



St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street · Huffman TX 77336

Spirit and Truth Newsletter

July 11, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office

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Office Location

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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

Wed: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm

Or by appointment

Accomplish His Work

My fellow parishioners, I enjoy recalibrating my Catholic faith through "lessons learned." I owe a great personal debt to Diocese of Lansing, MI Bishop Kenneth Povish (1924-2003) for his counsel and friendship. This reflection shares my notes when the Bishop led a 1990 (yes, 30+ years ago) Pastoral Council Weekend Retreat. I relished the privilege of working with



Bishop Povish on projects including *Time to Renew*, and *Be Attitudes!* I recall an example of his quick wit and down-to-earth evangelization. In our Flint, MI parish, my wife had prepared a vegetarian lunch for a Pastoral Council meeting. Upon seeing the buffet, he smiled and said: "I see there's no meat, so we won't need a blessing before our meal!" He always made everyone feel welcome and at ease; yet he was steadfast in his role as mentor and pastoral leader. His lifelong commitment theme. . . *to accomplish His work* included his vision for the Church to foster educated and active parishioners. "Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me, and to accomplish his work.'" [Jn4:34]

Back to the retreat, *way back in 1990*. Reviewing old notes is like opening our family photo album from 30 years ago. I enjoy seeing how our family has grown, yet in many ways, smiles and togetherness have not changed one bit. Similarly, reviewing what it meant to be a Catholic in 1990 and even comparing to what it meant to be a Catholic in 1960 mirrored today's similarities and differences from 2020 and 1990. Wow. I could be sitting in that same auditorium today hearing that our Catholic rights and privileges require responsibilities and obligations, including saying YES to serve our parishes. It energizes me to see that **1960** priorities were THE SAME as **1990**, and THE SAME as **2020**: 1) bring back the joy of being Catholic; 2) challenge our parishioners to do something beyond 'the minimum.'

Bringing back the *joy of being Catholic* is a lifelong quest for all of us. I still enjoy reflecting on these retreat exercises today:

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"MyParish" smartphone app



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www.stphiliphuffmanTX.org

Parade Around the Our Father — VBS



At our St. Philip annual Vacation Bible School last week, 31 campers, 19 youth, and 13 adults had a great event. While learning what each part of the *Our Father* prayer means, we also talked about The Eucharist, the bread of Life. God listens, God provides, God forgives, God guides, and Priests serve God were our themes for each day.

Our days at camp started with an opening skit and introductory lesson on the day's main lesson. Then, in 5 program areas; Bible, Crafts, Music, Games and

Snacks, that lesson was reinforced. In Bible class, the kids heard the story of St. Joseph of Cupertino, the flying friar and learned bible verses that reinforced each day's theme. In crafts, the kids made a giant scroll with personal notes thanking Father Barker for serving God at our parish and bringing us the sacraments. They presented it to Father on our last day.

Each year, the kids participate in a service project to benefit a chosen charity. This year, to reinforce what the *Our Father* teaches us as we pray "Give us this day our daily bread", we chose Martha's Kitchen. The children raised over \$400 to help the soup kitchen provide lunches for Houston's homeless and hungry.

A huge thank you to our volunteers: Gianna and Stefania Gutierrez, Bella and Maria Cisneros, Samantha Soto, Ben Williams, Reagan Butler, Addison Smithers, Diego and Angel Rodriguez, Jamie and Kerri Jenkins, Andrew and Mario Sojo, Megan, Colleen and Mary Canavan, Michael McCown, Trinity Reece, Lance O'Donnell, Trish Hobler, Stacey Jameson, Raelin Jamison, Lauren, Linda Wilkins, McKenna, Carmen and John Grindle, Jessica Schneider, Brennan Smith and Suzanne Burch.

Next summer's VBS – Tracking Mary, Mysteries and Messages; All Aboard the Queen of Heaven Express is June 13 – 17, 2022!



Journey in the Catholic Faith

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

JCF will not meet in July or August. For more information, contact Ray & Deb at : 719-660-8880 or rdkessler@stphilip.cc.

We would love to have you join us in September!

ALL are invited!

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



~ Ministry Invitation Series ~

Women's Guild Activities

All St. Philip women are welcome to join this great ministry. We work together for the love of our parish.

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

The Women's Guild assists other parish ministries by providing receptions and decorating the parish hall. Upon request, we host funeral receptions in the parish hall or deliver food dishes to the homes of the family's deceased. We also support charities outside of St. Philip.

The group is about parish women enjoying life in Christ together. Our members celebrate the warmth, talents, experiences and feelings of one another as we work and pray together. We are open to having others in our lives, and we hope our new members will include *you!* Basically, this team of service-minded women band together whenever and wherever they are needed.

What is required for membership?

Membership dues for 2021-22 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?

Contact information is available on p.7 of the Spirit and Truth newsletter.

The Women's Guild meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30am in the Parish Hall. We will resume our monthly meetings in September. Watch for meeting updates in the bulletin and online.



Mary's Blessings Ministry News

Mary's Blessings Ministry at St. Philip is a social service which provides financial assistance to those who call and ask for our help. Our Lord instructed his body, the church: "Do not reject an afflicted suppliant, nor turn your face away from the poor." [Sir 4:4] This is why, with your help, we continue year after year providing for the poor in our area.

We inform area churches that we are available to those they may recommend to us. We also reach out through our local Food Pantry at the First Baptist Church in Huffman. Flyers in area stores let those in need know how to contact us.

Currently we have twelve members and teams of two persons each who respond to calls made to our dedicated phone. We normally meet once a month on the third Tuesday of the month in a classroom at St. Philip. The membership addresses any issues we need to solve. They assist in our bi-annual food drives, annual membership drive and in any other way that we are able to help those who call us. Our Compassion Committee is available to offer ongoing compassionate calls to those who are suffering in ways we cannot assist financially.



Huffman Food Pantry representative
and members of Mary's Blessings

If you would like to join us please call 281-360-9032 and leave a message.

Mass Intentions

Sunday Masses

Saturday, July 10

4:00 pm - + Kimberly Cole +

Sunday, July 11

8:30 am - People of the Parish

11:00 am - Leonard Rodriguez

Daily Masses

Monday, July 12

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, July 13

+ Russell and Jeanne Fink +

Wednesday, July 14

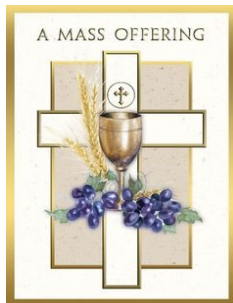
Luke Boyd

Thursday, July 15

+ Daniel Michael Zarnick +

Friday, July 16

Fr. Barker



Sunday Masses

Saturday, July 17

4:00 pm— + Mark Dawson +

Sunday, July 18

8:30 am— People of the Parish

11:00am— Father Barker

Daily Masses

Monday, July 19

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, July 20

+ Robert and Connie Fina +

Wednesday, July 21

+ Marguerite and Genevieve Fina +

Thursday, July 22

Father Barker

Friday, July 23

Fr. Barker

Sunday Masses

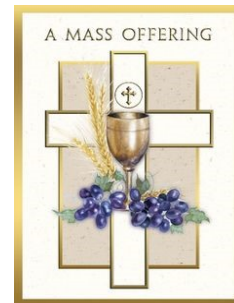
Saturday, July 24

4:00 pm— + David Devaty +

Sunday, July 25

8:30 am— People of the Parish

11:00am— + Lemuel Harriss Kerr, Sr. +



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.

May the faithful love of God be upon us, the peace of Christ reign in our hearts, and the communion of the Holy Spirit remain with us for all times. Amen.

Saints of the Week Series

St. Mary Magdalene, Feast Day July 22

St. Mary Magdalene is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. She was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. As a sinner whom Jesus saved, she is an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God.

Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead. She had visited his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection.

St. Mary Magdalene is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes.

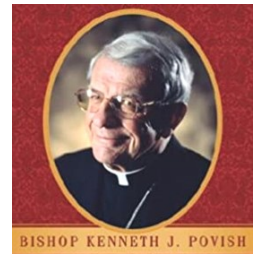


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- Our retreat declared 1990 as “The Year of the ‘Sunday.’” Presentations and break-out sessions featured probing questions. I still have my “ouch” moments today when reviewing them:

- † How can I extend my Sundays past one hour?
- † What were my best Sundays? Why? What were my worst Sundays? Why?
- † How do I observe Sundays? How should I observe Sundays?
- † What will I do more of on Sundays? What will I do less of on Sundays?
- † How about having a ‘Sunday’ *Tuesday*, or a ‘Sunday’ *Thursday*?
- † Am I satisfied with my life as a Catholic . . on Sunday. . on Tuesday?

Whether in 1960, 1990, and yes, 2020, many Catholics in their pews wait for their “professionals” to ***do*** the evangelization. Yes, ***somebody needs to do something*** about declining Mass attendance, fewer marriages in the church, fewer Baptisms and Confirmations, and alarming declines in spiritual vocations. Joining our ministries is a great start to becoming educated and active parishioners as examples for others to follow.



Proceeds from this event benefit the St. Philip Knights, pro-life charities, youth charities, and more.

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Preparedness
Checklist**
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IF YOU DO LOSE POWER, FOLLOW THIS THREE-STEP PROCEDURE

- 1 Eat perishable items in your pantry, refrigerator, etc.
- 2 Eat perishable items in your freezer. As long as food contains ice crystals in the center, that means it's still safe to eat.
- 3 Eat your stock of non-perishable items.

SOURCE:
[1] <http://www.fda.gov/pd/rbs/rtb/rtb.pdf> [2] <http://www.dreamstime.com/blog-top-hot-hottest-products-products>

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Pray For...

Graces, Strength and Healing

St. Philip Parishioners

For the repose of the soul of

+ Janet Erebias +

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

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 through Friday, July 16.

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!

Spirit and Truth Newsletters: check online for more information

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

Parish Ministries Contact Information

Pastor - Rev. Richard E. Barker

Mailing Address: PO Box 2363, Huffman TX 77336

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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

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Altar Servers

Father Richard Barker
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(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
chherron@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

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First Sacrament Coordinator

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Confirmation Coordinator

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