



# St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street · Huffman TX 77336

## Spirit and Truth Newsletter

September 19, 2021

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Parish Office

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### Mailing Address

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### 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 - Fri: 11:45 am  
First Sat: 9:00 am

#### Adoration - Wednesday

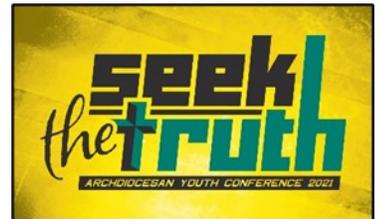
Exposition - 9:00 am  
Adoration - continues  
Benediction, Reposition  
precedes 11:45 am Mass

#### Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm  
Or by appointment

### Seek the Truth

My fellow parishioners, every day we seem to be bombarded with news stories, testimonials, and allegations of “fake news.” It is so refreshing to learn from Scripture the essence of **truth**. In John 18:38, Pilate famously asks Jesus, “*What is truth*”. Pilate was certainly no disciple of Christ. He was not looking to Jesus for an answer to the question, but rather voicing his own frustration with the political and social pressures he was facing, not unlike our politicians today. Pilate’s *truth* could change on any given day. But expediency is not truth. Just before Pilate’s response, Jesus lays it out for us: “*For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.*” [Jn 18:37] As Catholic Christians we have the truth laid out for us in the Scriptures and in Sacred Tradition.



Seven St. Philip high school youth and their chaperones enjoyed a recent weekend at Galveston-Houston’s Archdiocesan Youth Conference (AYC) sharing discussions on how we can constantly keep seeking God’s truth and not the fickle, changing *truths* of the world. As we have heard in Sunday homilies, Jesus is comforting and easy, but can also be challenging and hard. He constantly pushed his disciples to view the world in the new light of his teachings to participate, as Bishop Robert Barron (co-facilitator) described, in the “theo-drama” of God’s design rather than the “ego-drama” of our own design. The Truth must guide us every moment of every day of our lives, not only during the 60 minutes a week we sit in church.

In its simplest form, you can break the Truth down into 4 steps:

**God loves you.** He created you out of love and he loves you always even though he knows that darkest, most sinful part of you.

**Sin divides us from God.** Sin entered the world through the pride of Adam and Eve. Every time we fail to live up to God’s commandments, we let it into ourselves even more. Sin is the rejection of God’s love.

**Jesus restores us.** He came down into our mess to take the sin of the world

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www.stphiliphuffmantx.org

## WELCOME TO OUR FAITH FAMILY AT ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

We invite all the people of our parish, our visitors, and our guests to experience the parish life of our Catholic community. Visitors who want to learn more about joining our St. Philip parish are encouraged to contact our parish office at 281-324-1478 or [parishoffice@stphilip.cc](mailto:parishoffice@stphilip.cc). More information and parish registration forms can be found by visiting our website.

### ~ Ministry Invitation Series ~ Lay Ministers Needed



Joining any of our St. Philip ministries provides opportunity for personal spiritual growth and for contributing to the beauty of our Masses. Our lay ministers proclaim the Sunday readings and distribute the Eucharist.

We encourage your YES to be on the lay reader team. While Eucharist Ministers (EOM) are not yet scheduled, our goal is to have two lay readers at each Mass as soon as we can increase our volunteers. Thanks to all who prepare diligently and are excited to assist by proclaiming the readings at our Masses.

For more information, please contact the parish office or visit with Father Barker in the sacristy after Mass.

*Safe Environment training is required for all Lay Ministers. See p. 2.*

### Safe Environment Training



*“All clergy, employees, contracted school personnel, **volunteers, members of groups**, movements, and organizations over the age of 18, who work, **volunteer or participate in any capacity** are required to complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training and a criminal background check before they may begin employment or volunteer activities.” Office of Child and Youth Protection*

St. Philip appreciates every parishioner and their ministry and service to the parish.

**To stay in compliance with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, EVERY member of EVERY ministry needs to have training in the diocese’s Safe Environment program, by October 1, 2021.**

The program is completely online, complete at your own convenience, no email address needed. A link and directions can be found by clicking the “Safe Environment Training” button on our St. Philip homepage. The following link will also provide you with more information and instructions on how to begin. Please contact André Taylor, [ataylor@stphilip.cc](mailto:ataylor@stphilip.cc) for questions or assistance.

<https://www.archgh.org/offices-ministries/office-of-child-and-youth-protection/safe-environment-training-for-adults/>



### Our Lord invites and welcome us to visit and accompany Him for Adoration.

This beautiful and sacred ceremony takes place at St. Philip each Wednesday morning. Bring your fellow ministry friends or family members to adore Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and participate in this special devotion by lending it your voice in prayer and song. Adoration begins at 9 am and ends with Benediction, just before 11:45 am Mass.

**Jesus asked his apostles and us,  
“Could you not spend one hour  
with me – in prayer?”  
Mt 26:40**

## GIVING & PERSONAL SOLICITING CONCERNS

Dear People of God,

Saint Philip's faith community has a noble and generous tradition of charitable giving in the Lake Houston area. Having survived 2 floods and now in pandemic year 2, both our parish family roster and Sunday giving are seriously diminished. Many of our parish families are struggling.



No longer is our parish able to give from abundance. Our local charitable giving is coming from our want. We anticipate 12 Mary's Blessings collections in 2022. Moreover, added to this is 17 archdiocesan /USCCB collections PLUS the Cardinal's DSF charities PLUS the Cardinal's Ignite Capital Campaign. Notwithstanding this huge challenge, we will continue to make a great effort. All parish members will need to pull together in the same direction.

Now a word about the peace of mind of our parish families, guests and approved ministries. We all depend on the good order of Church campus life for our mutual safety, comfort and well-being. For these reasons, free-lance soliciting, fundraising or panhandling on our campus is highly inappropriate and cannot be tolerated. This policy is inclusive of both parishioners and non-parishioners alike.

If you have a personal cause, or want to raise money or collect goods or distribute literature on your own behalf or for particular person(s), please conduct these activities in your own home and neighborhood as *Christians sent forth into the world*. When coming to the St. Philip campus, however, center your minds and hearts on worship and fellowship. Leave all personal agendas at home whatever they may be.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Reverend Richard Barker

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## CCE Program Kick-Off!

"This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." [Psa. 118:24]

The start of each school year is always a bustling time of preparation, excitement, expectation, and maybe even one last wish that summer wouldn't end. Returning to CCE classes at St. Philip adds one more feeling to the list: GRATITUDE. We are grateful to be returning to our beautiful campus with our CCE families. We are thankful that you have made attending CCE classes a priority on your already busy schedule. Our Catechists are ready to share their love and knowledge of our Catholic faith this year.

We welcomed our middle and high school students and parents back on Wednesday, September 8. We all played a fun game of "Would You Rather" before dismissing to the classrooms where our team of Catechists were waiting to start the new session. It is always exciting to see how much our youngest parishioners are growing from year to year.



**Children's Liturgy:** Our Children's Liturgy program has returned to its weekly schedule. All children, aged 4 - 12, are invited to attend Sunday mornings during 8:30 am Mass. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Jessica Schneider.



**Journey in the Catholic Faith (JCF):** We will continue our study of Genesis, Ch. 32-33. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Wed. of the month at 7 pm. Plan to join us if you are dropping off your CCE student. We welcome all parishioners to join at any time. For more information, please see our parish website.

## St. Philip Women's Guild

**Get Ready Ladies. This is it!  
Membership is now open!**

If you are in search of fun, making new friends, and serving the St. Philip Community, then this is the ministry for you.

Stop by our table on the weekends of Sept. 18 and Sept. 25 for more information and to join the guild.

If you are a new member or were a member last year, then it is time to sign up again.

**Membership dues are just \$20/year.** We conduct our **meetings** the second Tuesday of each month from September through May.

**Monthly Fellowship Luncheons** are held on the fourth Wednesdays of each month.

If you work, you can also participate in the Women's Guild. We need members to launder the

**sacred altar linens** and maintain the **altar flowers**. Members also provide food for various **receptions** for the Church. We will have other socials at different times. We also hope that you can occasionally come to our monthly luncheons.

**Please call Kathy O'Donnell, 832-276-3830 or Mary LeJeune, 713-515-4203 if you have any questions.**

**All women, 18 years old (or better), are invited to join.**

## Women's Guild Luncheon



The Women's Guild luncheon was held on August 18, 2021 at the Tin Roof BBQ Restaurant in Humble. A good time was had by all.

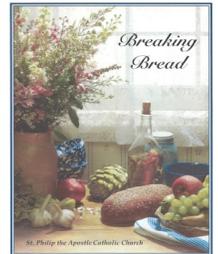
Catholic ladies enjoying some good food and friends. Our next luncheon will be Sept 22 at 11:30 at Sharky's in Kingwood. It is a great time to get acquainted with members of the Guild.

## 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.

Payments can be made online or mailed to the parish office : P.O. Box 2363, Huffman, TX 77336.



*Safe Environment training is required for participation in the Women's Guild. See p. 2.*



## Knight of Columbus

The St. Philip chapter of the Knights of Columbus is a main supporter of many on-campus ministries, including our CCE program. The Knights donate to and support charities in our larger community and archdiocese as well.

### 21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament

**Saturday, October 16, 2021**

**Atascocita Golf Club**

Proceeds of the tournament will benefit the Knights of Columbus.

The entire parish can help support the great ministry of the Knights! Start getting your teams together now. Not a golfer, no problem! The Knights need volunteers to help run the event and make it successful. Sign-up flyers are available on the counter near our Church entrance.

### BBQ Chicken Sale

**October 2 - 3, 2021**

What a great excuse not to cook and to help the Knights support our charities in the Huffman area!

The KCs will be at the North entrance of Church after all Masses. Cost for the BBQ chicken is \$10. If you have never had the chance to sample their grilling skills, now is the time!



Thank you for all your support!

## Seek the Truth

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upon himself and reunite us with God the Father.

**What are you going to do about it?** Once you have accepted the Truth and chosen to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ, you have your purpose in life. You must share what you know with everyone. You are a child of God and God is Love. To be indifferent to your fellow man, to hoard the beauty of a life lived for God and keep it for yourself is the opposite of love and not Christian at all. Our host at AYC and one of the keynote speakers, Fr. Agostino Torres encouraged the youth to be *Jesus* to the world and to do it **A.S.A.P.**

**A** – Adoration, go and sit with Christ. Be a friend to Him like the saints are.

**S** – Start with the people around you. St. Theresa of Calcutta said, “If you want to change the world, go home and love your family.”

**A** – Apostle, be a follower of Christ: worship and glorify Him with your life.

**P** – Profess your faith to the world always.

In case the young church gathered at AYC thought they were too young for all this to apply to them just yet, Blessed Carlo Acutis was presented as a model of a faith-filled life even though he passed away at only 15 years of age from leukemia. Blessed Carlo catalogued Eucharistic Miracles from around the world and created a website to document the collected information. His quote, “Everyone is born an individual, but many die as photocopies” should inspire each of us to embrace our unique place in God’s plan and live according to His will for us and not be conformed to this fickle and changing world around us. You can find Bl. Carlo’s catalogue at [CarloAcutis.com](http://CarloAcutis.com).

Our St. Philip high school youth and chaperones were blessed to attend this inspirational conference. Now it is our turn to pray about how we can Seek the Truth every day in our lives, A.S.A.P.! Yours in the heart of Jesus, Becky Pursell.

*Save the date: AYC 2022 will be July 29 – 31 at the Hilton Americas Hotel in downtown Houston and is open to all in-coming 9<sup>th</sup> graders through graduated high school seniors.*

## Our Weekend at AYC



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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday Masses

#### **Saturday, September 18**

4:00 pm – + Marilu Mejorada +

#### **Sunday, September 19**

8:30 am – People of the Parish

11:00 am – David Hendricks

### Daily Masses

#### **Monday, September 20**

No Daily Mass

#### **Tuesday, September 21**

11:45 am - Special Intention

#### **Wednesday, September 22**

11:45 am - + Deceased Priest in Purgatory +

#### **Thursday, September 23**

11:45 am - + John and Cath Dulan +

#### **Friday, September 24**

11:45 am - + Jack Dulan +

### Sunday Masses

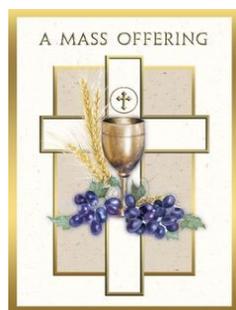
#### **Saturday, September 25**

4:00 pm – + Manuela Madrigal +

#### **Sunday, September 26**

8:30 am – People of the Parish

11:00 am – + Enos Edward Kerr +



## Altar Flowers Given

**September 19, 2021**

**By Evah L. Yanez  
For Thanksgiving**



We invite you to sponsor flower arrangements to adorn our Church altar for our weekend Mass celebrations. A flower arrangement may be offered to celebrate a



loved one, an anniversary, a special event or joyful occasion or as a memorial for your beloved deceased.

Altar flowers remind us of God's creation and the beauty of his handiwork. A Capuchin friar once said, "God has left us from Paradise three things: the stars, the flowers and the eyes of a child."

Please call the parish office at (281) 324-1478 and our office team will be able to assist you in finding a date. Please have a feast day or occasion date in mind when you call. Your date will be confirmed once payment is made. We are not able to reserve dates without payment. Payment can be made online, at our parish office M - F, 9 am - 1 pm, or mailed to the parish address. Please note "Altar Flowers" on any payment.

Celebrate God's creation and the beauty of his handiwork by adorning our altar!



## Pray For...

### **Graces, Strength and Healing**

Nancy Parker, Nick Jaramillo, Sammy and Mary Dennard, Tom and Kerri Jenkins,  
St. Philip Parishioners

### **For the repose of the soul of**

+ the Faithfully Departed +

## 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 News-

## Ways to Give to St. Philip

### **Traditional:**

- ◇ Place in the collection basket at Mass
- ◇ Mail your check to St. Philip (see p1)  
(Please call the parish office to receive envelopes.)

### **Online:**

- ◇ Set St. Philip as your Church on the My Parish app
  - ◇ Tap the "Giving" button
- ◇ Scan the QR Code with your Smartphone camera



# Parish Ministries Contact Information

**Pastor** - Rev. Richard E. Barker

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**Parish E-Mail:** parishoffice@stphilip.cc

**Parish Website:** www.stphiliphuffmantx.org

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## LITURGICAL

### Altar Servers

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### Children's Liturgy of the Word

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281-324-1478

### Communion to the Homebound

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### Adornment of Sanctuary

Disciples of Jesus and Mary  
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### Music Core Team

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(713) 419-8097

Valerie Sivil  
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### Usher Ministry

Gary Aldrich  
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(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  
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primetimers@stphilip.cc  
(832) 270-3385

### Rosemont Assisted Living

parishoffice@stphilip.cc  
(281) 324-1478

### Transitions Ministry

Susie Cleary  
scleary@stphilip.cc  
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## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

### Disciples of Jesus and Mary

#### Laity Spiritual Formation

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(713) 419-8097

### Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Face

**Prayer Group**  
Janet Hays  
(281) 852-3444

### Knights of Columbus

Ray Kessler, Grand Knight  
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### Women's Guild

Kathy O'Donnell  
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### Prayer Ministry

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

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### CCE Office

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