



St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street · Huffman TX 77336

June 2, 2019 Ascension of the Lord

Spirit and Truth Newsletter Clothed in Glory

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Windy McMichael

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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, in his account of Jesus' ascension, Luke recalls that Jesus was "lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight". [Acts 1:9] The journey that began with the Hebrew exodus from slavery is consummated by Christ who rose from the dead and ascended in glory to the right hand of God the Father almighty.

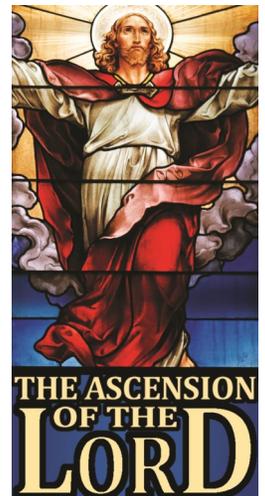
Unlike the silence imposed on Peter, James and John after his transfiguration, our Lord's ascension provokes an immediate proclamation from two heavenly strangers arrayed in white: "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." [Acts 1:11]

The conclusion of Luke's gospel tells us that after Jesus' ascension his followers "returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the temple blessing God". [Lk 24:52-52] Unlike their fearful behavior in the days leading up to their Master's crucifixion, the apostles soon will speak boldly in the power of the Spirit.

They will reveal everything they saw and heard. [cf. Acts 4:20] They will offer to God the praise of fulfillment, the prayer of confidence and trust expected of disciples who are perfected in love and obedience -- not the silence of perplexity. They have come to know and will testify to the powerful Word of the Holy One of God. [cf. Jn 6:68-69]

The Lord Jesus Christ, who shouldered the travail of Jews and Gentiles alike, who bore their shame, their disaster and their lowliness, the righteous one who became sin on Golgotha for our sake, who crossed the Red Sea of human mortality and who rose from the silence of the grave, has conquered the power of death itself!

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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.

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.

Personal Faith Survey 2.0 Please complete & return TODAY



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 **this weekend**. Your participation is most helpful and appreciated.

Please complete yellow form and return survey to an usher.

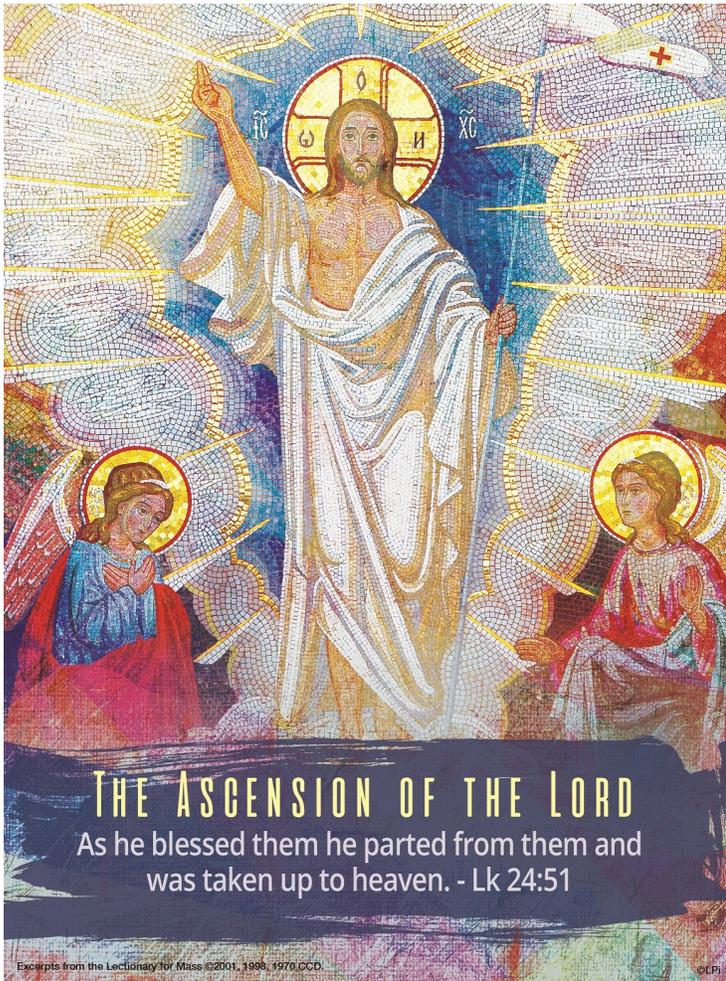
Join Us for Daily Mass



Daily Mass is the same globally! Outdoor Mass in Tanzania

There's a lot of Bible each Mass. First, there is often an Old Testament reading (except during the season of Easter, when we read through the whole book of Acts.) Then, there is a Psalm, except instead of it being read, the Psalm is typically sung. Which is cool because the Psalms are originally songs. So, in the Mass we put them to music, and it's sung responsorially, where a lead singer, or cantor, sings part of it, and the congregation joins in throughout. After that, there is a New Testament reading. And, finally, we conclude with a reading from the Gospels. Often, there is a theme that connects many of the readings, and there are studies available to further dig into the readings of each week. Also, the Catholic readings cycle over 3 years, throughout which, if you are attending daily Mass, you'll have read through pretty much the entire Bible! And finally, the readings are the same globally. So each Mass, I am hearing the same readings as Catholics in my own town, in Minnesota, Africa, Europe... everywhere! This is cool because I can discuss something about the readings with JP's family or a friend of mine from a different parish, and we all have heard the same Scripture each week.

"St. Michael the Archangel, Defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince, of the heavenly host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven. - Lk 24:51

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970, CCD.

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GreatJob Graduates

Graduation Mass June 2nd at 11:00 am
with luncheon to follow.

Congratulations to all our graduates!

This Year's Sylvester Leonard Scholarship Recipients

The Knights of Columbus 9794, in conjunction with St. Philip's Parish, is honored to award the **2019 Sylvester Leonard Scholarships** in the amount of \$500 each to four graduating high school seniors. Congratulations scholarship recipients.

Rachel Butler, Lone Star Conroe Campus

Colleen Canavan, Sam Houston State University

Yleana Cisneros, Texas Tech University

Samantha Meyer, Southwestern University

Altar Floral Bouquets were given in honor of the

Blessed Virgin Mary Mother of God

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.

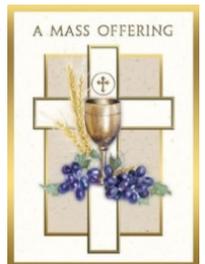
We ask you, Lord, to protect and watch over this family, so that in the strength of your grace its members may enjoy prosperity, possess the priceless gift of your peace, and, as the Church alive in the home, bear witness in this world to your glory.

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>

Mass Intentions

The practice of having Masses said for someone's soul or for a special intention date back to the early Church. We all pray for one another, we also ask saints in heaven to pray for us. The graces from the Sacrifice of the Mass are incalculable!



Only one intention is offered for each Mass, so all parishioners may request a Mass offering. Many parishioners contact us to request Masses. Please remember that the number of Masses available for new intentions is limited. It is a kindness to give an offering to the priest, not for the Mass itself, but to supply the things necessary for the Mass and his own support. The customary stipend for each Mass intention is **\$5.00** we request.

You may visit our office to complete a Mass Intention request form and enclose your check with request, so our office may schedule the Mass intention. We will call you with the scheduled Mass intention dates.



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 to 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.

Women's Guild

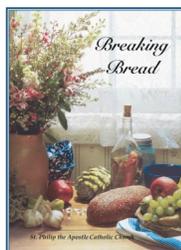


June Luncheon

Join us for **Mass at 12:00 noon**, and we will then proceed to Marsala's Italian Grill, 24501 FM 2100 E., Huffman, TX (281) 764-5360.

Breaking Bread 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.



Vatican Express VBS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

and

JOIN the FUN!!!



VBS Decorating & Preparation
(6th-12th grade 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

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 – 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.

JOYFUL NEWS!



The Precious Blood will be offered every Sunday at Mass starting **June 30th** at the 11:00 Mass.

The Precious Blood will be offered at the 8:30 Sunday Mass beginning **July 7th** and at the Vigil Mass (5:00pm) on **July 14th**.

Please remember to show a sign of reverence to the Precious Blood of Jesus if you choose not to consume. **Let us rejoice in God's goodness!**

Roy Ayala's Retirement Reception

Retirement Reception will be held **Sunday, June 23rd** after **11:00 am Mass** in the parish hall.



Roy Ayala, our Physical Plant Coordinator for nearly 20 years, is retiring at the end of this month. The beauty and well-being of our campus facility and grounds are due, in no small way, to Roy's professional skills and workmanship. We thank him for his dedication and love for our parish campus.

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

Clothed in Glory

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...Clothed with a glory that shames human vanity, the Good Shepherd is revealed as the eternal Christ who returns to the Father what he has won: "...a holy nation, a people set apart" for God.

He commissions you to accomplish a mighty work in his name. Pray to God for the gift of steadfast faith. The apostles prayed for the sake of the Church. Therefore, boldly ask God for your daily bread and the prosperity of the Church in this generation. Confidently seek forgiveness and deliverance from evil. Strive for the eternal blessings of heavenly citizenship with all your heart.

Many wait a lifetime to accept the gospel of eternal life. Why not receive it now? This is the hour in which Christ confides himself to you in the Sacrifice of the Mass, the sublime sacrament of Word and Eucharist. This Jesus is the Son of God, the Chosen One who ascended to the Father's right hand.

Listen to him! Pray to him! Praise the "immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe"! [Eph 1:19] Sincerely in the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Your pastor, Reverend Richard Barker.

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

PRO-LIFE EVENT



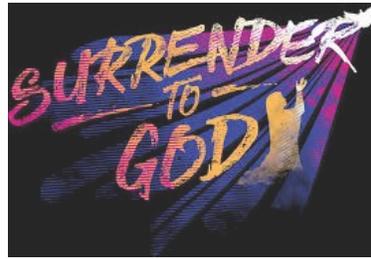
Saturday, June 15, 2019

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

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

Houston's Catholic Radio—KSHJ 1430

How about setting your car radio to KSHJ 1430 to and from **your daily commute**? Tune in for intelligent talk, catechesis, apologetics, a Catholic perspective on news and current events, great fun, and lots of advice on living the faith in our relationship and sharing the faith with our friends and family. Listen on air at **AM 1430**, online at GRNOnline.com, or on **your mobile device** – both IOS and Android.



Corporal Works of Mercy

1. Feed the hungry
2. Give drink to the thirsty
3. Clothe the naked
4. Shelter the homeless
5. Visit the sick
6. Visit the imprisoned
7. Bury the dead

Mass Intentions

Daily Masses

Monday, June 3

No Daily Mass



Tuesday, June 4

Noon - + For the repose of the soul of Christian Blevins +

Wednesday, June 5

8:30 am - Special Graces & Blessings for
Windy McMichael

Thursday, June 6

8:30 am - + For the repose of the soul of Joan Cass +

Friday, June 7

8:30 am – Special Intentions for Father Barker

Saturday, June 8

8:30 am - Special Intentions for Father Barker

Sunday Masses

Saturday, June 8

5:00 pm - + For the repose of the soul of Joe Boreas +

Sunday, June 9

8:30 am - Special Intentions for Windy McMichael

11:00 am - Special Intentions for Elyse Sivil

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.

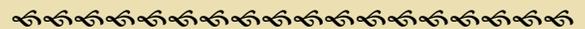
Please refrain from leaving Mass until the closing hymn is finished. When it is finished Mass has come to a close.

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

Please Pray

For Strength and Recovery:

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, Leah Dyess



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+

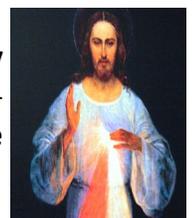
Comment on Clergy Abuse and Prayer

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.

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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 purificators 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.

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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
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Instituted Acolyte - Troy Hill (713) 336-3321
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Maintenance - Roy Ayala (832) 658-9074

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Parish Fax: (281) 715-5533
Parish E-Mail: parishoffice@stphilip.cc
Parish Website: www.stphiliphuffmantx.org.

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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

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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)

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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.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Extraordinary Minister/Lay Reader | <input type="checkbox"/> Usher Ministry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Altar Server/Acolyte | <input type="checkbox"/> 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.)