



St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street · Huffman TX 77336

Spirit and Truth Newsletter

October 24, 2021

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Office

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Office Location

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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

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GALVESTON-HOUSTON

Caravan of the Kingdom

My dear parishioners, the principalities and powers of this world march by, indeed they trample over countless persons deemed to be expendable. Two words describe well “little ones” who are left behind in the global dust, even crushed and left for dead. They are *abused* and *forgotten*. To them Jesus opens his arms, saying, “See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.” [Mt 18:10]

The abused and forgotten are legion. A “little one” may be defined as a person radically in need of God. They are the blind, the unborn, the newly-born, the young and defenseless, the widow and orphan, the poor and weak, the sick and old. Though scorned by the world’s power brokers, not one of these little ones is forgotten by God. They are invited *first* -- by our Lord Jesus Christ himself -- to accept the gospel and receive adoption as children of our loving heavenly father.

Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, ever alert, rose up from his place on the roadside to greet Jesus as he passed by. What does his faithful vigil teach us? Several things, actually. All of us need healing in some way. Jesus will pass by when we least expect it. We know neither the hour or day. And when Jesus does pass by, he expects us, like Bartimaeus, to make a “great effort” to obtain the “very first grace”. [St. Therese of Lisieux] Indeed, we are to call out to the Savior with all our strength: “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” [Mk 10:47]

With heartfelt compassion, Our Lord placed himself in the beggar's hands, asking, “What do you want me to do for you?” [Mk 10:51] The blind man, respectfully addressing Jesus as master, implored, “Let me receive my sight.” [Mk 10:51] Bartimaeus’ personal and heartfelt request was granted. Jesus healed him.

To pray “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” is to glorify Jesus as the rightful heir to King David. It is to call the Lord *messiah* (Heb. savior). We glorify God most perfectly by embracing the little ones whom the world despises. What can the



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“MyParish” smartphone app



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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.

Attention All Liturgical Ministers Lay Readers and EOMs (Extraordinary Ministers)

We are preparing to return to our online minister scheduling. We look forward to resuming EOM scheduling soon. Please take this time to update your MSP (Ministry Scheduler Pro) online scheduler profile.

To update your profile and Mass preference, first open the MSP scheduler app or go to: <https://secure.rotundasoftware.com/l/web-terminal/my-profile?user=stphilip77336>. Log-in using your password (request new password if you forgot). Choose the **my profile** icon at the bottom of the screen. From there, choose your service preference (Mass time). Please also note **can't serve** dates while updating your profile.

Contact the parish office, see Fr. Barker after Mass, or contact Tim Logsdon at tlogsdon@stphilip.cc if you would like more information. *Safe Environment training is required for all Lay Ministers. See p. 2.*

We thank you again for saying "YES" to our Lord Jesus Christ and continuing to serve at the altar. 

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS UPDATES

Thank you to our golfers and
St. Philip supporters!

The Women's Guild, intrepid golfers, sponsors, and many volunteers helped to make our Annual Golf Tournament on October 16th a huge success!



The Knights of Columbus held their installation ceremony for their new officers. St. Philip is so appreciative to the Knights for all they do to support the parish.



Thank you to all the families that were able to attend a reception. Please continue to pray how we may make this campaign a success.



Children's Liturgy at St. Philip



St. Philip began a Children's Liturgy of the Word program last year. With the help of our dedicated team of volunteers, it became quickly successful. After taking a break for summer, we were glad to be able to welcome our team and children back.

Children's Liturgy of the Word takes place during the 8:30 am Mass. Fr. Barker invites all the children to the altar where they receive their Children's Liturgy book and process out. This important ministry invites children to participate in Sunday worship and hear a reflection at an age appropriate level. The children then participate in activities that bring the Gospel to life for them. It is always a treat to hear their take-away of the lessons they have learned!



Thinking about volunteering?
For more information, contact Jessica at jmarrs7@hotmail.com
All lessons and materials needed are provided.
We would love to have you join our team!

New Altar Server Training - The 16th Generation

Fr. Barker, along with the acolytes, spoke to all CCE classes who were eligible to take part in altar server training. There were some very excited students to finally have their turn to serve God during the Holy Mass.

Led by the acolyte team, training has been successful the last 2 Sundays. This new generation of acolytes and altar servers had been anticipating their turn to be "big kids" and begin their service.



St. Philip's Women's Guild



We recently had our membership drive. We have new members and returning members who have joined our awesome group. Of course if you missed the membership drive you can join at any time by contacting me or any member of the guild. As a member you will receive an email each month to keep you informed on what we are doing.



We had a nice turn-out for the second meeting of the 2021 - 2022 year, held on October 13th. Our meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesdays of the month. You are welcome to join at anytime. Our October luncheon will be on October 26 at Hacienda Palomas in Kingwood. Make plans to join us and bring a friend!



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.

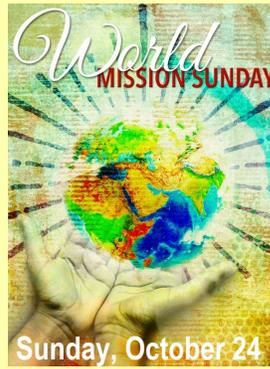
For more information, contact Ray and Deb Kessler rdkessler@stphilip.cc

Safe Environment training is required for participation in JCF
See p. 2.

OCTOBER COAT DRIVE

October 23, 24 and 30, 31

- ◇ Benefitting Huffman ISD children
- ◇ All sizes
- ◇ Gently used coats, new coats, hoodies, jackets
- ◇ Sponsored by Journey in the Catholic Faith (JCF) and St. Philip Knights of Columbus
- ◇ Collection box in the vestibule



In 1926 Pope Pius XI instituted Mission Sunday for the whole Church with the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection taking place in October 1927. The Mission Sunday collection is always taken on the next to last Sunday during the month of October.

That day is celebrated in all the local Churches as the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over will recognize their common responsibility with regard to the evangelization of the world.

Ways to Give to St. Philip

Traditional:

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

Online:

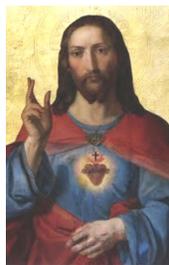
- ◇ Set St. Philip as your Church on the My Parish app
 - ◇ Tap the "Giving" button
 - ◇ Scan the QR Code with your Smartphone camera



Passionist Brothers' Men's Retreat

Portrait of Christ: Encountering the Truth

October 29 - 31, 2021



An examination of the Catholic understanding of both Truth and encounter will serve as a foundation to explore encounters with Truth that realize a growth in relationship with God and a better understanding of one's Christian duty of living, preaching and witnessing

the Truth as did St. Paul the Apostle and St. Paul of the Cross.

For more information, contact Kevin McMahan at 713-449-1411. To register online, visit <https://holynameretreatcenter.com/catholic-retreats/>

Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center exists to provide hospitality, healing, compassion, and opportunities for spiritual growth for all people.



Caravan of the Kingdom

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abused and forgotten do for us? They help us see how God comes to our rescue. And there is more. The poor alert us to rise up. *The “caravan of the kingdom” is passing by. Come along before it is too late!*

The poor know very well what the world thinks. They know that the proud, mighty and rich care little for them. Note that Jesus does not exalt the suffering he intends to take away. He goes to the poor because their poverty has prepared them to accept the gospel. He does not intended that a single one should perish. In Our Lord’s eyes, “little ones” and “neighbor” mean the same thing. Hence, the Great Commandment of loving God and neighbor is discovered in these words, “Whoever receives this child in my name receives me” [Lk 9:48] and “he

who is least among you all is the one who is great.” [Lk 9:48]

True blindness is in the man who shuts his “eyes of faith”. Such affliction is wholly unnatural and without meaning. Nevertheless, whether one's blindness is a matter of the eyes or the soul, Our Lord is drawn to all who suffer. Our Lord restored the beggar's sight. He teaches Bartimaeus that faith and healing are inseparable in the Kingdom of God: “Your *faith* has made you well.” [Mk 10:52]

Liberated from frailty, what did Bartimaeus do with his new freedom? He rejoiced in God his savior. Sincerely in the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Your pastor, Reverend Richard Barker.

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**Give Thanks, Give Food, Give Love,
Give from the heart!**

Suggested donations:

Canned yams	Marshmallows	Can corn
Canned green beans	Boxes of stuffing	Package gravy
Box instant potatoes	Bag of rice or beans	Box dry milk
Corn bread mix	Cake mix	Tub of frosting
Candy sprinkles	Candy corn or mints	Jello mix
Fruit cocktail or mixed fruit	Cranberry sauce or jelly	Canned sweet potatoes

Mass Intentions

Sunday Masses

Saturday, October 23

4:00 pm – + Anna Snyder +

Sunday, October 24

8:30 am – People of the Parish

11:00 am – Natalie Hendricks

Daily Masses

Monday, October 25

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, October 26

11:45 am - + George Chenoweth, Sr. +

Wednesday, October 27

11:45 am - + Fred and Katharine Miller +

Thursday, October 28

11:45 am - Le Family

Friday, October 29

11:45 am - Teodora Rodriguez

Sunday Masses

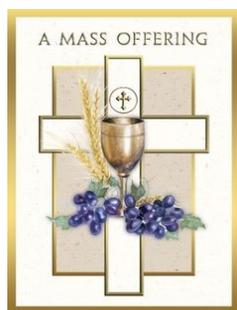
Saturday, October 30

4:00 pm – Kristina Boyd

Sunday, October 31

8:30 am – + William Ray Hohmann +

11:00 am – People of the Parish



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**

To stay in compliance with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, EVERY member of EVERY ministry should NOW have training in the diocese's Safe Environment program.

A link and directions can be found by clicking the "Safe Environment Training" button on our St. Philip homepage or using the link <https://www.archgh.org/offices-ministries/office-of-child-and-youth-protection/safe-environment-training-for-adults/>

Please contact André Taylor, ataylor@stphilip.cc for questions or assistance.



Pray For...

Graces, Strength and Healing

Mariellen Rose, Roy Clare,
Carol Asher, Roy Clare, Nancy Parker

For the repose of the soul of

+ Joe de Prado, Jr. and the

Faithfully Departed +

Altar Flowers Given

October 31, 2021

In Memory of Ruby Keng

By Bea and Greg Keng



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.

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.

Parish Ministries Contact Information

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Parish E-Mail: parishoffice@stphilip.cc

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Children's Liturgy of the Word

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Valerie Sivil
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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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Transitions Ministry

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SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Disciples of Jesus and Mary

Laity Spiritual Formation

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Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Face

Prayer Group
Janet Hays
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Knights of Columbus

Ray Kessler, Grand Knight
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Women's Guild

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Prayer Ministry

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Journey in the Catholic Faith

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