



St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street · Huffman TX 77336

Spirit and Truth Newsletter

August 9, 2020

August 16, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office

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Hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 am-1:00 pm

Pastor

Rev. Richard Barker

Mass Times

Sunday Masses *

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 am

Daily Mass

Tues & Thurs: Noon
Wed & Fri: 9:00 am
First Sat: 9:00 am

Adoration

Friday: 9:00 am-4:00 pm

Reconciliation

By appointment

* See p.2 and p.7 for details and schedules.

The Kingdom Is At Hand

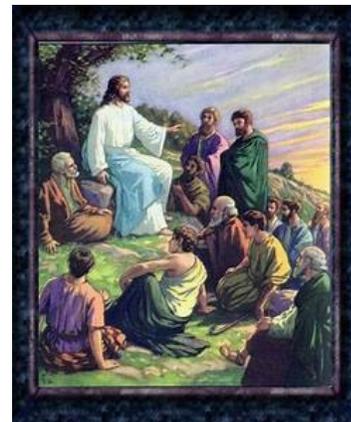
My dear parishioners, I have meditated often about the story of Our Lord's feeding of the multitude as told in John's gospel chapter 6. This miracle story of loaves and fishes is like the human soul, fully known by God but an infinite and compelling mystery to the human mind. Surely, we need the help of the Paraclete, God's Spirit, to understand it.

Jesus commands the crowd to seat themselves on the grass. First, he opens the storehouse of heaven by giving thanks. [Jn 6:10] Then, distributing the five barley loaves and two fish, he feeds the entire crowd and receives back 12 baskets filled with bread. Clearly, the number 12 is a sign of heavenly fulfillment, conveying the message to believers that Our Lord will feed the world in every generation until his glorious return.

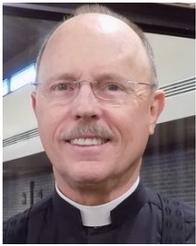
Throughout his ministry, Jesus binds fellowship in his name to the celebration of a meal. Table fellowship is central to his mission. Not one to say no, he accepts invitations to share meals with friends, officials, and outcasts. He cooks for his disciples. When taking his place at table as someone's guest, he continues his role of priestly service—offering the gospel, offering gifts of bread and wine, forgiving sins, healing, and transforming lives.

Follow Jesus' example. Go out and welcome the weak into your fellowship. Care for those less fortunate than yourselves. Love those whom the world despises. Rise up from your lavish table to serve the impoverished: "If any one would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." [Mk 9:35] The one who waits to be served will never make of himself an offering pleasing to the Lord. The worthy receiver of God's bounty must first be a worthy harvester and beneficent provider:

REJOICE IN your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who



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An Important Update From Father Barker

My Dear Parishioners,
St. Philip is like a jet flying across the Atlantic.
We have reached a point where we can't go backward or stay in a holding pattern.
WE MUST OPEN COME WHAT MAY.

† **Weekday Masses** begin Tuesday August 11 (Tue/Thu at Noon AND Wed/Fri at 9 AM)

† **Feast of the Assumption:** Saturday Aug 15 at 9 AM

† **Weekend Masses begin: Saturday, August 15 and Sunday, August 16**

Saturdays at 4 PM /Sundays at 8:30 AM & 11 AM

† **Confirmation Mass:** Sunday Sep 27 at 11 AM

† **First Saturday Masses:** 9 AM

† **Adoration** begins Friday August 14 at 9:30 AM in the worship area.

† **Confessions** by special request.

† **Mass intentions:** call the office to set your intentions in the parish's Mass calendar.

Please know that I pray constantly for all of you. Put your trust in these words: "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." [Hebrews 4:16]

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Father Barker + + +



Dear parishioners, one of the greatest acts of Christian charity is to pray for the living and the dead.

We pray for the living because they are celebrating n important anniversary, a milestone in life or a serious challenge. People we love may be sick or suffering, searching for work, anticipating a birthday or special occasion. Thanking God for graces and blessings received, acknowledging the intercession of a blessed or saint or seeking spiritual assistance for one's own special need are very good reasons to pray. As well, we pray for the deceased to honor and remember them and for the holy souls to be released from purgatory to enjoy eternity with God and the saints in heaven. In all these ways the mystical Body of Christ remains in intimate communion with Christ himself.

The greatest and most powerful prayer we possess is the Mass. The fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. This is why our Church encourages the faithful to have Mass offered for loved ones, both

living and deceased. It is a worthy and ancient Catholic devotional practice.

To have a Mass offered, please call our St. Philip parish office at (281) 324-1478. We will let you know what Masses are available in the liturgical calendar. Mass intentions may be requested for most weekdays and Sundays but not every solemnity or holy day of obligation, for example, the Nativity of the Lord (Christmas), Holy Week or All Souls.

Requests will be honored in the order in which they are received at our parish office. A \$5.00 stipend, as determined by diocesan policy, is usual for each Mass your priest will offer on your behalf. Mass requests will be granted as close to the requested date and time as possible. If it is not possible to comply with the primary request, the next closest date and time will be scheduled. Stop by the office or give us a call. We will help you!

Sincerely in Christ, Father Barker.

CCE NEWS & More

We are glad to be starting our new CCE year at our beautiful St. Philip's campus. The rooms are ready to go, the Bibles are waiting to be read, and your rosaries are ready to be prayed. We are just waiting for you to return! Our Catechists have missed you all during this extended break.

Parents– Please consider being a part of this important ministry! The following classes are in need of Catechists: 3rd grade, 4th/5th combined class, 8th grade, and high school. We have amazing resources for your use and a group of dedicated Catechists to help get you started. For more information email Becky at bpursell@stphilip.cc

Any necessary Covid protocols will be in place.

NEW THIS YEAR All parents will be asked to volunteer during 1-2 (more if you'd like!) CCE classes. Your child's CCE program is run purely by **parent volunteers**. We CAN NOT be successful without the help of **all** parents. This is especially true for our Wednesday night class, where your help is especially critical. Religious education is an important class for your child and we need you to be as involved as you are with their daily schooling. We are looking forward to working with all of you. This will be a beautiful way to share your love of Christ and your own faith journey with your children.

Registration is now open! We are happy to offer online registration this year! All forms and payment can be completed online. You will find the link at <https://stphiliphuffmantx.org/elementary>. Once you have submitted the online form, there is no need to stop by the registration table. We hope this will streamline the process and ensure accurate information. If you need assistance, we will have limited forms available on registration weekends and will be taking payment (cash, check, & CC).

Important Dates

Confirmation Make-Up Retreat: Sunday, Aug. 30; 8:30 am (Mass)- 5:30 pm @ St. Philip

CCE Registration weekends: August 22-23 & August 29-30 after all Masses

CCE Registration is now online. <https://stphiliphuffmantx.org/elementary>

CCE Class: Middle School/High School Class: Wednesday, September 9, 7:00 pm-8:30 pm

CCE Class: Elementary, K-5 Class: Sunday, September 13, 9:45 am-10:45 am

Sunday, September 20th **St. Philip Children's Liturgy** **Program**

We are so excited to announce that beginning Sunday, September 20, we will be offering a Children's Liturgy at both the 8:30am Mass and the 11:00am Mass.

To make this program successful and special for our children, we need *YOUR* help.

Please consider being a part of this new ministry. We will be meeting **August 31st @ 7:00pm** in the parish hall to discuss plans. We hope to see you there!

If you'd like more information, please email Becky Pursell bpursell@stphilip.cc

"Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them." [Mark 10: 14-16]

We Fulfilled Our DSF Pledge This Year! **How Can You Continue to Help?**

Dear Parish Families,

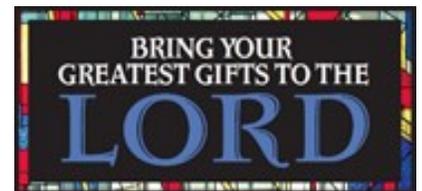
The Diocesan Services Fund (DSF) serves many programs throughout the Archdiocese of Galveston-

Houston, especially in service to the poor, the ill, the elderly, and the imprisoned. Thanks to your generosity, St. Philip's portion of the year's DSF has already been fulfilled.

I humbly ask you to please consider increasing your donation to St. Philip in order to help rebuild our savings account after our recent floods and to help sustain our beloved parish as we endure this new sort of storm.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to celebrating with you when we finally return home to our beautiful Church. "Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." [Romans 12:12]

Sincerely,
Kathy Corbett
Parish Administrator



Knights of Columbus Congratulates Lourdes Cupples

St. Philip Parish together with the Knights of Columbus 9794 is honored to award the 2020 Sylvester Leonard Scholarship of \$500 to Lourdes Cupples.

She will be attending the University of Texas - San Antonio. We congratulate Lourdes for her endeavors and hard work, in both Kingwood High School and church activities.



WATER

Peter said to him in reply,
"Lord, if it is you, command me
to come to you on the water."

MATTHEW 14:28

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

Visit Our Refurbished Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine



Father Barker blessed our refurbished Guadalupe Shrine on a beautiful July 7th morning.

The shrine is behind the pavilion (south side), accessible by sidewalk. There are benches and a concrete patio for your meditation.

The shrine area is decorated with Crepe Myrtle trees and Waxed Leaf Myrtle bushes. The shrine was refurbished by Don Walter, St. Philip Knights of Columbus.

Playground Open for Family Enjoyment

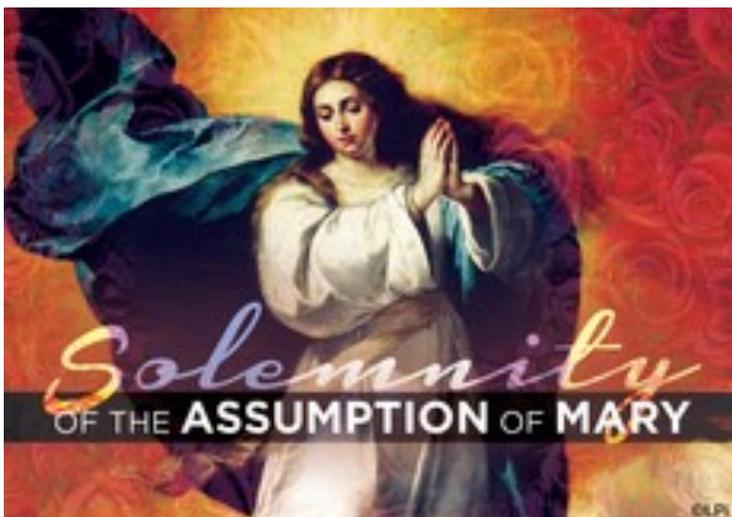
Fr. Barker would like to offer our beautiful playground at St. Philip for your family's private enjoyment, **Monday - Friday from 9 am - 1 pm**. We have a jungle gym, swings, slides, and more to entertain your children. Please contact Kathy in the parish office to schedule your day and time, 281-324-1478, kcorbett@stphilip.cc.

As we all use good judgement to limit our contact with other people in a public place, I hope you will take the opportunity to find peace and quiet with our Lord in prayer.



Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. [Phil 4:6-7]

In the peace of Christ,
Kathy Corbett
Parish Administrator



Let's Come Home!

Dear Parishioners,

St. Philip has been completely restored from our Imelda flood, and our Church home is *brand new, clean, and beautiful!*

Just as you care for your own family home, we as the St. Philip family must care for our physical Church home.

Thank you to all those who replied, "YES!" to our call to help. We now have a trained "cleaning team" for each Mass. Our dedicated volunteers



could always use more hands. This is the responsibility for us all, **for the sake of everyone's health.** If you would still like to volunteer, please call our Parish office (281-324-1478) or email parishoffice@stphilip.cc.

Sincerely, in the peace of Christ,
Kathy Corbett,
Parish Administrator

TEXAS STILL NEEDS YOUR INPUT! 2020 CENSUS DUE NOW

The United States census is now being conducted and our archdiocese is encouraging us to participate because it is important to our communities and nation. We are told that it is **Easy, Safe, and Important.**



It is a fact that from one-third to one-half of our population has moved since the 2010 census. Communities needs have changed along with these moves.

Census is Easy: It only consists of 9 questions. There is no question regarding immigration or citizenship.

Census is Safe: No other governmental agency will be able to access the information collected. *It is against the LAW.*

Census is Important: The distribution of \$675 billion will be impacted by the results of this year's census.

Our roads, buildings, bridges, etc. will all be improved or neglected due to the results of this census. Even our electoral votes are affected by the census!

We may respond online or call in our information.

GO TO 2020census.gov

If you are interested in being a census taker:

www.census.gov/programs-surveys/decennial-census/technical-documentation/questionnaires/2020.html



Saints of the Week Series

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Feast Day, August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe was born as Raymund Kolbe on January 8, 1894, in the Kingdom of Poland. He was a Polish Conventual Franciscan friar and a martyr in the German death Camp of Auschwitz during World War II.

St. Maximilian Kolbe was very active in promoting the Immaculate Virgin Mary and is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary. Much of his life was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12.

St. Maximilian Kolbe organized the Militia Immaculata (Army of the Immaculate One) after witnessing demonstrations against Pope St. Pius X and Benedict XV. His goal was to work for the conversion of sinners and enemies of the Church, specifically, the Freemasons and he would do so with the intercession of Mary.

Kolbe founded monasteries in both Japan and India. Once the WWII invasion by Germany began, he opened a temporary hospital to aid those in need. He provided shelter for refugees. The monastery was shut down in 1941. Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and eventually taken to Auschwitz.

During the last days of his life, Kolbe led prayers to Our Lady with the prisoners and remained calm. His remains were cremated on August 15, the same day as the Assumption of Mary feast day. Pope John Paul II declared Kolbe a martyr. He is the patron saint of drug addicts, prisoners, families, and the pro-life movement.



The Kingdom Is At Hand

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persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. [Rom 12:12-16]

The Kingdom of God is at hand now on the hillsides of the world's nations, in the deserts of their cities. The multitude of believers are to shine as a great light in the world as the fruit of their communion with one another. *Believers of this generation*, says the Lord, *you have the abundance at hand to minister to my people*: "For to him who has will more be given." [Mt 13:12]

Each chapel, church, shrine, convent, monastery, oratory, cathedral or basilica of the universal Church is a "city set on a hill (that) cannot be hid." [Mt 5:14] Because of him who has something in his hands--"for my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed" [Jn 6:55]--more will be expected from us.

Jesus Christ invites you to enter the sacred city on a hill, to draw near to the holy table (Gk. *hagia trapeza*), to kneel before the consecrated altar of sacrifice, and to receive food for your journey in life: "Hearken diligently to me," says the Lord, "and eat what is good." [Isa 55:2] The Kingdom of God has overtaken you, on this day, in this hallowed setting of God's Church. Now is the hour to recline in the shadow of Christ your teacher.



May the fruit of his teaching be sweet to your taste. May you be drawn to his banqueting house. May his banner over you be love. [cf. Song of Sol 2:3-4] Sincerely in the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Your pastor, Reverend Richard Barker. +++

St. Philip Ministry Event Schedule

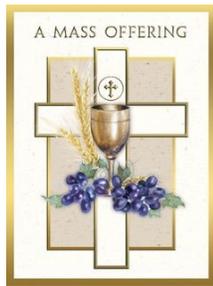
"Then he said, 'Come home with me and have some bread.'" [1 Kings 13:15]

Cut-out and post on your 'fridge.'



Date	Event	Day	Time	Location	More info (pg)
August 11	Daily Mass begins	Tues/Thurs	Noon	St. Philip	2
August 11	Daily Mass begins	Wed/Fri	9:00 am	St. Philip	2
August 14	Adoration resumes	Every Fri	After 9:00 am Mass	St. Philip	2
August 15, 16	Weekend Masses Begin	Saturday Vigil Sunday	4:00 pm 8:30am, 11:00am	St. Philip	1,2
By Appt .	Confessions	By Appt	By appt. with Father Barker	St. Philip	2
Call now	Mass Intentions	Daily	Call office to schedule	St. Philip	2, 10
September 5	1st Saturday Mass	Sat	9:00 am	St. Philip	2
September 9 September 13	Middle/High School CCE Elementary CCE	Wednesday Sunday	7:00pm-8:30pm 9:45am-10:45am	St. Philip	3
September 27	Confirmation Mass	Sunday	11:00 am	St. Philip	2

Mass Intentions



Daily Masses

Monday, August 10

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 11

Noon - Ron & Janice Williams

Wednesday, August 12

9:00 am - Adelheid Koch

Thursday, August 13

Noon - Brent & Jamie Galligan

Friday, August 14

9:00 am - Father Barker

Sunday Masses

Saturday, August 15

4:00 pm - + Norma & Joe Sughrue +

Sunday, August 16

8:30 am - People of the parish

11:00 am - Call the office for this Mass Intention

Attention All Liturgical Ministers

Until further notice, all chalice and paten ministers (EOM) are suppressed. Also, during our re-opening phase we will not be scheduling any lay readers or EOMs. Our celebrant will be proclaiming all Mass readings. The Mass captains will be contacting ministers regarding resuming the lay liturgical scheduling.

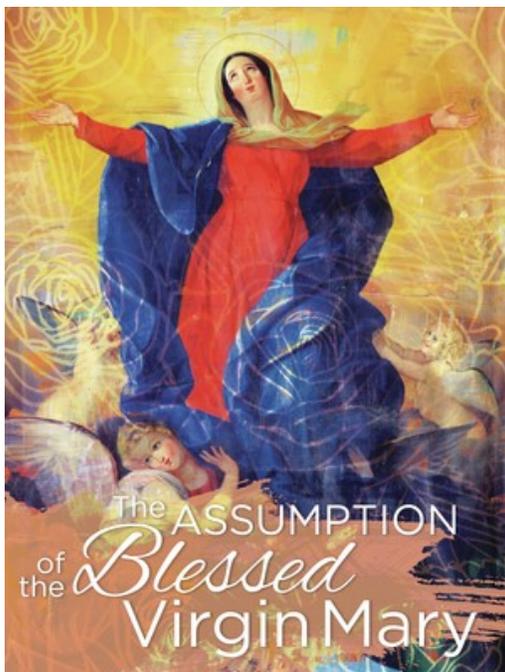
We would like for you to take this time to update your MSP online scheduler profile and add which St. Philip Masses (p1 of Spirit and Truth) you prefer to serve.

To update your profile and Mass preference, first open the MSP scheduler app. Once open, choose the **my profile** icon at the bottom of the screen. From there, choose your service preference. Please also note **can't serve** dates while updating your profile.

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



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15



The dogma of the assumption of Mary is ancient. In the early days of the Church, writings suggest that Mary did not die, or that her tomb was empty, as Christ's was. There was debate over whether she physically suffered death. Ancient sources agree that she was assumed into heaven. In 1950 Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of the Church, *ex cathedra*. Because of this proclamation, Catholics are required to accept this dogma as a matter of faith.

The Church teaches that Mary was without sin. She accepted God's will for her life and freely and perfectly obeyed. She served God, and followed her son, Jesus Christ. She was present at his death and resurrection.

Mary was assumed into heaven as a just reward for her devotion.

Mary, like the saints, can hear our prayers. She has a special connection to Jesus as His mother, and therefore we believe she can intercede for us. There is also substantial evidence that Mary has delivered revelations to people throughout history, and she remains active in our world today. Countless miracles are attributed to her intercession.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament, I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.



Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Counselor Phone Line Available

These times are stressful. Catholic Charities has expert bilingual counselors who can help for free during the COVID-19 pandemic. Call Catholic Charities' Mental Health Line from 9 am to 4 pm to request a session, and a licensed counselor will call you back within a day. Call 713-874-6590.



Pray For...

Graces, Strength and Healing

Sherry Keller, Marian Loftus,
Mike McKeever, Greg Keng, Jacel Morgan,
Kim Hearne, 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,
Lynn Gerhart, Karyn Brenza ,
Heidi Koch, Mary Comeaux, David Smith,
Ben and Frieda Sessions , Raquel Montanez
Peter Duffy, Theresa Betts, Nicole Eddy

For the repose of the souls of...

+ Bea Naquin, Laura Rucka, Jane McMillan, James McCullough, Irene Cavazos , 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 Troups, George Driscoll, Linda Tarantino, Country Glenn, Dick Sulkowski, Jim Martin , Carl Newman +

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 in need of these sacraments.

Parish Ministries Contact Information

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SOCIAL OUTREACH/CONCERN

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SOCIAL OUTREACH/CONCERN

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Prayer Ministry

Smartphone App - Prayers

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