



# St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street · Huffman TX 77336

## Spirit and Truth Newsletter

June 13, 2021

*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

June 20, 2021

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Parish Office

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### Mailing Address

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Huffman, TX 77336

### Office Location

2308 3rd Street

Huffman, TX 77336

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

Wed: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

#### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm

Or by appointment

### Reach for the High-Hanging Fruit

My fellow parishioners, we are accustomed to picking the low-hanging fruit first – knocking off the projects with the lowest cost and highest payoffs. The rewards seem too good to be true for the effort involved. Just ask Adam and Eve! While immediate gratification is enticing, we also know that rich rewards and long-term benefits are realized when we focus on goals that at first seem unobtainable.

In his September 12, 1962 Rice U. *moon speech*, President John F. Kennedy stated, “We choose to go to the moon in this decade and do the other things, not because they are easy, but because they are hard, because that goal will serve to organize and measure the best of our energies and skills.” In *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster*, Bill Gates endorses “exploiting the solutions we have and doing the hard stuff, too, including breakthroughs we need.” Using the fruit metaphor, the climate cannot be saved unless all fruit is picked, including on the high branches.

While gathering low-hanging fruit can sustain us, we all know we must prepare, study, and include action plans to achieve goals. Saving for a rainy day is a universal (and necessary) example of reaching for the high-hanging fruit! When all hope seemed lost for 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. Judeans in Babylon, their rainy day was upon them and they trusted that *God is Lord and will protect the chosen*. The June 13th first reading from Ezekiel provides a high-hanging fruit allegory: “Thus says the Lord God: ‘I myself will take a sprig **from the lofty top** of the cedar and will set it out; I will break off **from the topmost** of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it upon a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bring forth boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.’” [Ezek 17:22-24]

When we only rely on low-hanging fruit it is easy to become complacent and take our gifts and talents for granted. In Galilee, after describing the miracle of the loaves and fishes feeding thousands the previous day [cf. Jn 6: 1-14], the crowd seeks another supernatural spectacle and more free food (still true today?). Jesus clarifies that bread is a symbol of a spiritual truth. “Jesus answered them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to



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www.stphiliphuffmanTX.org

## Thanks to all St. Philip parishioners for following our “returning to normal” pandemic protocols

- Your continued patience and respect for others the past few weeks is very much appreciated. Masks and social distancing are not required, but do remain a personal choice.
- Even though the “every other pew red ribbons” are gone, many of us still prefer our “favorite pews.” That’s OK! In all aspects of our lives we are making decisions on how best to return to our normal lives.
- Holy Communion may be received on the tongue, or in the hand, at the communicant’s discretion. However, the temporary suspension of receiving Holy Communion in the form of the Precious Blood from a common chalice remains in effect until further notice.
- The obligation to attend Mass also remains dispensed at this time.

### *Spirit and Truth Newsletters published twice-monthly*

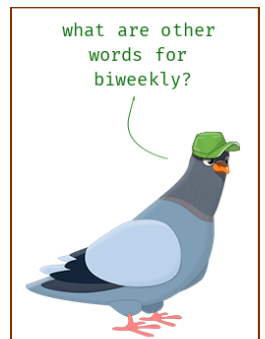
For the next six weeks, please save your Spirit and Truth newsletters! The following newsletters will be combined:

- ♦ **June 13/June 20** Eleventh and Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- ♦ **June 27/July 4** Thirteenth and Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- ♦ **July 11/July 18** Fifteenth and Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Thank you to all of our ministries who have worked so diligently and spiritually this past year. As most ministries are taking a well-deserved break during the summer months, we look forward to revitalized and refreshed volunteers ready to support our parish and community.

Also, please note (and enjoy) this first **revised eight vs. twelve page Spirit and Truth format** that was requested by LPi, our bulletin publisher, as a cost-preventive recommendation to their customers.

**Note: Our website includes additional information on most articles in our Spirit and Truth newsletter.**



### *Upcoming CCE Events: Vacation Bible School*

- ♦ **VBS will run Monday June 14 – Friday June 18 from 9:30am – 12:30pm.**
- ♦ Registration for 2021—2022 CCE School year is ongoing. All registration information can be found online.
- ♦ AYC Archdiocesan Youth Conference July 30- Aug. 1; information online.

### *Ways to Give to St. Philip*

#### *“Traditional”*

- ♦ Place in the collection basket at Mass
- ♦ Mail your check to St. Philip (see p1)
- ♦ Call St. Philip office with questions on ways to give
- ♦ Sign-up for envelopes



#### *Online Giving*

- ♦ Set St. Philip as your Church on the My Parish app
- ♦ Tap the “Giving” button
- < Scan QR code

### *Journey in the Catholic Faith*

JCF will not meet in July or August. Our last June meeting is June 23. (Download the readings for June 27 using [emmausjourney.org](http://emmausjourney.org), NAB version.)  
For more information, contact Ray & Deb at : 719-660-8880 or [rdkessler@stphilip.cc](mailto:rdkessler@stphilip.cc).

**Please accept this invitation to ALL.**

**We would love to have you join us!**

### *Women’s Guild Cookbook Sale*

The Women’s Guild cookbook has delicious recipes from our own parishioners.

Cookbooks are located in front of the glass display case at the main doors. The cost of each cookbook is \$10.00.

Make checks out to: St. Philip Women’s Guild (memo: Cookbook)

Make payments at the parish office or mail to: Carol Asher, Treasurer; 24243 Red Deer Dr.; Huffman, TX 77336

# *~ Ministry Invitation Series ~*

## *St. Philip Knights of Columbus – Council 9794*



### **Who We Are**

We are brothers, a network of men in communities around the world dedicated to doing good in the service of God and our neighbor.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 9794 at St. Philip, invites all men over the age of 18, and are Catholics in good standing, to join the Knights. The KCs enable good men to become better Catholic gentlemen, engaged in service to the Parish, Church, and community.

There is no better way to show love and compassion than by helping those in need, a call we show daily through **CHARITY**. Our success worldwide results from our commitment to **UNITY**, supporting one another as a **FRATERNITY** of over two million members strong with over 15,000 councils in 17 countries. We also regularly meet with other KofC Councils in our Galveston-Houston Assembly. We enjoy our fellowship and fundraising efforts, and we take pride in participating in parish ministries. We all share a bond of **PATRIOTISM** and many of our members served honorably in the service of USA!

### **What to expect when you join**

We meet monthly at St. Philip at 7pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday to plan our projects and review parish needs. Many men joined KofCs by invitation of members who serve as ushers, lay ministers, choir members, and sacristans. Your contribution to our Catholic men's fraternal team would be very much appreciated with your unique gifts and support.

### **What we do for . . . Parish, community**

Here is a listing of a few of the charities and donations that our St. Philip Council supports: Humble Birthright, Pro-life initiatives, St. Philip Confirmation Retreat, Catholic Youth Convention (AYC), Priest and Seminarian support, Parish Spring Picnic, Campus Maintenance & Improvements, High School scholarships, and co-sponsored projects with other St. Philip ministries.

To assist and financially support these local activities, the Knights hold several different fundraisers and events. We have our annual brisket, pork rib and chili sales, parish breakfasts and dinners, Lenten dinners, and an annual golf tournament. With the support and guidance of Father Barker, the Knights Council 9794 will continue to respond to the needs of our parish and community.

We are also very proud of our "turnouts" in support of events such as Confirmations, Holy Week, and funerals.

### **Fellowship: Time & talent to consider**

Knights of Columbus are especially known for fellowship. Contributing your leadership, spiritual, and hands-on skills for a few hours each month will be very memorable. Join us as we fire-up the BBQ pit with morning coffee & donuts preparing to cook our legendary ribs. Assist us in leading the pre-Mass monthly rosary. Enrich our liturgy and special event "turn-outs" along with fellow knights. Scripture sums-up the talents needed for new members; you can rest assured you will be welcome and that we need your unique support. "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." [Eph 2:10]

### **How to Join**

It has never been easier to join the Knights of Columbus, and become proud of your fraternal service as a Catholic gentleman!

Contact information is available on the last page of our Spirit and Truth newsletter.

For additional information: KofC.org. and select "JOIN NOW."

St Philip The Apostle KC's: Ray Kessler, Grand Knight; [rkessler@stphilip.cc](mailto:rkessler@stphilip.cc); 832-644-8078

*"And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here am I! Send me.'" [Isa 6:8]*

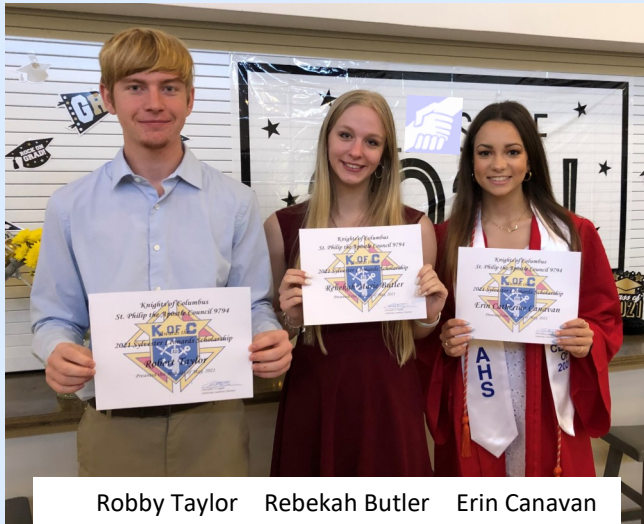


## Knights of Columbus Sylvester Leonard Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus Council 9794 is honored to award the 2021 Sylvester Leonard Scholarship in the amount of \$500 each to three graduating high school seniors.



**Rebekah Butler, Lone Star College**  
**Erin Canavan, Blinn College**  
**Robby Taylor, The University of Texas**



Robby Taylor   Rebekah Butler   Erin Canavan

***Congratulations to our scholarship recipients!***

## St. Philip Celebrates our High School and College Graduates

Five St. Philip high school graduates and one college grad were honored during the 11:00 Mass on Sunday May 30th. Father Barker bestowed



a blessing on these exceptional young people as they begin the next major phase in their lives. After the Mass, a luncheon was held in the hall so that the families could celebrate their children's achievements.

### St. Philip graduates are:

- ♦ Rebekah Butler (Atascocita HS) will be attending Lone Star College and studying nursing.
- ♦ Erin Canavan (Atascocita HS) is going to Blinn College to study Occupational Therapy.
- ♦ Ciara Madigan (Texas A&M University) graduated cum laude with a degree in Biology and will be applying to medical school.
- ♦ Zachary Reece (Hargrave HS) is going to Texas A&M University to study Business Administration.
- ♦ Robert Taylor (Atascocita HS) will be attending The University of Texas and studying Computer Engineering
- ♦ Jacob Watson (Atascocita HS) is going to Sam Houston State University with plans to study Animation.

We are so proud of these students. Through the years, they have been excellent ambassadors for St. Philip, exhibiting faithfulness and reverence to God, respect for others, and joy for life. Please join the entire St. Philip parish family in praying for these talented youth and all our graduates as they head off on this next great adventure led always by their love of Christ and his Holy Church.



*Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go. [Joshua 1:9]*

## AYC 2021 ~ July 30-August 1

**What to expect:** The Archdiocesan Youth Conference is Cardinal Di-Nardo's official gathering of the young Church of Galveston-Houston. High school youth (incoming 9th grade—graduated 12th grade) will celebrate their faith, lead them into a deeper relationship with Christ, and challenge them to live out their faith as Disciples of Christ when they return home.

**Registration Cost:** \$240. This includes conference registration and hotel cost (\$10 additional for dinner Friday night).

**Deadline:** On-line registration must be completed by Wed. June 23.

**How to Register:** [archgh.cventevents.com/AYC2021](http://archgh.cventevents.com/AYC2021)  
Please email [bpursell@stphilip.cc](mailto:bpursell@stphilip.cc) for the parish voucher code (required for registration) and for more information.

**Check out on YouTube:**  
**AYC 2021 Promo Video**



## Reach for the High-Hanging Fruit

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you; for on him has God the Father set his seal.” [Jn 6: 26-27] Yes, we need to seek the high-hanging fruit of salvation!

*Swim in Deep Water*, our January 12, 2020 *Spirit and Truth* reflection, first described shallow water (low-hanging fruit?) as least demanding, not thinking about God, starved of the waters’ vital reality. Here are a few excerpts from the article: *Swimming in deep water is challenging. There the soul must be trained, disciplined and vigilant. Above all the soul must trust God. The hard part is to face yourself and take the plunge. Trust in the Lord.*

Harnessing the potential of high-hanging fruit can be made clear by studying historical and business leaders, but more importantly by listening to the clear motivation in Scripture. Or, inspiration can even be as close as our friends’ or even our dad’s guidance (*see Aim High! poem*). Sincerely in Christ, Tim Logsdon

### **Aim High!**

*Count not the labor;  
Reckon not the toil  
But, hark!  
Look to your goal.  
Aim high  
And Godspeed the mark.  
Larry Logsdon 1928*

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter



**Where:** Your Home (Virtual on-line Experience)

**When:** June 25 -27 2021

**Marriage Enrichment** Worldwide Marriage Encounter will come to your home via on-line presentations.

Couples look at themselves, their behaviors and attitudes, and their relationship with their spouse and God. Communication tools are taught on the weekend helping couples connect in healthy, constructive ways to deepen their intimacy and connectedness.

**PLAN NOW**, to be a part this event. Follow link for review: [youtu.be/ciC8-oLVJ9w](https://youtu.be/ciC8-oLVJ9w) or go to [www.houstonme.org](http://www.houstonme.org) or call 713-482-1791.



## Mass Intentions

### Sunday Masses

#### **Saturday, June 12**

4:00 pm - + Kathleen Crabtree +

#### **Sunday, June 13**

8:30 am - People of the Parish

11:00 am - John Norrell

### Daily Masses

#### **Monday, June 14**

No Daily Mass

#### **Tuesday, June 15**

Brooke Chilla

#### **Wednesday, June 16**

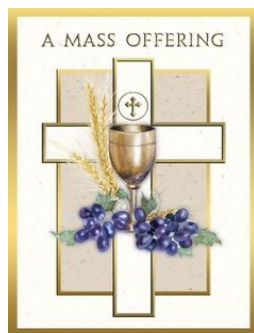
+ Aaron Tauzin+

#### **Thursday, June 17**

No Daily Mass

#### **Friday, June 18**

Fr. Barker



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 weekday and weekend Masses.

### Sunday Masses

#### **Saturday, June 19**

4:00 pm- + Stacy Morane +

#### **Sunday, June 20**

8:30 am- People of the Parish

11:00am- + Doug Wilson +

### Daily Masses

#### **Monday, June 21**

No Daily Mass

#### **Tuesday, June 22**

+ Edwin Brazeill +

#### **Wednesday, June 23**

+ Preston Fann +

#### **Thursday, June 24**

Fr. Barker

#### **Friday, June 25**

Fr. Barker

### Sunday Masses

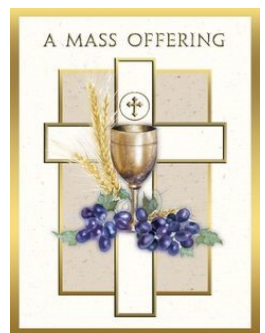
#### **Saturday, June 26**

4:00 pm- + David Devaty +

#### **Sunday, June 27**

8:30 am- People of the Parish

11:00am- + Randall Sagstetter +





## Pray For...

### Graces, Strength and Healing

Tom Asher, Tommy Marusak, Marlene Salinas,  
St. Philip Parishioners

*May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

### Altar Flowers Sponsorship

All are invited to sponsor a bouquet in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a joyous occasion. The donation for a bouquet is \$50.

The "Altar Flowers" binder is on the display case next to the main front doors. Select a date and use one of the "Altar

Flowers" envelopes found in the back of the binder. please drop your donation in the collection basket during Mass.



### Request a Prayer

Use our parish app to request prayers for a loved one or for any special intention!

Simply open the myParish app and choose the **PRAYERS** button. At the bottom of the screen, choose **PRAYER REQUEST**.

Fill out the form and your prayer request will be sent to our Prayer Warriors group.

We will also add your loved one to our prayer list which is found on p. 6 of our Spirit and Truth Newsletter.

## Positions Available

**Note: See our website for complete job descriptions, responsibilities, and requirements.** Please direct all inquiries and resumes to: Father Richard Barker:  
[pastor@stphilip.cc](mailto:pastor@stphilip.cc)

### Office Secretary

This is a part-time office employee who is able to work in a Christian faith-based office environment.

#### Sample of Responsibilities and Requirements:

- Part-time hours of Monday–Friday; 9 am–2 pm
- Assist and/or guide parishioners and guests per Catholic practices
- Office tasks include filing, answering the phone, and welcoming visitors
- Must be a practicing Catholic
- Computer proficiency in MS Office and Google apps

### Music Director

This paid faith-based position requires 20 hours weekly. A resume and two interviews with audition are required.

#### Sample of Responsibilities and Requirements:

- Skilled keyboardist to develop a strong teaching-based Catholic music program
- Lead adult choir practice, 3 weekend liturgies and special Church occasions.
- St. Philip provides a state of the art sound system, grand piano, electronic keyboard, pipe organ, office and practice area.

### Parish Office Hours

The parish office will be closed on Friday, July 2, in observance of Independence Day.

During June, July, and August, we recommend calling (281) 324-1478 before you visit our Office to make sure someone is here to welcome you. Or, leave message for reply!

## St. Philip Ministry Event Schedule

*"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." [Heb 13:16]*

Date	Event	Day	Time	Location	More info (pg)
Upcoming	CCE Future Dates	Check website for details			4 (AYC 2021)
June 14-18, 2021	CCE Bible School	Mon. thru Fri.			2
June 23, 2021	Journey in the Catholic Faith (JCF)	Wednesday	7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Parish Hall	2
July 4, 2021	Children's Liturgy	Sunday	8:30 am	St. Philip	Call Office



## Parish Ministries Contact Information

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**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 Richard Barker  
pastor@stphilip.cc  
(281) 324-1478

#### Sacramental Ministry

Fr. Barker  
pastor@stphilip.cc

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Jessica Schneider  
jmarrs7@hotmail.com  
281-324-1478

#### Communion to the Homebound

Kathy O'Donnell  
kod333@comcast.net

#### Adornment of Sanctuary

Disciples of Jesus and Mary  
Bonnie Sulkowski  
(281) 508-5198

#### Music Core Team

Jan Williams  
jwilliams@stphilip.cc  
(713) 419-8097  
Valerie Sivil  
(713) 202-1310

#### Usher Ministry

Gary Aldrich  
usher@stphilip.cc  
(832) 586-6430

### SACRAMENTS

† SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

† SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

† FUNERAL SERVICES

† ANOINTING OF THE SICK

A flyer with basic information about these Sacraments is available on the information table near the entrance doors.

Please call our **Church office** at **(281) 324-1478** if you are in need of these sacraments.

### SOCIAL OUTREACH/CONCERN

#### Mary's Blessings Team

*For financial assistance  
please call (832)-764-9814*

Marie Hohmann  
mhohmann@stphilip.cc  
(281) 360-9032

#### Prime Timers (55+)

Claudia Herron  
cherron@stphilip.cc  
primetimers@stphilip.cc  
(832) 270-3385

#### Rosemont Assisted Living

parishoffice@stphilip.cc  
(281) 324-1478

#### Transitions Ministry

Susie Cleary  
scleary@stphilip.cc  
(765) 490-1369

### SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Disciples of Jesus and Mary

##### Laity Spiritual Formation

Jan Williams  
jwilliams@stphilip.cc  
(713) 419-8097

#### Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Face

##### Prayer Group

Janet Hays  
(281) 852-3444

#### Knights of Columbus

Ray Kessler, Grand Knight  
rkessler@stphilip.cc  
(832) 644-8078

#### Women's Guild

Kathy O'Donnell  
kod333@comcast.net

#### Prayer Ministry

MyParish App - Prayers  
Or email prayer requests to  
parishoffice@stphilip.cc

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### CCE Office

cceoffice@stphilip.cc  
(281) 324-1934

#### CCE Core Team Chairperson

#### Middle/High School Coordinator

Becky Pursell  
bpursell@stphilip.cc  
(713) 516-7376

#### Elementary Coordinator

Carlie Richard  
crichard@stphilip.cc  
(337) 258-4840

#### First Sacrament Coordinator

Suzanne Burch  
sburch@stphilip.cc  
(361) 877-9728

#### Confirmation Coordinator

Becky Pursell  
bpursell@stphilip.cc  
(713) 516-7376

#### CCE Registrar

André Taylor  
ataylor@stphilip.cc  
(832) 233-0829

#### Journey in the Catholic Faith

Ray and Deb Kessler  
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