



St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street · Huffman TX 77336

October 20, 2019
29th 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

Wilber Sorto

Spirit and Truth Newsletter

“Row, Row, Row Your Boat”

MY DEAR parishioners, I know a person who thinks faith and choosing are the same thing. He thinks his “power” to choose is supreme and that his choosing makes “okay” anything he says or does. So it matters little to him whether he prefers the goddess one day or a prosperity preacher the next. For him, the power to choose “creates” religion, in effect a virtual world of his own making and sweetened by his own creativity.



BUT HERE’S what I know about faith. I know my faith as a hunger. I hungered to seek and find the one true God. God himself found me in the howling wilderness. He cared for me. He kept me as the apple of his eye. I searched for a person and the truth. In Jesus I discovered both. My faith testifies in the Spirit that the Son of the Eternal Father is the Christ and that he is Truth itself. My faith impels me to know Jesus as Lord and be united in him. I do not come to Christ merely because I choose but because I must. He and he alone is faith’s object. He and he alone is the Saviour of mankind. His kingdom is ultimate reality. Mere human perceptions vanish in the air.

IT DOESN’T take an ounce of courage to end the life of a sick person because you can’t comprehend his suffering. If you really desire natural justice, take his place in the sick bed and take his suffering into your own body. *But I can’t*, you answer. I understand. Then commit your beloved’s life and death to the hands of God.

AND GO, suffer your loved one’s experience in the dark night of prayer. Take his suffering on your soul. Intercede for him. Entrust him to God in your own spiritual agony. Love him in his helplessness. This is supernatural justice—not

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JOIN OUR PARISH FAMILY

*Become a Member
or Update your Family Registration*

We welcome you to our parish community. If you would like to become a member or update your parishioner information, visit our website: www.stphiliphuffmantx.org and click on

“Join Our Family” button on our home page to complete and submit the online registration form.

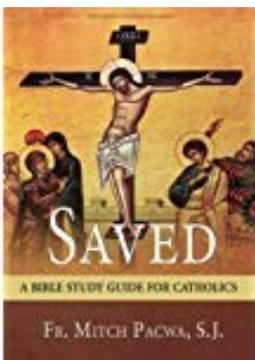


Get **MyParish** phone app:
Text 88202 with “app”.

Parish office is OPEN at
2308 Third Street—Huffman, TX
Monday-Friday
9:00 am—1:00 pm
as we undergo flood restoration.

JOURNEY in the CATHOLIC FAITH . . . Join Us

Our next gathering is
Monday, October 28th 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* 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 or call (719) 660-8880.



Download our **MyParish** app
Text “app” to number 88202
on your smartphone.

Please TURN ON notifications to receive
messages about our parish, Church restora-
tion news, Mass updates, and more!

Our app also 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!

Attention All Liturgical Ministers

Please take a couple of minutes to **update your
MSP scheduler profile** and add our Saturday 4pm
Mass to your service preferences.

Updating and adding the **Saturday 4 pm Mass**
preference will allow for a larger pool of liturgical
ministers to serve. Here’s how to navigate and
update within the MSP scheduler app to update
profile and preferences:

- 1) Launch MSP app
- 2) Select My Profile
- 3) Tap “Service Preferences”
- 4) Select the “Add Preference” button
- 5) Select “Saturday, 4:00 pm”

After adding the new preference, be sure to identify
those Saturdays you are unavailable to serve. Please
continue to submit substitute requests at least one
week in advance.

**We thank you again for saying “YES” to our Lord
Jesus Christ and continuing to serve at the altar.**



Online

Parish Giving

Makes Donating Easy!

We ask that you remember your weekly Sunday gifts to St. Philip, your home parish, while we continue celebrating Mass once a week at AUMC.

Extra donations from your family and friends for our St. Philip flood restoration project are especially appreciated as we anticipate our return home to Huffman.

You can continue supporting St. Philip with our **smartphone app**.

Just select the **"Giving"** button feature or

our website, www.stphiliphuffmantx.org.

Click on the "Online Parish Giving" button.



- ⇒ Click on the "Online Donations" link.
- ⇒ Choose a Fund (Drop down menu)
- ⇒ Enter your Sunday Donation and/or Flood Restoration dollar amount.

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

Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass Cancellation

Regrettably, the annual Knights of Columbus Memorial Mass scheduled for November 2nd will not be held this year due to being displaced from our beloved St. Philip campus. We plan to resume this solemn memorial in 2020.



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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Mary's Blessings Ministry

Seeking your generosity to help Huffman's poor.

This year's Mary's Blessings Thanksgiving Food Drive is a DIY food drive! Rather than try to have the usual Food Drive at church we are asking you to please take your donations directly to **Huffman Food Pantry located at 25503 FM 2100, Huffman TX.**

Happy Thanks-GIVE-ing!

Give back this year by donating to our Thanksgiving Food Drive.
Drop off food items by

November 11th

We have so much to be thankful for,
let's share it with others!

**Please drop off items at the Huffman Food Pantry on
Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9-12 noon hours.**

Food Items

(easily opened and consumed)

Mac and Cheese bowls
Ramen noodles
Soup cups
Fruit cups
Dry Milk
Cereal

Thanksgiving type foods
Packages of stuffing and gravy
Water
Breakfast and snack bars
Canned meat
Instant meals

Personal Hygiene Items

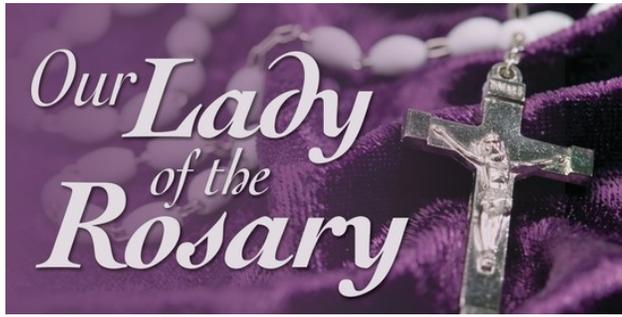
Toiletries
Body soap or wash
Toothpaste & toothbrush
Diapers
Wipes

If you are able to help Mary's Blessing financially, please check our donation options on our cell phone app, St. Philips website 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.

We will return to our annual Christmas assistance to less fortunate children in the Huffman ISD. Beginning in early November please watch for more information in our newsletter as to how you can participate.

Thank you for helping out others in need.

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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Pastoral Administrative Assistant

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

PLEASE!

Send your résumé to:
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

Women's Guild Monthly Luncheon

Our next St. Philip Women's Guild luncheon will be on

Tuesday, October 22nd



at 11:30 am at Italiano's Restaurant
(Atascocita location), 8146 FM1960 E.,
(281) 852-7662.

“
I CAN DO ALL
THINGS THROUGH
CHRIST WHO
STRENGTHENS ME.

—PHIL 4:13

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St. John Paul II Feast Days of the Week



**St. John Paul II,
Feast Day October 22**

Karol Jozef Wojtyla was born in 1920 in Wadowice, Poland. After his ordination to the priesthood and theological studies in Rome, he returned to his homeland and resumed various pastoral and academic tasks. He became first auxiliary bishop and, in 1964, Archbishop of Krakow and took part in the Second Vatican Council.

On 16 October 1978 he was elected pope and took the name John Paul II. His exceptional apostolic zeal, particularly for families, young people and the sick, led him to numerous pastoral visits throughout the world. Among the many fruits which he has left as a heritage to the Church are above all his rich Magisterium and the promulgation of the Catechism of the Catholic Church as well as the Code of Canon Law for the Latin Church and for the Eastern Churches. In Rome on 2 April 2005, the eve of the Second Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy), he departed peacefully in the Lord.

Knights of Columbus 20th Annual Sylvester Leonards Charity Golf Tournament

Atascocita Golf Club—October 12, 2019



Fantastic Success! Everyone a Winner! We were blessed with perfect Houston weather and 42 spirited golfers. Watching 21 golf carts departing the clubhouse for the 12:30 pm shotgun start was quite a site.

We had 31 “Hole Sponsors” (47 total gifts!), 9 Door Prize donations, and several Silent Auction donations. Many winners graciously re-donated their prizes benefitting KofC as Raffle items as well. While we had many volunteers, a special shout-out is reserved for James and Renee Zientek for their organizational and bookkeeping leadership, David and Deb Hammes for their BBQ expertise, and Bruce Meyer, and Gary Aldrich, Grand Knight KofC Council 9794, for countless behind-the-scenes contributions.

Team Low Gross Score

Ron Williams
Don Miller
Pat Williams
Tommy Williams

Longest Drive

Don Hall

Team Low Net Score

Jim Black
Mike Bourne
Bob Byars
Don Hall

“Top Golfer” Scrambler

James Zientek
Dennis Dupre
Bob McEvoy
Rob Irabaren



A really big THANK YOU to all of our parishioners
for this VERY successful charity project! See you next year!

“Row, Row, Row, Your Boat”

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of the dead but of the living, not as you will but as God wills. God who answered Mary’s prayer will answer yours.

YOU HONOR your mortal, physical body by bathing often. You do this knowing that at death your body will be interred in the ground. Well, then, your soul flies to heaven when you die. Why refuse to bathe your spiritual, immortal soul in like manner to your body? Consider, in the hour of death, that as your human body is surrendered to the earth for its dissolution, your human soul will appear before God in heaven for its particular and eternal judgment. Therefore, honor your spiritual, immortal soul even as you cherish your human flesh by purifying it often in the cleansing fount of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

“ROW, ROW, row your boat,” goes the children’s song, “gently down the stream.” This is my great hope, of course, that I will experience life gently as I navigate my particular tributary in the stream of time. Nevertheless, the triad “row” reminds me of the hard work of living. Is life merely a dream? Hardly.

Yet, if dreams are a reminder of the brevity of life, then it’s an apt comparison for the form of this world which, as St. Paul taught, is passing away. As lovely as the rhyme “row your boat” is for little children, it doesn’t prompt me to cling to childish ways. The reality of life is this—I’m not removed from the prospect of storm and shipwreck; rather in Christ I’m delivered from fear of such things. God gives me courage. Like St. Thomas More before the scaffold, I may speak merrily of heaven even as I merely pass through this turbulent world.

Sincerely in the hearts of Jesus and Mary.
Your pastor, Reverend Richard Barker.

“Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible.”

— St. Francis Of Assisi

Rosary Prayer Group



Our blessed mother promises unique graces to those who pray her rosary devoutly. What a better way to receive these graces than by praying TOGETHER in a big group!!!

Please plan to join us for the recitation of the most holy rosary at the home of one of our parishioners, Claudia and Buddy Herron.

When: Monday, October 21, 2019

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Claudia and Buddy Herron

27502 Calvin Road

Huffman, Texas 77336

832-270-3385

If possible, please arrive between 6:15-6:30 for a light snack and fellowship BEFORE we begin the rosary.

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

Prayer for Our Country

Good and gracious Father,
You created the human race as one human family,
yet formed a special people for Your own.
God of Abraham the Patriarch, God of King David,
watch over our nation!
May our government leaders be blessed with wisdom,
counsel, and prudent discernment
in creating just laws for our land.
May all service men and women be protected
as they defend our freedom and way of life.
May all citizens work together for the common good
and the protection of the least among us.
Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, it is in
Your coming kingdom that we place our trust.
Give us the grace here and now to love as you love
and to serve as you served.
Holy Spirit, inspire us to transform our communities
on earth as it is in heaven.

Amen.



Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 pm— People of the Parish

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



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, Karyn Brenza
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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, Katie Touns, +

## 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

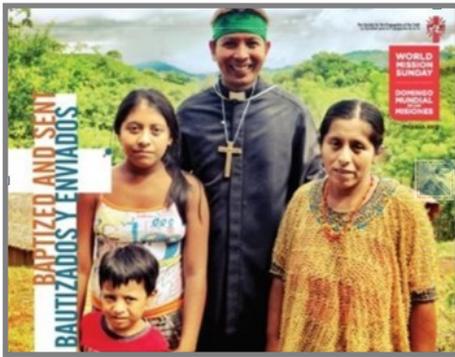


The clergy abuse of children scandal is very intense right now and will be for some time. Please be assured that St. Philip parish has no involvement in any events related to clergy scandal past or present. There are no pending cases or inquiries whatsoever related to our parish.

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.



## World Mission Sunday, October 20

EVERY YEAR, SOMETHING SPECIAL HAPPENS on the next-to-last Sunday of October. WORLD MISSION SUNDAY joins all Catholics of the world into one community of faith. At Mass today we recommit ourselves to our common vocation, through Baptism, to be missionaries, through prayer, participation in the Eucharist, and by giving generously to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

This year, Pope Francis addresses his World Mission Sunday message to us as we live out our baptismal call to be sent forth to evangelize the world. This is the mission that all Christians have received, and God gives us the grace to live it out wherever we may be.

As we pray and respond on World Mission Sunday here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish, seminary, school and convent all over the world. Together with the Church of Christ on mission in the world, we are baptized and sent, providing the prayerful and financial support necessary to bring the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions.

In a world where so much divides us, World Mission Sunday rejoices in our unity as missionaries by our Baptism. And it provides an opportunity to support the life-giving presence of the Church among the poor and marginalized in more than 1,111 mission dioceses.



## 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.

## 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  
**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**

#### **Laitly 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.)