



St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street · Huffman TX 77336

Spirit and Truth Newsletter

September 26, 2021

Twenty-sixth 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 - 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

Jesus, Are You in There?

Yes, my child. I am always here waiting for your visit. Won't you come more often?

St. John Bosco stated "If a well-known and trustworthy person were to go to a public square and tell all the idlers loitering there that on a certain hill they would find a gold mine and could take all they wanted, do you think anyone would shrug his shoulders and say he did not care? They'd be dashing there as fast as they could!

Well, now, doesn't the tabernacle hold the most precious treasure ever to be found on earth or in heaven? Unfortunately, there are many who cannot see it because they are blind. Yet our faith unerringly tells us that endless riches are to be found there. People sweat and toil to make money, and yet, in the tabernacle dwells the Lord of the universe. He will grant you what you ask, if you really need it.

Isn't Our Lord Jesus Christ Lord and Master of all? Go to Him then. "Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you." [Matt. 7:7] Jesus longs to grant you favors, especially those you need for your soul.

***Nature's Evidence of the Real Presence* by Father Albert J. Byrne**

On the evening of the last day of his October 1995 visit to the United States, Pope John Paul II was scheduled to greet the seminarians at Saint Mary's Seminary in Baltimore. His plan was to first make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament. When his wishes were made known, security flew into action. They swept the building, paying close attention to the chapel where the Pope would be praying. For this purpose, highly trained dogs were used to detect any



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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. 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 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***

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.

All our CCE classes are off to a great start! It always add an extra joy to Sunday mornings when the hallway is full of laughing voices, getting ready to go into their classrooms. 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 are invited to attend Sunday mornings during 8:30 am Mass. We have had an amazing turnout the last couple of weeks and are always looking for new volunteers to join us. 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 Wednesday 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.

New Altar Server Training - Oct. 3, 10, 17 The 16th Generation

New Altar Server training is scheduled for 3 consecutive Sunday mornings (Oct 3, 10, 17) from 9:30 to 10:45 AM. Training will take place in the worship area and sanctuary.

Requirements: First Communion, 3rd grade.

Parents, your family must strongly support our Server Corp, most especially by your regular attendance at Saint Philip. Altar Servers serve weekly. Thus, they will grow and mature in their service.

Our high school acolytes will welcome the new servers and train them carefully in the service of the Mass. Moms and dads are invited to be present at every server training session.

We invite all young persons 3rd grade and up to join our Altar Server Corp and make St. Philip's Mass a welcoming experience as we worship the Most Holy Trinity. Over the years, we've watched many Altar Servers grow and mature into outstanding young Catholic men and women.

Mark your calendars for our fall training program. Pick up your registration forms in the sacristy after Sunday Mass and return them as soon as possible.

Sincerely in Christ,
Reverend Richard Barker
Pastor

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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 **this weekend** 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.

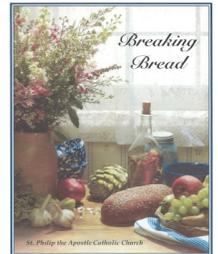
Catholic ladies enjoying some good food and friends. It is a great time to get acquainted with members of the Guild.

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.

Safe Environment training is required for participation in K of C. See p. 2. 4

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 try their great fare, now is the time!



Thank you for all your support!

Jesus, Are You in There?

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person who might be present.

The dogs are trained to locate survivors in collapsed buildings after earthquakes and other disasters. These highly intelligent and eager dogs quickly went through the halls, offices and classrooms and were then sent to the chapel. They went up and down the aisles, past the pews and finally into the side chapel where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved. Upon reaching the tabernacle, the dogs sniffed, whined, pointed, and refused to leave, their attention riveted on the tabernacle, until called by their handlers. They were convinced that they discovered someone



there. We Catholics know they were right—they found a real, living Person in the tabernacle!

Sincerely in Christ,
Marie Hohmann

Eighth and Ninth Grade CCE

During the second week of classes, Ms. Kristy and Ms. Maria's class got to learn a little more about each other by playing a spider web ice breaker. They asked each other questions while crisscrossing a roll of yarn back and forth. Even though their answers varied, they are still all connected by God's love.



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



Mass Intentions

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 +

Daily Masses

Monday, September 27

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, September 28

11:45 am - + Robert & Kathryn Dulan +

Wednesday, September 29

11:45 am - + Charles & Stella Dulan +

Thursday, September 30

11:45 am - No Daily Mass

Friday, October 1

11:45 am - + Edward and Agnes Fink +

Sunday Masses

Saturday, October 2

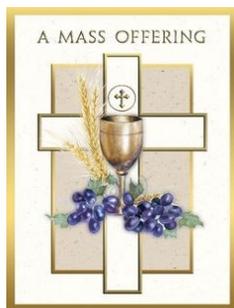
9:00 am - + Joann Cass +

4:00 pm – + Patsy Benoit +

Sunday, October 3

8:30 am – People of the Parish

11:00 am – Becky Hendricks



Altar Flowers Given

September 26, 2021
In Celebration of Cameron
By Jesse and Linda Araiza



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

Nick Jaramillo, 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-letter.

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

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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*

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(281) 360-9032

Prime Timers (55+)

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Transitions Ministry

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Disciples of Jesus and Mary

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Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Face

Prayer Group
Janet Hays
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Knights of Columbus

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Women's Guild

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Prayer Ministry

MyParish App - Prayers
Or email prayer requests to
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