacred Heart to
give them peace and comfort.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of
the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Altar Floral Bouquets
were given In honor of the
Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God**

**In celebration of
Lynette & David Zaunbrecher's
40th wedding anniversary**



Prayer for Families

We bless your name, O Lord, for sending your own incarnate Son, to become part of a family, so that, as he lived its life, he would experience its worries and its joys.

We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory.

We ask this thought Christ our Lord. Amen.

—from [Catholic Household Blessings and Prayers](http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship) link within the
<http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship>

Personal Faith Survey 2.0 PLEASE COMPLETE & RETURN



The Liturgical Core Team wants to hear from you about your Catholic faith and your participation in recent parish family life activities.

If you have yet completed your anonymous personal faith survey 2.0, we ask that you **pick up a survey** from the vestibule glass counter today and complete by **June 1st**. Your participation is most helpful and appreciated.

**Please complete yellow form and return
survey to an usher.**



Remember SPCC Parish with Your Summer Donations

Thank you for your financial support of St. Philip this Summer! We continue to work very hard to fulfill our stewardship responsibilities for our sweet parish families.

ONLINE DONATIONS



—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

Please click on this link to give: ⇒ [Online Donations](#)

As you and your family begin preparing for your various summer travels, we ask that you remember your Sunday gifts to the parish before you travel. You can continue supporting St. Philip at our website, www.stphiliphuffmantx.org or our smartphone app giving feature.

Thank you for your financial support; your contributions will help us continue the ongoing work at our parish.

Vatican Express VBS



**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS**
and
JOIN the FUN!!!

VBS Decorating & Preparation

6th grade—High School Volunteers — Come join the fun as we paint decorate and build friendships as VBS volunteers.

Monday June 3 from 1:00 - 5:00; and Tuesday/Wednesday June 4 & 5, 9:00am - 3:00pm.

Vatican Express VBS Week

Monday-Friday,
June 10th-14th

9:30 am—12:30 pm



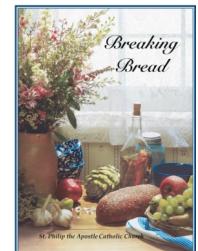
Women's Guild



**Monthly
Luncheon
May 29th**

The Women's Guild will have lunch at Teapot Depot on **Wednesday, May 29, 2019**. **Teapot Depot** is located at 12 Denny Street, Highlands, TX 77562; (281) 426-3670.

We will meet at the Church at 10:45 am and carpool to the restaurant. If you want their Flower Pot Pie (\$11.45) you need to call ahead and reserve one. Please note **change of day – Wednesday** rather than Tuesday.



Cookbooks

Cookbooks can still be purchased. The price is \$20 each, or \$15 for two or more. To get a cookbook, please call Dianne Truitt at 713-823-4948.

EVENING Adult Bible Study



If you have not been to our **evening** Bible Study, and feel a tug to, please join us. We would love to have you become a part of our group this summer. We will meet on the following dates – May 27th, June 10th, and June 24th.

For the next couple months, we will use the Emmaus Journey resources to read and prepare for the upcoming Sunday readings. You can access this resource at emmausjourney.org --- click on May, NABRE version.



Contact Ray & Deb Kessler at radkessler@comcast.net for more information.

Graduation Mass & Luncheon



Graduating
High School
and
College Seniors

Mass and Luncheon
Sunday June 2nd @ 11:00 Mass

All **graduating high school and college seniors** are invited to participate in a special Graduation Mass on **Sunday June 2**.

We are so excited to celebrate your accomplishments with you and hear about your future plans. Graduates are asked to wear their cap and gown for Mass. You will receive Father Barker's special blessing upon you as you move forward to your next adventure in life. Graduates and their families are then invited to a luncheon in their honor in the parish hall.

If you are able to join us for Mass and luncheon, please RSVP to Becky Pursell; bpursell@stphilip.cc or Andre Taylor, ataylor@stphilip.cc.

Hands-on Maintenance Position

ST PHILIP CATHOLIC CHURCH, a small parish in Huffman TX (Lake Houston area), is looking for an experienced *HANDS-ON bilingual maintenance person who reports to the pastor and knows how to keep a physical plant beautiful and in good working order (approximately 30k sq ft /5+ acres)*.

The applicant must be able to maintain, fix and repair basic mechanical, plumbing, and electrical problems and work effectively with vendors, suppliers and contractors.

Must have skills are: painting, woodworking, hand and power tools, lawn equipment, as well as office -level reading, writing and computer proficiency.

Send your resume and full contact information to the attention of the PASTOR:

St Philip the Apostle Catholic Church,
PO BOX 2363, Huffman, TX 77336
OR
as an email attachment to
parishoffice@stphilip.cc .

(This position involves being "on call" and is not a departmental desk job. A satisfactory background check is required prior to hiring.)



St. Philip Sewing Club Gathering

— 2nd Saturdays of the Month —

June 8th, July 13th, and August 10th

*Let's attend Saturday morning Mass
as a way to prayerfully begin our ministry work.*

9:30a - 12:00p, after morning Mass in the parish hall

Please join us to prepare items for those in need. No experience necessary, as we are willing to teach novices! Also, other talents such as crocheting, knitting, embroidery are very welcome. We will be continuing to prepare prayer quilts and possibly expanding to hand embroidery for bible bookmarks over the summer.

Contact Andrea Wight at 225-892-3392 or Wight4031@embarqmail.com



Daily Mass & Sharing Our Love of the Eucharist

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." John 21:12 Jesus loves you so much; He wants to give you daily bread. Let's continue receiving Jesus with an *extra Mass* or two with Tuesday-Saturday daily Mass. What better way to enjoy daily bread with Jesus at Tuesday Noon Mass or 8:30 am morning Mass?



Our Love for the Lord

St. Valentine's Potluck Dinner



Breaking Bread Together



Love Stories of the Bible

DAYTIME Bible Study



Reaching for the Apple



New Lay Reader Minister Training

New Liturgical Training



New Eucharist Minister Training



St. Joseph Food



Loaves & Fishes Brown Bag Luncheons



St. Joseph Feast Day Sharing

Love, Elegance, Letting Go *(continued)*

...Young persons who serve the altar, may you receive this healing truth and enjoy the most elegant recovery of life — the holiness of mind, heart, soul and strength. I pray that you will value your very own personhood as a treasure and see yourselves as God sees you — worthy of love and redemption. I ask God to lead and guide you into a holy life well-lived.

ON THE day after Christmas 1992, scarcely three months after my ordination to the priesthood, I was in the Church sacristy preparing for a funeral Mass, my first. Two minutes before the start of the liturgy, the funeral director whispered to me shocking news. The deceased committed suicide. No one in family told me. As I welcomed the family and received the body of the deceased in the name of the Church, I was acutely unprepared for this tragic circumstance and of my existential inadequacies as a presiding priest.

Nevertheless, I was consoled by my intention to minister to the very best of my ability. I felt the power of the Holy Spirit and the strength of the Church. As the moment approached for the farewell commendation, I realized that this difficult funeral liturgy had summoned me to a farewell experience of my own. As I read the words of St. Paul's Letter to the Romans—"we know that our old self was crucified" [Rom 6:6] — I bid farewell to the deceased and adieu to the seminarian and scholastic I had been before my ordination. I said *goodbye* to the honeymoon of my priesthood and the weeks of first fervor, my untested idealism and a goodly amount of my embarrassing naivete. Sincerely in the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Your pastor, Reverend Richard Barker.

PRO-LIFE EVENT



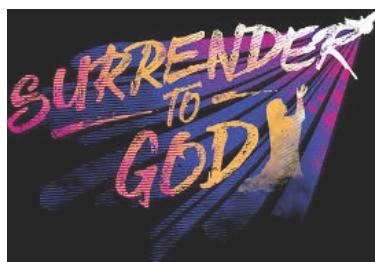
Saturday, June 15, 2019

Mass- 8:10 AM Holy Ghost Catholic Church
6921 Chestwood in Houston

Followed by Rosary procession to
Planned Parenthood, 5800 Bellaire Blvd

Sponsored by Archdiocese of Galveston Houston Office of Pro-Life Activities and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants

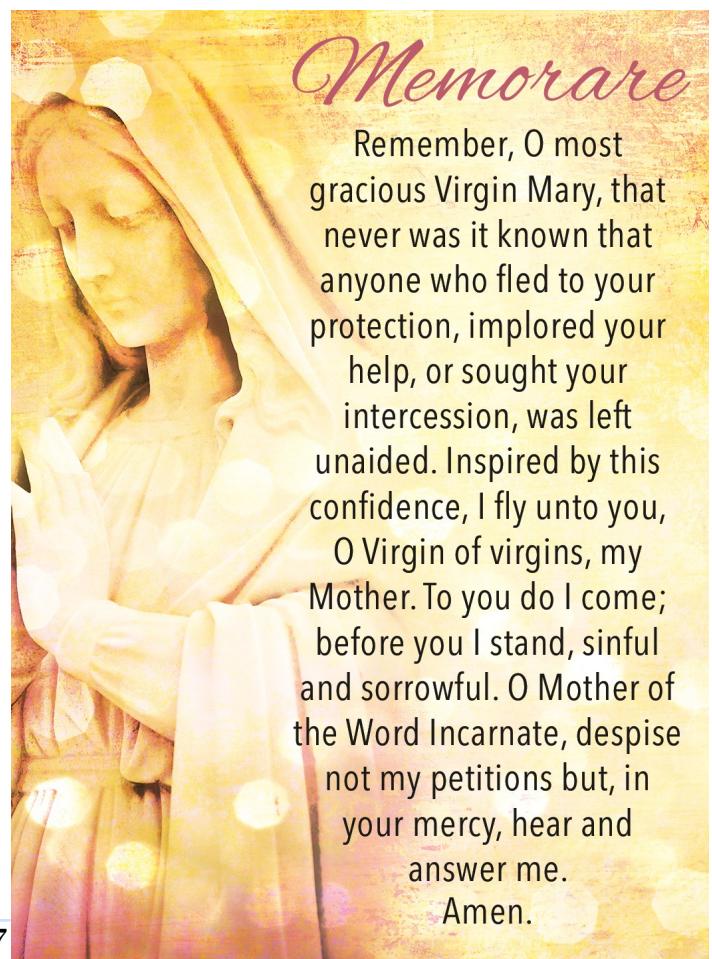
AYC Registration OPEN through June 14



Registration is NOW OPEN for this summer's Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC) to be held Friday, July 26 – Sunday, July 28 at the Hilton

Americas Hotel and the George R Brown Convention Center.

To register, there is no payment required when you register on-line; visit <https://archgh.cvent.com/ayc2019>. The on-line registration must be completed by your parent/guardian. You will be asked for a voucher code. **St. Philip's code is 7696SPTA2019**. Do not share this code with friends from other parishes without checking with me first. To guarantee your spot at the conference, [the deadline to register is Sunday June 14](#). AYC weekend is a great time. You won't regret going. Questions? Contact Ms Becky @ 713-516-7376 or bpursell@stphilip.cc



Mass Intentions

Daily Masses

Monday, May 27

No Daily Mass



Tuesday, May 28

Noon - Special Intentions for Mary Louis Rodriguez

Wednesday, May 29

8:30 am - Special Intentions for Becky Hendricks

Thursday, May 30

8:30 am - + For the repose of the souls in Purgatory +

Friday, May 31

8:30 am – Special Intentions of Father Barker

Saturday, June 1

8:30 am - + For the repose of the souls in Purgatory +

Sunday Masses

Saturday, June 1

5:00 pm - Special Graces & Blessings for
Windy McMichael

Sunday, June 2

8:30 am - Special Intentions for the Parish People

11:00 am - + For the repose of the soul of Robert W. Barker +

Dress Standard for All Masses

**Please honor the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
and wear modest clothing.**

Men/Young Men/Boys: Shirts and pants.

Women/Young Women/Girls:

Modest Dresses, Coordinated Ensembles, Shirt/Blouses
with Pants.

Clothing not proper: flip-flops, shorts, cutoffs,
t-shirts, sloppy jeans, tank tops, & revealing clothing.

Proper Mass Etiquette

Please be reverent and refrain from bringing bottled water, soda, food, candy, or gum into Mass.

Please refrain from leaving Mass until the closing hymn is finished. When it is finished Mass has come to a close.

Personal conversations may proceed and continue in the vestibule . The worship area should be quite for those who remain for prayer.

Please Pray

For Illness:

Gretchen Figarola, Sylvia Farris,
Buddy Herron, Lynn Gerhardt, Marian Loftus,
Mike McKeever, Greg Keng, Jacel Morgan,
Kim Hearne, Dick Sulkowski, Donna Hackett,
Patricia Flores, Kevin Kilgore, Sr.,
Diana Espinoza, Brittany Vasquez,
Windy McMichael, Charles Gardner,
Dennis Billodeaux, Thelma Carrier, Dorothy Becker,
Rosalee Frantz, Roy Lovely, Preston Fann

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### For the repose of the souls of:

+Marge Amann, Bea Naquin, Laura Rucka,  
Jane McMillan, James McCullough,  
Margarita Erebia, Pat Loftus, Bernard Sarbeck,  
Teddy Bernhard, Annie Vasquez, David Harbin,  
Louise Snoe, Joe Boreas, Joe Buchanan, Larry Keller,  
Lera Cordova, Doris Boudreaux+

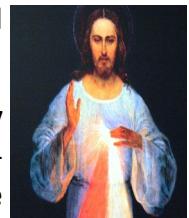
## Comment on Clergy Abuse and Prayer

The clergy abuse of children scandal is very intense right now and will be for some time. Please be assured that St. Philip parish has no involvement whatever in any events related to clergy scandal past or present. There are no pending cases or inquiries whatsoever related to our parish.

Whether it's one instance or a thousand instances, the abuse of children cries to our loving heavenly Father for justice. God judges every clergy member justly and rigorously: "Let not many of you become teachers (of faith), my brethren, for you know that we who teach shall be judged with greater strictness." [James 3:1]

Our faithful and devoted laity, bishops, priests and deacons deserve our continued support and prayers. Please, always pray for the persons and families who have been gravely wounded by sexual abuse committed by priests.

Join fellow parishioners on **Friday mornings** for **Mass at 8:30 AM**, followed by **prayer for victims of abuse** and the **Divine Mercy Chaplet**.



## Sacrament of Holy Communion



When you receive Communion during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, it is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ that you are receiving. Holy Communion, in the Catholic Church, is reserved for those who have received the sacrament of First Holy Communion, have been catechized (taught) in our Catholic faith and have made a profession of faith. One should abstain from Holy Communion if they are in mortal sin and have not received the sacrament of reconciliation.

*If you are not Roman Catholic or are in need of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we ask that you refrain from receiving Holy Communion in the Mass. However, you may go up to one of the ministers for a blessing when Holy Communion is being offered. By crossing your hands over your heart, the Priest or Eucharistic minister will know to give you the blessing.*

Also, if you choose to receive only the Blessed Sacrament and not from the Chalice, it is fitting nevertheless to pause for a moment to honor Christ's presence in the Precious Blood—with an appropriate sign of devotion. We would not think to pass a friend on the street without some acknowledgement. Our Lord Jesus Christ deserves no less, and most assuredly, a great deal more.

## Receiving Holy Communion

**When receiving the Blessed Sacrament in the hand—**Stand still. Extend forward one hand *palm up and wide open* with your other hand underneath it. (Your hands should be in front of your heart.) Then take your free hand to grasp the Sacred Host respectfully and place it on your tongue *in front of the Eucharistic Minister*. (Popping the Sacred Host one-handed into your mouth like popcorn is crude and highly inappropriate. Receive Holy Communion on the tongue instead.)

**Never reach out to “take” the Blessed Sacrament from any minister.** “Taking” the Sacred Host from the minister’s hand is never appropriate. Allow the Extraordinary Minister to minister to you properly. Your response is to “receive” Holy Communion, showing utmost respect in your posture and actions.

**When receiving the Blessed Sacrament on the tongue—**Stand still. Allow the edge of your tongue to rest on top of your bottom lip. The Eucharistic Minister will place the Sacred Host on your tongue respectfully. Stand still. Don’t duck, lunge or try to bite the Blessed Sacrament.

**When receiving the Precious Blood from the chalice—**Please don’t wear heavy lipstick. Leaving a heavy cosmetic residue on the chalice is highly inconsiderate of the sensitivities and health of others who must share the same sacred vessel. The white linen purifiers used by our Eucharistic Ministers are expensive, and our Women’s Guild spends hours and hours trying to clean them. We are throwing away too many.

## Sacraments

### SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

If you have been participating actively at least six months after registration in the parish, you may ask for an appointment with the pastor to begin marriage preparation. Marriage preparation requires six months.

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

If you have been participating actively at least six months after registration in the parish, you may call the parish office to begin baptismal preparation. Children age 6 or younger; documents are required before baptism date may be scheduled: parish & baptismal registrations, birth certificate, and baptism class certifications.

### FUNERAL SERVICES

To ensure that parish ministers can assist you, please call the parish office **before** setting dates and times for funeral services. Regarding personal spoken remembrances at funeral liturgies, St. Philip parish adheres to the policies of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By appointment. Please call our office to make arrangements.

Please call our church office at 281 324-1478 if you are need of these sacraments.

# Parish Ministries Contact Information

**Pastor** - Rev. Richard E. Barker

**Deacon** - John Sarabia (281) 923-9659

**Instituted Acolyte** - John Comeaux (281) 324-2044

**Instituted Acolyte** - Troy Hill (713) 336-3321

**Office Staff** - (281) 324-1478

**Communications Coordinator** - Lupe Cupples (281) 414-3705

**Maintenance** - Roy Ayala (832) 658-9074

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**Parish E-Mail:** parishoffice@stphilip.cc

**Parish Website:** www.stphiliphuffmantx.org.

## Liturgical

### **Altar Servers**

Father Barker (281) 324-1478

### **Sacramental Ministry Director**

Lynette Zaunbrecher (281) 386-9783

### **Home Bound**

Parish Office (281) 324-1478

### **Adornment of the Sanctuary**

Altar Guild (Ordinary Time) (281) 386-9783

DJM's (Feast Seasons) (713) 419-8097

### **Music Core Team**

Director: Geralyn Moulds (281) 540-4682

Jan Williams (713) 419-8097

Valerie Sivil (713) 202-1310

### **Organist**

Teresa Merka - (281) 324-1478

### **Usher Ministry**

Gary Aldrich (832) 586-6430

## Social Outreach / Concern

### **Mary's Blessings Ministry**

*For financial assistance please call 832-764-9814*

Marie Hohmann (281) 360-9032

### **Prime Timers (55+)**

Claudia Herron (832) 270-3385

### **Pro-Life**

Christine Kasper (713) 416-5233

### **Rosemont Assisted Living**

Judy Abdelnoor (281) 360-9728

### **Prison Ministry**

Deacon John Sarabia (281) 923-9659

### **Transitions Grief Ministry**

Lane Coco (281) 324-2163

## Continuing Christian Education (CCE)

**CCE Office** (281) 324-1934, cceoffice@stphilip.cc

### **CCE Core Team Chairperson**

### **Middle School/High School Coordinator**

Becky Pursell (713) 516-7376

### **Elementary Coordinator**

Carlie Richard (337) 258-4840

### **First Sacrament Coordinator**

Suzanne Burch (361) 877-9728

### **Confirmation Coordinator**

Lynette Zaunbrecher (281) 386-9783

### **Registrar**

André Taylor (832) 233-0829

### **Nursery Coordinator**

Becky Pursell (713) 516-7376

### **Adult Bible Study**

Ray and Deb Kessler (832) 644-8078

## Spiritual Development

### **Disciples of Jesus and Mary**

### **Laity Spiritual Formation**

Jan Williams (713) 419-8097

### **Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Face Prayer Group**

Janet Hays (281) 852-3444

### **Knights of Columbus**

Gary Aldrich (Grand Knight) (832) 586-6430

### **Prayer Chain**

Lupe Cupples (281) 414-3705

*Smartphone App - Prayers Button*

### **Women's Guild**

Dianne Truitt (713) 823-4948

*Lord Jesus Christ  
Calls you to Serve*



**How will I serve our Lord Jesus Christ?** Please check your ministry.

- Extraordinary Minister/Lay Reader       Usher Ministry  
 Altar Server/Acolyte       Music Ministry

**Which Mass do I attend regularly?** Please circle your Mass.

5:00 Saturday      8:30 am Sunday      11:00 am Sunday

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be a registered single person or sacramentally married in good standing to serve.)