



# St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street · Huffman TX 77336

October 13, 2019

28th Sunday In Ordinary Time

*New Temporary  
Until Further Notice*

## Mass Time & Location

Please arrive early  
at 3:45 pm

**Saturdays at 4:00pm**

*This Mass fulfills your  
Sunday obligation.*

## Location

Atascocita United  
Methodist Church  
19325 Pinehurst Trail Dr.  
(Wesley Sanctuary Bldg.)  
Atascocita, TX

## Parish Office

Phone: 281-324-1478  
Fax: 281-715-5533  
parishoffice@stphilip.cc

## Mailing Address

PO Box 2363  
Huffman, TX 77336

## Office Location

2308 3rd Street  
Huffman, TX  
Hours: Monday-Friday  
9:00 am-1:00 pm

## Pastoral Staff

### Pastor

Rev. Richard Barker

### Deacon

Deacon John Sarabia

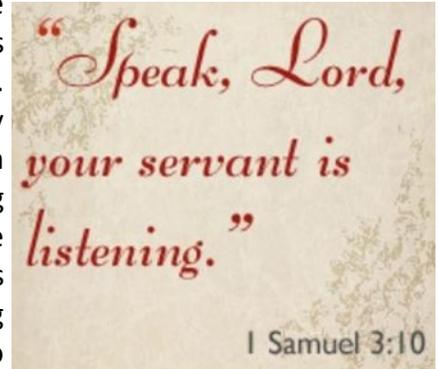
### Maintenance

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## Spirit and Truth Newsletter

### Listen Up

I'm Tim Logsdon with some thoughts to share about trying to be a better listener. First, let's outline reasons we fail to actively listen. Next, by focusing on what we are missing by not being attentive to God's message, we can form a goal: listening-with-understanding versus simply hearing. Then, we can pledge to actively "Listen Up" towards acknowledging, accepting, and appreciating all of God's messages for us as invitations to lead more prayer-filled lives.



**"What we've got here...is failure to communicate." (Cool Hand Luke)**

How could I be mid-way through the first decade of a Rosary, when I realize that I cannot recall saying even one prayer? And (pick almost any Monday morning) why can't I recall Father's beautiful Sunday homily, even though I felt so enlightened as Offertory began? Possibly, I was not really paying attention and not engaged, or I was distracted by life's interruptions. Maybe I did not take the time to reflect and decide to make personal changes to be a better Catholic. Perhaps all of the above.

**If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts (Ps 95)**

Thankfully, we have outstanding lessons on how to listen in Scripture. Searching: Listen (RSV Bible), there were 223 citations from the old and new testaments that included *listen*!

Here are two of my favorites:

At the Transfiguration of Jesus: He (*Peter*) was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; **listen to him.**" (Mt17: 5)

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Join our MyParish app [www.stphiliphuffmantx.org](http://www.stphiliphuffmantx.org)



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.

Visit our website: [www.stphiliphuffmantx.org](http://www.stphiliphuffmantx.org) or Get MyParish phone app: Text 88202 with "app".

## JOURNEY in the CATHOLIC FAITH . . Join Us

NEW revised date and location:

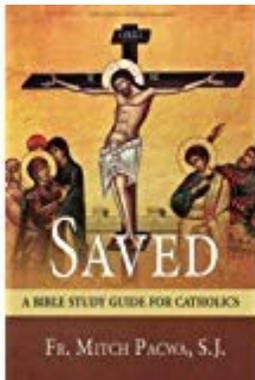
**Monday, October 14th at 8014 Figg Lane 7:00-8:30 pm** . We are back to our regular schedule, meeting on the 2nd & 4th Monday of each month.

We are currently studying Father Mitch Pacwa's book *Saved: a Bible Study for Catholics* that includes Catholic teaching on salvation, grace and free will, repentance and faith, role of the sacraments, and the necessity of good works. This book will take us to the beginning of Advent.

Purchase of the book is not required.

Please *bring your Bible* to each session!

Contact Ray & Deb Kessler with questions at [rdkessler@stphilip.cc](mailto:rdkessler@stphilip.cc) or call (719) 660-8880.



## Choir Recruiting



Please join us in our endeavor to serve the Lord and support the Liturgy through music and song with active participation in the weekend Masses here at St. Philip the Apostle.

We are in need of both **vocalists and instrumentalists**. The ability to read music is not necessary.

Please contact Geri Moulds at (832) 551-7331 or [gmoulds@stphilip.cc](mailto:gmoulds@stphilip.cc)

The choir supports the Liturgy with a Saturday Vigil organist and a cantor, and a pianist and a choir at each of our two Sunday morning Masses, as well as Holy Days of Obligation throughout the Liturgical year.



*Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth:  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!  
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre  
and the sound of melody! Ps 98:4-6*



MyParish App offers...

- 3-minute Theology
- Rosary with *Father Ricardo*
- Prayer Requests
- Parish calendar
- Confession guide
- Readings
- Brother Francis
- Cat Chat Kids
- Real Life Catholic with *Christopher Stefanick*

*Enjoy these app features!*

## Altar Servers Training Sessions

Cancelled until further notice



We thank all prospective altar servers for their interest in serving in this lovely ministry.

## Women's Guild Activities

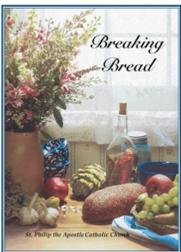
### Monthly Meetings

The Women's Guild has its meetings at **9:30 am**, on the second Tuesday of each month. The meetings are at the **May Community Center**, 2100 Wolf Rd., Huffman, TX 77336 until we are back at St. Philip.



### Monthly Luncheon

Our next St. Philip Women's Guild luncheon will be on **Tuesday, October 22, 2019** at 11:30 am at Italiano's Restaurant (Atascocita location), 8146 FM1960 E., (281) 852-7662.



We still have the Women's Guild Cookbooks for sale.

The price is \$20 each, but if you buy two or more, they are only \$15 each. Contact Dianne Truitt if you wish to purchase (713) 823-4948 or email [dtruitt560@aol.com](mailto:dtruitt560@aol.com).

## Altar Floral Bouquets

We are not taking donations for our St. Philip Altar Floral Bouquets. We look forward to continuing this beautiful tradition when we return to our Church.



## Our Website Makes Donating Easy!

Please visit our website, [www.stphiliphuffmantx.org](http://www.stphiliphuffmantx.org) or our **smartphone app** "giving" feature.

We especially appreciate your additional tithe contributions and extra donations for our St. Philip flood restoration project.



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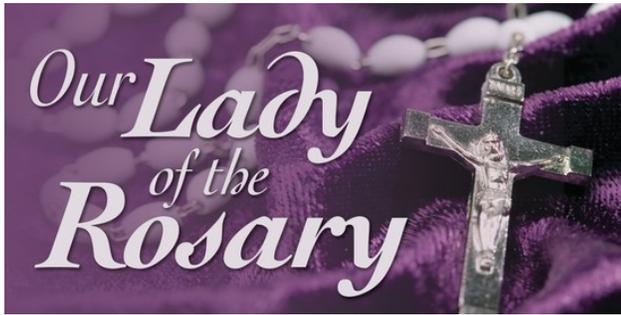
- ⇒ Our Parish
- ⇒ Gift
- ⇒ Online Donation
- ⇒ Flood Restoration (pull-down menu)

**Thank you for your generous financial support!**



Then said Jesus, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" (Lk 17:17,18)

## Rosary "Q & A"



### Question:

What is the story behind the rosary?

### Answer:

The rosary is a sacred and popular Catholic devotion, but its origins are mysterious. Prayer beads to facilitate meditation began in the early ages of the Church. In the early medieval period, bead strings were used to count Hail Mary or Our Father prayers.

A tradition has developed that the rosary in its current form was given to St. Dominic by the Blessed Mother. However, the earliest biographies of the saint do not include this story.

In the Middle Ages, the prayers were grouped into 50 Hail Marys with verses from Psalms and vignettes from the lives of Jesus and Mary. By the 16th century, the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious Mysteries were established.

The rosary rose to prominence in the late 1500s. The Turkish Empire was spreading across eastern Europe, and pirates were raiding Christian ships. The Christian nations of Europe rallied for a great battle at sea. Pope St. Pius V urged all Christians to pray the rosary for victory. While vastly outnumbered, the Christian fleet was victorious at the Battle of Lepanto.

**The pope established October 7th as the feast of the Holy Rosary. Later, all of October would come to be known as the Month of the Rosary.**

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## Mary's Blessings Ministry

Seeking your generosity to help Huffman's poor.

### Charitable Needs

Life happens and plans must change! Mary's Blessings Thanksgiving Food Drive has morphed into a DIY food drive! Rather than try to have the usual Food Drive at church we are asking our parishioners to take your donations directly to:

#### Huffman Food Pantry

**25503 FM 2100, Huffman TX 77336**

They are still in need, they have had a tremendous run on the following items:

Mac and Cheese bowls	Cases of Water
Ramen noodles	Easy to open/consume items
Soup cups	Breakfast/Snack items
Fruit cups	Toiletries, body soap
Dry milk	Toothpaste
Cereal	Toothbrushes
Canned meat	Diapers and wipes
Instant meals	

### Please help the needy in Huffman



Check out Donation options on our smartphone app, or St. Philip's website: [stphiliphuffmantx.org](http://stphiliphuffmantx.org). Or send a check to the parish office. Giving to Mary's Blessings on the **first weekend** of each month will also benefit

the poor of Huffman. Please watch the Spirit and Truth newsletter for details.

## Pastoral Administrative Assistant

St. Philip the Apostle Church needs a skilled experienced employee.



Send your résumé to:  
[pastor@stphilip.cc](mailto:pastor@stphilip.cc)

### Responsibilities:

- Reports to and collaborates with pastor.
- Strong relationship with maintenance coordinator, parish ministers, councils, parishioners and downtown chancery departments.
- Preferred bilingual
- Some college and 10+ years work experience.
- Satisfactory background check required prior to hiring.

### Required office skills:

- Accounting, payroll, scheduling, reporting, and purchasing
- Software (MS Office and Google apps)
- Correspondence

Download our **MyParish App**  
(iPhone or Android store)



Receive Notifications about our Parish, Church restoration news, Mass updates, (as required), and more!



## Adult Education Class

Next session:  
**Wednesday,**

**October 16th** at 7:00pm

at the Atascocita United Methodist Church in their Adult Education classroom in the Wesley Center.

*Do I know and understand Church teaching and the scriptures well enough and in truth such that I may be a rock for others in their faith? (Mt 7:24-27)*

Each week will cover a new topic so you will not be lost if you miss a week. All parish adults are welcome!



## Knights of Columbus 9794

*St Philip the Apostle*

### Sylvester Leonards Charity Golf Tournament

**Thank you** to all of our Parishioners for your support of this year's very successful Golf Tournament!



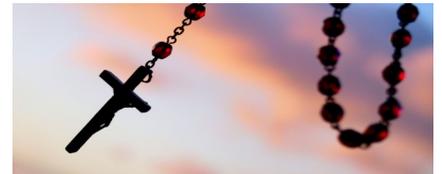
## Upcoming Rosary Prayer Gathering

**When: Monday, October 21st**

**Time: 7:00 pm**

**Where: 27502 Calvin's Road, Huffman 77336**

If possible, arrive between 6:15—6:30 for light snack and fellowship **BEFORE** we pray the rosary.



Please RSVP to Janie Jaramillo at (713) 480-2060 or Kathy O'Donnell at (832) 276-3830.

## CCE New Times and Locations

*Temporary until we return to our home Church campus.*

CCE Classes will be held at

### Atascocita United Methodist Church

19325 Pinehurst Trail Dr. in Atascocita

Our K-5th grade CCE classes are: **every Saturday**, immediately following Mass from **5pm—6pm** in the **Sunday school classrooms**.

Our 6th-12th grade CCE classes are: **every Wednesday** from **7:00-8:30 pm** in the **Adult Education classrooms**

## St. Teresa of Avila and St. Luke Feast Days of the Week

### Saint Teresa of Avila, Feast day: October 15

St. Teresa (1515-1582) of Avila joined the Carmelite Order and chose Christ as her heavenly Spouse. With the help of St. John of the Cross she reformed most of the Carmelite convents and founded new ones.



Teresa was a woman “for God,” a woman of prayer, discipline, and compassion. Her heart belonged to God. She was misunderstood, misjudged, and opposed in her efforts at reform. Yet she struggled on, courageous and faithful; she struggled with her own mediocrity, her illness, her opposition. In the midst of all this, she clung to God in life and in prayer.

Her writings, especially the *Way of Perfection* and *The Interior Castle*, have helped generations. She was a woman of prayer; a woman for God.

In 1970 Pope Paul VI named her the first woman Doctor of the Church.

### Saint Luke, Feast day: October 18

Luke's inspiration and information for his Gospel and Acts came from his close association with St. Paul and his companions. Luke's unique perspective on Jesus can be seen in the six miracles and eighteen parables not found in the other gospels. Luke's is the gospel of the poor and of social justice. He is the one who tells the story of Lazarus and the

Rich Man who ignored him. Only in Luke's gospel do we hear Mary's Magnificat where she proclaims that God "has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:52-53).

Luke had a special connection with the women in Jesus' life, especially Mary. It is only in Luke's gospel that we hear the story of the Annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth including the Magnificat, the Presentation, and the story of Jesus' disappearance in Jerusalem. It is Luke that we have to thank for the Scriptural parts of the Hail Mary: "Hail Mary full of grace" spoken at the Annunciation and "Blessed are you and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus" spoken by her cousin Elizabeth.



Forgiveness and God's mercy to sinners is also of first importance to Luke. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the Prodigal Son welcomed back by the overjoyed father. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the forgiven woman disrupting the feast by washing Jesus' feet with her tears. Throughout Luke's gospel, Jesus takes the side of the sinner who wants to return to God's mercy. Luke's gospel reflects that he loved the poor, wanted the door to God's kingdom opened to all, respected women, and saw hope in God's mercy for everyone.



### *Receiving the Blessed Sacrament*

Receive the Sacred Host carefully *always in front of the Eucharistic Minister. Never reach out to "take" the Blessed Sacrament from any minister.*

Receive Holy Communion with both hands free, one hand palm up with the other hand underneath. If you have only one free hand, please receive the Sacred Host on your tongue.

## Listen Up

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The Lord calling to Samuel: And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for thy servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. (1Sam 3:8,9)

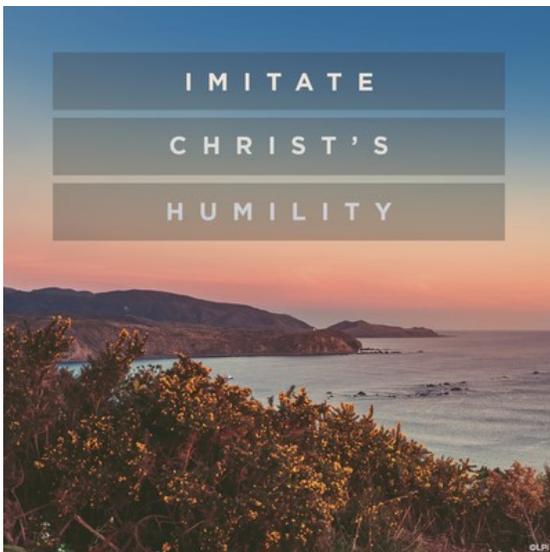
### Summary: Listen UP to God!

As I researched Active Listening for this article, most sources focused on conversations with others. Their keys to listening skills are summarized as:

- Pay Attention (no distractions)
- Withhold judgment (be open and receptive)
- Reflect (during and after listening)
- Clarify (Am I called to change/accept?)
- Summarize (my action plans)
- Share (group study, converse w/speaker)

Let's listen to God's message for us. We can rest assured that He is listening to our prayers as we thank Him for our blessings, graces, and gifts, and that our petitions are acknowledged.

Today, as we reflect on listening to the beauty of our Mass homilies, Scripture study, and daily prayers, it is so important that we **Listen UP** to God and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Sincerely in Christ, Tim Logsdon



### The Mysteries of the Rosary

**Joyful Mysteries:** Through the Annunciation (1) and Visitation (2), we get a glimpse at Mary's joyful yes to God. She gives birth to Jesus in the Nativity (3). Mary and Joseph present their son at the temple (4) and bring him there again when he is a teenager (5).

**Luminous Mysteries:** Jesus is baptized in the Jordan River (1) before Mary gives him a nudge to his first miracle at Cana (2). Jesus proclaims the Gospel (3), is transfigured on Mount Tabor (4), and institutes the Eucharist (5). The light is shining!

**Sorrowful Mysteries:** Jesus prays in agony in Gethsemane (1), knowing his hour of suffering has come. After his betrayal and arrest, Jesus is scourged (2) and crowned with thorns (3). He carries his cross (4), and Mary stands at the foot of the cross as he is crucified (5).

**Glorious Mysteries:** Christ is risen in glory (1)! After appearing to those he loves, he ascends into heaven (2). Jesus' followers receive the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (3). Mary, unaffected by original sin, is assumed body and soul into heaven (4), where she is crowned queen, humble mother of Christ the King (5).

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# Mass Intentions

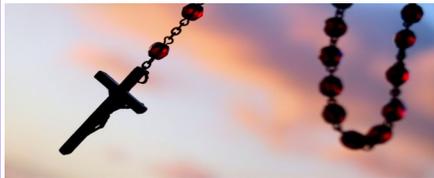
## Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00 pm— People of the Parish

Atascocita United Methodist Church  
(Wesley Sanctuary)  
19325 Pinehurst Trail Dr., Atascocita



## Pray the Rosary Daily!



*And a great portent appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars (Rev 12:1)*

## Please Pray

### *For Strength and Healing*

Sherry Keller, 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, Robert (Howard) Frantz,  
Tammy Fann Kitchens, Nicolasa Montalvo,  
Orlando Vasquez, Lynn Gerhart  
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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, John Piercy, Mary  
Elizabeth Westhoff +

## Proper Mass Etiquette

The worship area should be quiet for those who remain for prayer. Be reverent and refrain from bringing bottled water, soda, food, candy, or gum into Mass.

Please remain in Mass until the closing hymn is finished. When it is finished, Mass has come to a close. In the vestibule, personal conversations may proceed as we share our joy.

**Dress Standards for All Masses**  
***Please honor the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and wear modest clothing.***

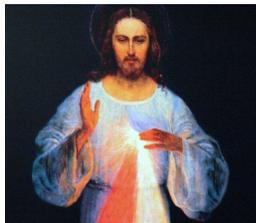
### Men/Young Men/Boys

Shirts and pants.

### Women/Young Women/Girls:

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

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



## Prayer and Comment on Clergy Abuse

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 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.

VICTIMS ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR — Anyone in need of assistance who has been the victim of sexual abuse by clergy or Church personnel is encouraged to call Ms. Diane Vines at (713) 654-5799. Please keep in your daily prayers the healing of victims of abuse.

# Order of Mass

## The Mass: Structure & Meaning Series

As we conclude “The Mass: Structure & Meaning series”, we encourage you to visit the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops website at [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org). The USCCB is an excellent resource for questions, explanations, and teachings for all Catholics. The outline below identifies the order and parts of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

### Introductory Rites

Entrance  
Greeting  
Penitential Act  
Glory to God  
Collect

### Liturgy of the Word

First Reading  
Responsorial Psalm  
Second Reading (on Sundays and solemnities)  
Gospel Acclamation  
Gospel  
Homily  
Profession of Faith  
(on Sundays, solemnities, and special occasions)  
Universal Prayer

### Liturgy of the Eucharist

Presentation of the Gifts and Preparation of the Altar  
Prayer over the Offerings  
Eucharistic Prayer  
✦ Preface  
✦ Holy, Holy, Holy  
✦ First half of prayer, including Consecration  
✦ Mystery of Faith  
✦ Second half of prayer, ending with Doxology  
The Lord's Prayer  
Sign of Peace  
Lamb of God  
Communion  
Prayer after Communion  
Concluding Rites  
Optional announcements  
Greeting and Blessing  
Dismissal

Catholics everywhere are assured that the order and structure of Mass is consistent and universal in every language or geographical location.

## 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**

Children age 6 or younger, the following documents **are required** before baptism date may be scheduled: parish registration, birth certificate, and baptism class certifications. Godmother and Godfather must be in good standing as practicing Catholics.

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.

### **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  
**Maintenance** - Wilber Sorto (832) 677-3883

**Mailing Address:** PO Box 2363, Huffman TX 77336  
**Parish Phone:** (281) 324-1478  
**Parish Fax:** (281) 715-5533  
**Parish E-Mail:** parishoffice@stphilip.cc  
**Parish Website:** www.stphiliphuffmantx.org  
**Bulletin Submissions:** spirit\_truth@stphilip.cc

### 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**

Theresa 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

### Spiritual Growth

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

#### **Laitiy 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*

#### **Journey in the Catholic Faith**

Ray and Deb Kessler (832) 644-8078

#### **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 pm 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.)