



St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street · Huffman TX 77336

Spirit and Truth Newsletter

November 15, 2020

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Pastor

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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

Take Up Your Cross

My dear parishioners, the human soul's greatest longing is to dwell with God in the fullness of his eternal glory. With this in mind, we annually remember our beloved deceased in a special way throughout November. We pray for the souls of the faithful departed to be granted a favorable judgment by God and a heavenly rest at the last. Praying for the dead is a venerable Christian obligation. At the time of his crucifixion, Christ himself descended to the dead to minister to Abraham and his holy descendants who had "all died in faith, not having received what was promised, but having seen it and greeted it from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth." [Heb 11:13]



Our Catholic devotion to the spiritual welfare of departed souls reflects a healthy awareness of the Mystical Body of Christ. It is a beautiful thing to pray for our dead. Indeed, the Mystical Body of Christ encompasses faithful Christians who persevere in this present life (Church militant), holy souls which need spiritual cleansing in purgatory (Church suffering), and the joyous saints praising God in his heaven (Church glorious). Purgatory is part of the temporal order, situated, so to speak, between the material creation and God's spiritual heaven. The souls in purgatory possess the confidence of knowing that Christ has reserved a place for them in the heavenly city Jerusalem:

ALL who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. [CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH (CCC) 1030]

Any and all sins a person commits after baptism are offenses against God's transcendent holiness. Therefore, a soul must be *perfectly cleansed from these offenses* before that soul can be welcomed into our loving heavenly father's

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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.

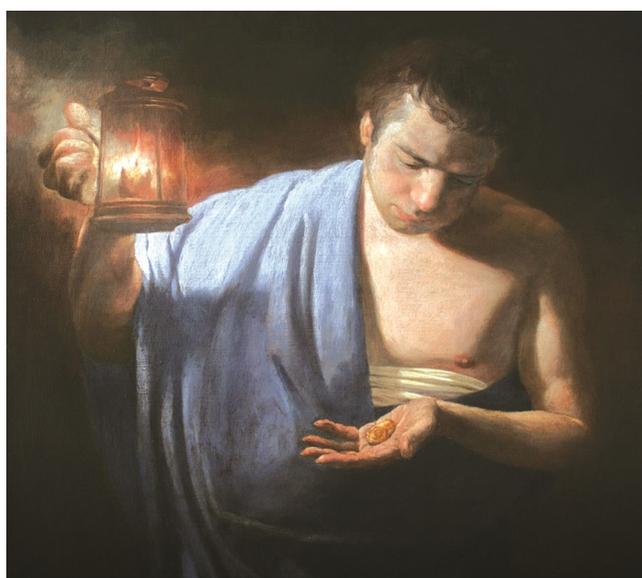
In addition, each time a ministry or a fellowship group meets, the participants need to:

- 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. +++

Thank You New Altar Servers!

We give thanks to God for our wonderful parish families and for the support you give to our Altar Servers!



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Well done, my good and faithful servant." – Mt 25:21

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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.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

**Beginning November 28, we will resume our weekly confession schedule.
Confession will be held on Saturdays at 3pm.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ instituted the Sacrament of Confession when he breathed on the apostles, saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." [Jn 20:22-23]

Every person who comes to sacramental reconciliation has a sense of sin. This alone is enough to make a good beginning. With sensitive and diligent priestly guidance, you can always make a good confession. Through the ministry of reconciliation, you experience the forgiveness of sins through, with, and in Jesus' name in the heart of his Church. Your examination of conscience should include the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes. If you're uncertain about the sacrament, convey your concerns when you come into the Confessional. Don't hesitate to ask your priest to guide you through the sacrament.

The habit of confession assures the gentle touch of the "Shepherd and guardian of our souls" [1Pet 2:25] "whose yoke is easy and whose burden is light." [Mt 11:30] You long to encounter God. You want to pour out your heart to him. Go to Confession!



Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest all my sins because I dread the loss of Heaven and fear the pains of hell, but most of all, because they offend Thee, my God, who art all good and worthy of all my love. I firmly intend with the help of Thy grace to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life. AMEN



CCE Invites you to attend:

FAITH in Action

Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 6. Our CCE coordinator, Carlie Richard, will provide a short lesson on how families can put our faith into action by performing the Corporal Works of Mercy.

On December 6, we will introduce our next Work of Mercy: Clothe the Naked. We will also be discussing our Fall service project. All parishioners are invited to attend.



Works of Mercy by Pierre Montallier, 1680

CCE News and More! All Saints Day Celebration at St. Philip!



The elementary CCE students blessed us with a beautiful All Saints Day Celebration on Sunday, November 1.



The CCE Elementary students celebrated All Saints Day by dressing up as a Saint of their choosing. The children enjoyed a fun morning learning about the Saints, playing All Saints Day Bingo, and enjoying some time with Father Barker. We believe our students are "MINT" to be Saints and reminded them with a special treat bag of peppermints at the end of the morning. Thank you to all the students (and their parents) and teachers who dressed up and shared fun facts about their Saint.

Carlie Richard, Elementary CCE Coordinator



Mary's Blessings Ministry Thanksgiving Food Drive



Our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive was a huge success! What a wonderful, giving parish we have!

A bounty of non-perishable foods lined the truck beds of our volunteers during the last two weekends of October. Our friends at the Huffman Food Pantry met us after our 11am Mass to receive this bounty. These donations help fill the wonderful Thanksgiving boxes that the Huffman Food Pantry will be distributing on November 14th from 9am-12pm. For more information, please visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HuffmanFoodPantry>

We appreciate everything you do to you do to assist our families in need!



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]



Catholic Schools Parent Survey— 6th Grade and Above

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston is currently developing plans for a technical secondary education option for students by looking at the feasibility of a Catholic Career-Technical High School or CCTHS.



The Development Committee of the CCTHS Advisory Board has planned an initial curriculum offering based on 10-year job projections for high-wage, high-demand careers within the Houston metroplex, as well as throughout the country. Our goal is to provide a truly unique, Catholic-centered, technical high school education to students who may be looking to develop skills that will allow them to enter the workforce directly out of high school or move on to the college experience of their choice.

Your input will help us to better evaluate curriculum offerings and potential attendance in the new high school. Please take a few minutes to complete our Interest Survey by clicking the link below. <https://archgh.cvent.com/CCTHS>

If you are interested in learning more or in being a Corporate Sponsor, please e-mail CCTHS@archgh.org

Thank you! CCTHS Advisory Board

Christmas Mass Schedule

Tue Dec 22 12 noon Daily Mass

Wed Dec 23 9 am Daily Mass

Thu Dec 24 4 pm Vigil Nativity of the Lord

Fri Dec 25 10 am Nativity of the Lord
(no exposition or adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

Sat Dec 26 4 pm Vigil Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Sun Dec 27 8:30 am and 11 am Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Tue Dec 29 12 noon Daily Mass

Wed Dec 30 9 am Daily Mass

Thu Dec 31 - NO MASS



Fri Jan 1 10 am Mary, Mother of God
(no exposition or adoration of the Blessed Sacrament)

Sat Jan 2 4 pm Vigil Epiphany

Sun Jan 3 8:30 am and 11 am Epiphany

Tue Jan 5 12 noon Daily Mass

Wed Jan 6 9 am Daily Mass

Thu Jan 7 12 noon Daily Mass

Fri Jan 8 9 am Daily Mass

(exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will follow Mass with Benediction at 3 pm)

Sat Jan 9 4 pm Vigil Baptism of the Lord

Sun Jan 10 8:30 am and 11 am Baptism of the Lord



Take Up Your Cross

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mansion. [cf. Jn 14:2] This is the imperative of righteousness, a divine reality that is never lazy, watered down, forgetful or abandoned. The souls in purgatory experience an exquisite, extraordinary spiritual awareness and suffering for “unfinished business,” that is to say, for sins not confessed and reparation not made while in this earthly life.

After burial, no ministry is directed to the mortal remains of the deceased until Our Lord returns in glory, summoning the dead from their graves. In the meantime, however, the souls of the faithful departed are in need of considerable ministry under the guidance and direction of Christ the Divine Teacher and the purifying fire of the Spirit of Pentecost. By intentional prayers, works of penance and mercy, indulgences, and most especially Masses offered on behalf of the dead, we ask God to release the Holy Souls from purgatory into heaven. God gifts the merits of our spiritual works to the souls in purgatory to cleanse them from sins not confessed or atoned.

Until the last soul is released and purgatory is no more, Our Lord’s ministry to immortal souls must continue with the Church’s help. For there are not two baptisms but only *one* administered to the living at the beginning of Christian life as a divine help to overcome sin. Accordingly, after receiving the Sacrament of Baptism, the Christian faithful are

obliged while in this life to regularly confess and make satisfaction for their sins. This is nothing less than an act of justice to God himself, giving to God what God has determined to be his due *for the sake of his own glory*. This *way of penance* is in imitation of Christ who, while suffering crucifixion, unleashed the power of his Divine Mercy on earth and in purgatory. That which I imperfectly express may be perfectly summed up in these words of Our Lord: “He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” [Mt 10:38]

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



Please add your loved one’s name to our Book of Remembrance. It will be located in front of the altar through the month of November.

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 28	Confessions	Saturday	3:00pm	St. Philip	3
December 6	Faith in Action Clothe the Naked	Sunday	Immediately following 8:30am Mass	Parish Hall	3
December 9	Journey in the Catholic Faith	Wednesday	7:00pm-8:30pm	Parish Hall	9

Mass Intentions

Sunday Masses

Saturday, November 14

4:00 pm - For the Catholic Church

Sunday, November 15

8:30 am - People of the Parish

11:00 am - +Oliverio Trevino+

Daily Masses

Monday, November 16

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, November 17

Noon - Carole and Bob Whitworth

Wednesday, November 18

9:00 am - +Robert and Frances Prejean+

Thursday, November 19

Noon - Fr. Barker

Friday, November 20

9:00 am - +John Lundquist+

Sunday Masses

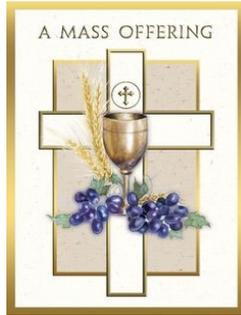
Saturday, November 21

4:00 pm - For the Catholic Church

Sunday, November 22

8:30 am- People of the Parish

11:00am- +Oliverio Trevino+



Pray For...

Graces, Strength and Healing

Ron Richardson, Connie Thomas, Jason Metzler,
Jacel Morgan, Paulette Beviacqua,
St. Philip Parishioners

For the repose of the souls of...

+Windy McMichael+



Saints of the Week Series

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Feast Day, November 21



The Feast of the Presentation of Mary recalls the day in the life of the Jewish girl named Mary (Maryam) when her parents, Joachim and Anne, presented her to the Lord in the temple and dedicated her life to Him.

Mary had already been chosen by God, preserved by a singular grace as a chosen vessel through whom the Incarnate Word would be given for the salvation of the whole world. However, the offering by her parents is a response to the invitation to join our free choice to God's invitation. This exercise of freedom lies at the heart of discipleship, and is the inner core of every vocation, to cooperate with grace.

Today's Feast emphasizes our response to God's gifts. We remember the response of Mary's mother and father in their decision to present her in the temple for dedication to the Lord. All parents are called to imitate their response by presenting their children for Baptism.

Her "Magnificat" bore the fruit of the Word, which was spoken through her. It provides a prototype of the vocation of every human person who says "Yes" to God and learns to bear the fruit of surrendered love. Her "Yes" touches the inner core of the meaning of life for all men and women who are children of the one Creator.

On this Feast of the Presentation of Mary, let us make the choice to surrender ourselves to the same Lord. That is how we can bring this Feast to life in our own age and continue to participate in God's plan for the whole human race.



Happy THANKSGIVING
The parish office will be closed November 26-27 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

There will be no Mass offered on November 26-27.
We will have our usual Vigil and Sunday Masses on November 28-29.

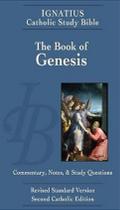
Journey in the Catholic Faith

Next Meeting: **Wednesday, December 9, 7-8:30pm**, 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).

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. 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 make a New Year plan to join us for a meeting in January!

Contact Deb Kessler: rdkessler@stphilip.cc



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. 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



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



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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Prayer Ministry

MyParish App - Prayers
Or email prayer requests to
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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