



St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street · Huffman TX 77336

Spirit and Truth Newsletter

November 1, 2020

Solemnity of All Saints

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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-3:00 pm

Reconciliation

By appointment

Deo Gratias

Dear fellow parishioners, it was such a warm welcome and delight to recently end my self-imposed quarantine and **give thanks** at a recent 8:30 am Sunday Mass! Let us open with a prayer, “O **give thanks** to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!” [Ps 118:1] Whenever we say or we receive a

“thank you,” it likely involved a simple thanks for a gift, a special life event, help or assistance, hospitality received, or possibly a professional circumstance. We all want to express gratitude, kindness, and appreciation for others’ support. On the other hand, too often I have received “thanks” in a selfish way; I bask in the good energy surrounding me. Looking back, I especially regret accepting thanks for “scoring points” for a work presentation (that was part of my job) or accepting credit when many others contributed to our team successes.

The entertainment industry is rife with self-congratulation masquerading as “thank you.” Consider “dropping the mic.” BOOM! All attention is on the performer. A different act may include: “And the crowd went wild.” Over-the-top boastful encores ensue, or the expected, softly spoken-but hollow, “thank you very much.” What a contrast to a lesson in our Psalms, “I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all thy wonderful deeds.” [Ps 9:1]

In the Liturgy of the Word, at the end of the readings, the reader acclaim, “The word of the Lord.” We reply, “Thanks be to God.” Back in the day, before the changes that came from the Second Vatican Council, the reply was “**Deo Gratias.**” English derivatives for the Latin *gratias* include grace, gratitude, congratulatory, and gracious. We respond, “Thanks be to God” because God is speaking to us through the Scripture readings, and by hearing the word of God, his will becomes alive in our hearts and souls. What a great gift! We not only hear the word of God but have the opportunity for the word of God to grow in our everyday

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www.stphiliphuffmantx.org

St. Philip Parish Meetings - Protocol

October 25, 2020

The St. Philip campus is now available to all parish ministries and fellowship groups to resume normal meetings. Please continue to observe the well-known public health protocols in place for mitigating the spread of the corona virus.

In addition, each time a ministry or a fellowship group meets, the participants need to:

- 1) Request/reserve your meeting day, time, and room with Kathy Corbett in the parish office,
- 2) Turn in an Attendance Roster after the meeting (include group or ministry name, date/time, room, participant names and phone numbers) to the PARISH OFFICE "mail box" in the CCE workroom (forms available in the workroom and parish office),
- 3) Sanitize your meeting space in the same way we care for our worship area, cry room, and sacristy after each weekend Mass, and,
- 4) Completely avoid sharing of food and beverages while on campus.

Welcome back to our parish campus! If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Corbett (Parish Administrator -Pastoral Associate) at the parish office, (281) 324-1478. +++

NEW ALTAR SERVERS TRAINED AND READY TO SERVE

- † Our new Altar Server Corp completed very successful training sessions in October.
- † We are blessed with their dedication and faith.
- † Our high school Acolytes led and guided our Altar Server squad. They gave our new servers all the support and guidance necessary to assist worthily at Mass and to enjoy their service at God's altar! We give thanks to God for our wonderful parish families and for the support you give to our Altar Servers!



**NATIONAL
VOCATION
AWARENESS
WEEK**



November 1-7

**WHEN THE
TIME IS RIGHT,
I, THE LORD,
WILL MAKE
IT HAPPEN.**

ISAIAH 60:22

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The Office of Vocations of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston invites all Catholics to raise awareness of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, during the National Vocation Awareness Week (NVAW).

The NVAW is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations through prayer and education.

Altar Flowers



Our Sunday bouquets can be given in honor or celebration of a loved one or event. Parishioners are invited to sponsor a bouquet for their intentions. The donation for a bouquet is \$50.00.

The flower binder can be found on the display case counter next to the main front doors. Please fill in the information for the date you choose. Payment can be made online or mailed to the parish office.





Question: November is the month of All Souls. More recently, it has been called the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. Can you tell us more about this feast?

Answer: November 2nd, the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed, dove-tails with November 1st, the feast of All Saints. The saints, our models of Christian living, are one with God in heaven. All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death. This growth and development occurs in a state of being that we have traditionally called purgatory.

These November feasts vividly remind us of the rich reality known as the Communion of Saints. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the Church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death.

FAITH in Action

Feed the Hungry and Give Drink to the Thirsty

November 8, 2020



Works of Mercy by Pierre Montallier, 1680

Please join us next Sunday, November 8, as we begin work on our first Corporal Work of Mercy. Following the 8:30 Mass, we invite CCE parents and students, as well as all parishioners to meet in the parish hall for a short lesson on how we, as families, can put our faith in action and **feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty**. As we discuss some of the ways listed below, we will also begin to discuss a service project for our parish to work on this Fall semester. We are very excited to start this new program.

Feed the Hungry

- Volunteer at a soup kitchen
- Make sandwiches and hand them out to the homeless
- Bring a meal to a family with a new baby
- Share food with a friend or sibling
- Make dinner for your family
- Eat beans and rice for a week and donate your grocery money

Give Drink to the Thirsty

- Give water to someone working in your neighborhood
- Set up a lemonade stand and donate the money you make
- Give out water bottles at an event on a hot day

CCE News and More!

Sixth and Seventh Grade Class News



The sixth and seventh grade CCE class is off to a great start. We are so happy to welcome our sixth graders into the middle and high school program. We are excited to watch them grow! In class, we have been talking about trusting God.

Through Old Testament Bible stories, such as Noah's Ark, as well as modern-day examples of hardships middle schoolers may face in everyday life, students are learning what it means to have true faith. We ended class with an awesome rap, featuring the rhythms of our amazing students.



Eighth Grade Class News



Our eighth grade students have been learning about doing for others through the Corporal Works of Mercy and through prayer. Each student made a prayer box for holding prayers and intentions that were important to them. They took these home to display in a special place. We made prayer bracelets so we would constantly keep in mind who we were holding in prayer.



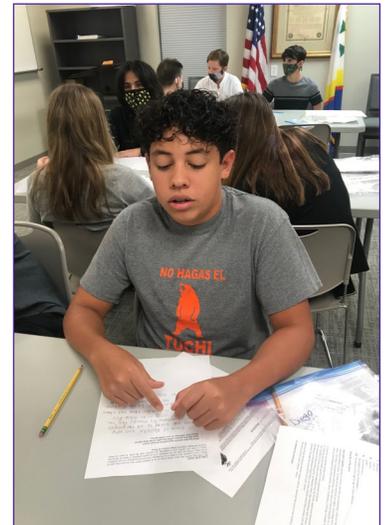
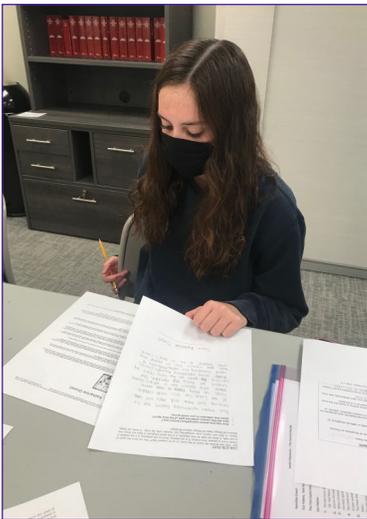
We extended our conversation into learning about the Corporal Works of Mercy. We began our study with the Work of "Visiting the Sick." Since we were unable to visit in person, we made cards for members of our parish we knew were sick. The kids will also begin to work on a project for our next Work of "Feeding the Hungry."



Confirmation News

Our new Confirmation class is off and running. Eighteen 9th and 10th graders are continuing their faith journey that will culminate in their Confirmation in the fall of 2022. Please keep these students in mind and heart as they dive deep into the wonders of our Catholic faith:

Reagan Butler	Jackie Kubia	Andrew Sojo
Megan Canavan	Ty O'Donnell	Jillian Taylor
Andres Chavez	Jacob Phillips	Lorenzo Trujillo
Ileana Chavez	Cade Richard	Andrew Wight
Gianna Gutierrez	Diego Rodriguez	Bradley Wight
Stefania Gutierrez	Kobe Ste. Marie	Thomas Williams



Our first month has been productive. Each has chosen a ministry to serve in for St. Philip – a required part of their journey. Look for these new acolytes, ushers, CCE aides and Children's Liturgy volunteers in the coming weeks. Each Confirmation student spent time learning about various saints in order to select the one that would be their patron; a heavenly guide to follow and emulate through life. We pray that this new relationship between student and saint will be joyous and spiritually fruitful.

Their last major decision will be who to choose as their sponsor. This is an adult in their life they feel is deeply devoted to the faith who will, with their patron saint, be a mentor and Christian witness; pray for them daily and be a role model of faithful, moral Catholic living and to stand before the bishop on the day of Confirmation as the candidate is sealed with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

As fully initiated members of the Catholic Church, it is each of our duty to likewise be a model and guide to these students who seek the same.

"Therefore, encourage one another and build one another up, as indeed you do." 1Thes 5:11

It has been great fun getting to know the kids and work with them. We will be spending a lot of time together over the next two years with weekly classes, ministry work, service projects and retreats. This is the young Church of St. Philip. The future is bright.

Becky Pursell, Confirmation Coordinator

St. Philip needs your cheerful support!



Thank you for your faithful generosity to our beloved parish. As we return to Mass, we still need your support! One easy way to give is to simply open your smartphone camera, and point it at the QR code below. It will take you directly to our online giving site where you can

sign up for a recurring donation. Here are some other ways you can support our parish community with your donations:

- Drop your offering into the collection basket during Mass.
- Download the MyParish app, set St. Philip as your Church, and tap the "Giving" button
- Visit our website, www.stphiliphuffmantx.org, and click on the "Online Giving" box
- Download the MyParish app, set St. Philip as your Church, and tap the "Giving" button
- Mail your check to St. Philip the Apostle, PO Box 2363, Huffman, TX 77336
- Set St. Philip the Apostle as a vendor in your bank's online bill pay. Use our mailing address, PO Box 2363, Huffman, TX 77336

Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

[1 Cor 9:6-7]



Women's Guild Activities

St. Philip's Women's Guild is hosting their annual Membership Drive on Saturday, November 7th through Sunday, November 8th. You are invited to join this dedicated and amazing group of ladies who work together throughout the year to serve the Church and the Church family.

What are some specific service opportunities in joining the Women's Guild?

Members of the Women's Guild help Father Barker gather and prepare many of the items needed for him to better serve our parish family; they help with the washing and ironing of the altar linens; they donate flowers for the altar; and they host receptions whenever it is necessary. Basically, this team of service-minded women band together whenever and wherever they are needed.

What is required for membership?

Membership dues for 2020-21 are \$20.00 which you pay with cash or check. Make checks payable to St. Philip Catholic Church Women's Guild. You can also choose to be an active member or an inactive member.

How do I sign up?

Just visit the Women's Guild table after any of the Masses held on Saturday, November 7th or Sunday, November 8th.

First meeting?

The first meeting for the Women's Guild will be Tuesday, November 10th at 10:30am in the Parish Hall.

WELCOME BACK! Journey in the Catholic Faith (JCF)

Wednesday, November 11, 7-8:30 pm, in the St. Philip Parish Hall

We meet on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month (no meetings Nov. 25, Dec. 23 due to Holidays)

Wednesday evenings will enable all parents of Middle and High School age children to attend our study while their children are receiving CCE instruction. We all hope that many parents will join us.

We are currently using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible to study the Book of Genesis. For parents of CCE students, this book will be provided you by the CCE Team. November 11 we will study Chapters 20, 21, 22. After Thanksgiving break, on December 9, we will study Chapters 23, 24, 25.

We are an interactive group, bringing our past experiences and knowledge to the group with our discussions. You do not have to have extensive knowledge to join us... some sit quietly taking in the discussion, others actively participate.

Please accept this invitation to ALL, not just CCE parents. We would love to have you join us.

Contact Deb Kessler: rdkessler@stphilip.cc or call (719) 660-8880.

IGNATIUS
Catholic Study Bible

The Book of
Genesis



Commentary, Notes, & Study Questions

Revised Standard Version
Second Catholic Edition

Deo Gratias

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lives. “Thanks be to God” is our response to God’s gift of Scripture. Similarly, at the end of the Gospel, the Deacon or Priest acclaim, “The Gospel of the Lord.” We reply, “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.” We recognize that when the Gospel is read, it is Christ himself preaching to us. Our Gospel today proclaims the Beatitudes on this All Saints day. The Beatitudes reinforce how we are to give thanks to God when we accept their blessings: “Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.” [Mt 5:12]

Accepting and giving a “thank you” also implies humility and gratitude. As we celebrate All Saints day, two saints who were amazing teachers, give us exemplary counsel. St. Thomas Aquinas taught sharing and humility: *O God, grant that whatever good things I have, I may share generously with those who have not, and whatever good things I do not have, I may request humbly from those who do.* St. Ignatius taught generosity:

St. Ignatius Prayer

*Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve as you deserve,
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To labor and not to seek to rest,
To give of myself and not ask for a reward,
Except the reward of knowing that I am doing
your will. Amen.*

In just three weeks we will be celebrating our Thanksgiving holiday, accompanied by family laughter, joy, and gratitude. This year may be different with Zoom meetings or FaceTime replacing our holiday family reunions. It will not be the same for my family, as we won’t be making our traditional *Christ-giving* trip to Dothan, AL to visit our son and his family. I especially will miss their greeting when they first open their door and home when we arrive. I am happy, though, to add a new prayer this year, offered here for our family and parishioners: *Thank you God for giving me strength to keep going. Thank you, God, for the many blessings you give me.* And, Deo gratias!

Sincerely in Christ, Tim Logsdon

St. Philip Ministry Event Schedule

“For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them” [Matt. 18:20]

Date	Event	Day	Time	Location	More info (pg)
By Appt.	Confessions	By Appt	By appt. with Fr. Barker	St. Philip	Call office
Sundays	Children’s Liturgy	Sunday	8:30am Mass	St. Philip	Call office
November 8	Faith in Action Feed the Hungry and Give Drink to the Thirsty	Sunday	Immediately following 8:30am Mass	Parish Hall	3
November 10	Women’s Guild Monthly Meeting	Tuesday	10:30am	Parish Hall	6
November 11	CCE Parents: Journey in the Catholic Faith	Wednesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Parish Hall	6
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Mass Intentions

Sunday Masses

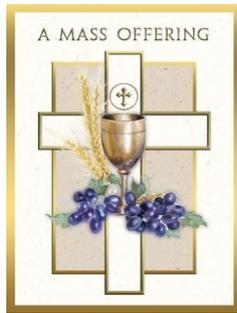
Saturday, October 31

4:00 pm - +Florencio Jaramillo Sr.+

Sunday, November 1

8:30 am - People of the Parish

11:00 am - Election of wise and divinely guided leaders



Daily Masses

Monday, November 2

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, November 3

Noon - +Aaron Tauzin+

Wednesday, November 4

9:00 am - +Catherine and John Dulan+

Thursday, November 5

Noon - Fr. Barker

Friday, November 6

9:00 am - Marilyn Shui

Saturday, November 7

9:00 am - Immaculate Heart of Mary intentions

Sunday Masses

Saturday, November 7

4:00 pm - +Agnes and Edward Fink+

Sunday, November 8

8:30 am- People of the Parish

11:00am- +Women's Guild deceased+

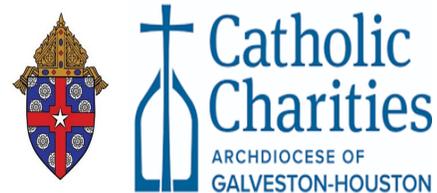
More Resources For Parishioners In Need

Catholic Charities of Galveston-Houston

continues to serve people in need during the COVID-19 pandemic through all of its programs.

Food pantries are open for drive-through food distribution at three locations: Guadalupe Center in Houston; Mamie George Community Center in Richmond; Beacon of Hope Center in Galveston. For hours and other information, please visit catholiccharities.org/covidfooddistribution/ or call the COVID Assistance Line at 713-874-6521.

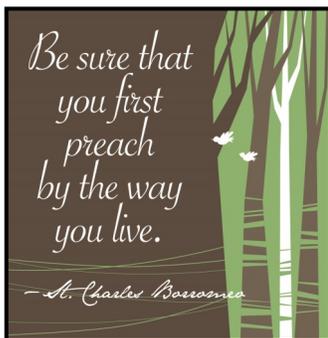
Counselor Phone Line is available! Call Catholic Charities' Mental Health Line from 9 am to 4 pm to request a session, and a licensed counselor will call you back within a day: 713-874-6590



Saints of the Week Series

St. Charles Borromeo (1538-1584)

Feast day: November 4



At age 12, Charles Borromeo dedicated himself to a life of service to the Church.

His uncle, Cardinal Giovanni Angelo Medici became Pope Pius IV in 1559. The new pope asked his nephew (age

22!) to come to Rome and appointed him as a cardinal-deacon. A month later, Pope Pius IV made his nephew a cardinal. With the new rank came duties including the government of the Papal States, the supervision of the Knights of Malta, the Franciscans, and the Carmelites. In 1566, Archbishop Borromeo's benefactor and uncle, Pope Pius IV died.

During Borromeo's time, the Protestant Reformation was spreading throughout northern Europe. Reform and the restoration of integrity to the Catholic Church was Archbishop Borromeo's mission. His strategy was to provide education to many clergy he saw as ignorant. He founded schools and seminaries and colleges for clergy. He also ended the selling of indulgences, a form of simony (Catholic Catechism #2120), and ordered monasteries to reform themselves.

In the 1576 Milan famine and plague, Archbishop Borromeo used his own fortune to feed the starving people. When that money was spent, he took loans and went deep into debt. He may have fed 70,000 people per day. Eventually, the Archbishop's life of work and toil began to take its toll, and he died in Milan in 1584. He was canonized by Pope Paul V in 1610.

St. Charles Borromeo is the patron of bishops, catechists, cardinals, seminarians, and spiritual leaders.



Pray For...

Graces, Strength and Healing

Josie Garza, Ron Williams, Lilia Lee, Mary Comeaux, Judy Abdelnoor, St. Philip Parishioners

For the repose of the souls of...

+Johnny Harold Watson, Bobby Prejean, Robert W. Barker, Ray Norman, Fay Norman, John Grindle+



2020 Parish Office Holiday Schedule

The parish office is open Monday– Friday between the hours of 9:30am-4:00pm. The **parish office will be closed** on the following dates.

Thursday-Friday, November 26-27 - Thanksgiving

Tuesday, December 8 - Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

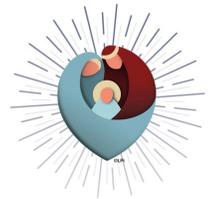
Thursday - Monday, December 24 (1 pm) through December 28 - Solemnity of Christmas

Catholic Family Resources

We have excellent recommendations for Catholic websites that encourage learning and growing your faith as a family. More information can be found on our website.

<https://stphiliphuffmantx.org/elementary>

- **Loyola Press – Catholic Family Resources**
- **The Liturgical Year – Overview for the Month**
- **Strong Catholic Family Faith**
- **The Kids’ Bulletin**
- **Catholic Mass Coloring & Worksheets for Sunday Mass**
- **Catholic Icing**
- **Catholic Mom**



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.

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MyParish App - Prayers
Or email prayer requests to
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