



# St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

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## Spirit and Truth Newsletter

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Second Sunday of Lent

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### Pastor

Rev. Richard Barker

### Mass Times

#### Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm  
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 am  
Sunday: 8:30 am  
Children's Liturgy

#### Daily Mass

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

#### Mary's Blessing Ministry

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

#### Reconciliation

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

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## Snapshot: Window of Receptivity

Most zebra births take place during rainy months when food is plentiful and herds pause their migrations. Zebra females about to birth depart the herd to locate a sheltered place in taller, thicker vegetation. The many harems of a migratory zebra herd typically graze a short distance away. When curious adults, including the harem stallion, approach a mother and her newborn foal, she becomes alarmed. The mare quickly blocks her baby from viewing the visitor's stripes. This task can be exhausting.



For a chance at life, a foal must imprint its mother's stripe pattern in its brain with invincible accuracy. There is no time to waste. The baby's window of receptivity closes within two or three days. Nor is there room for error. Hanging over all zebra births is the reality that 20 or more harems comprising a single herd cannot remain stationary for long. If stripe imprinting is interrupted, a foal is unable to mingle freely in a large migrating herd or cling to its mother in dangerous moments. Harems ostracize a confused and disoriented foal, rebuffing its cries. Wandering helplessly, the infant quickly succumbs to starvation or attack by predators.

Nature's law of survival is relentlessly efficient, and apart from random luck, demands invincible accuracy. Human beings pondering the desperate urgency of the bonding imperative may see it as a cruel lottery. Nevertheless, a certain inevitability—one may call it perspective—asserts itself. Nature's ecological machinery is inexorable. It is what it is. Nevertheless, the reality is that most zebra foals mature successfully to master the dramatic imperatives—food, survival and procreation. It's not unreasonable to think that the phenomenon of zebra stripe imprinting shines a light on the vital necessity of meaningful and enduring social bonds between human beings, especially familial bonds shared by parents and their children. Father Barker +++

### The Parishioners' Pen Series - "Out and About"

Want to contribute an article? Contact Tim Logsdon, [tlogsdon@stphilip.cc](mailto:tlogsdon@stphilip.cc)



Mercifully, COVID is waning as we return to (more or less) normal lives. In the days of lock-down, livestream Masses, and washing our blueberries, I recall ZOOM meetings and phone calls with friends. I commented that "one positive is that, while quarantining at home, there were far fewer distractions and temptations to grievous sin."

Well, now **we are out and about** where we again deal with impatient drivers, distractions, and situations, leading to our minds wandering as our hearts drift into temptation. Jesus gave us needed support: "Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." [Mt 10:16] On the other hand, seeing everyone again, as we become reacquainted with our family and friends, we share love, peace, and joy. Be safe as you are *Out and About* but rejoice and be thankful returning to our normal lives. Tim Logsdon



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

When our patron saint, Philip the Apostle, invited a friend to meet Jesus, he said simply, *Come and see*. [Jn 1:46] This is our welcome to you. Come and see our faith family!

We invite all the people of our parish, our visitors and 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).

### St. Philip Ministry News

*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]*  
**Ministry meetings held at St. Philip Parish Hall or classrooms. (Contacts: pick-up flyer at church entrance)**

#### Knights of Columbus Council 9794

Meetings on the 3rd Thursdays, 6:30pm. It has never been easier to join!



**Friday Fish Fry Dinner** Thanks to all who supported our March 11 Friday Fish Fry dinner! Our next dinner is scheduled for [April 1](#) following Mass and Stations of the Cross. Cost is \$8.00 adults; \$ 4.00 children. Join us!

**Children's Liturgy Program** St. Philip 8:30 Sunday Mass; special liturgy participation and discussion.

**Mary's Blessings Ministry** Members are preparing to celebrate another year serving the poor in the Huffman area. Coming soon: supporting projects/ donation drives.

**The Women's Guild** The next luncheon is March 22 at 1pm at the Ginger Cafe in Atascocita. Our next regular meeting is April 12 at 10am at the church.

**St. Philip Choir** Come and sing for the Lord; ability to read music is not a prerequisite. Talk to us after Mass!

**Confirmation Ministry** Our students had a successful retreat. The weekend was chilly, but so much fun was had! It was a special time to grow and form bonds while deepening their faith.

**St. Philip Youth Group** Our SPY group had the pleasure of serving the greater Houston community last weekend at the Beacon House. The kids came back with an appreciation for the support the center gives the homeless in our community and learned that it is much more than just a meal.

**Journey in the Catholic Faith (JCF)** The group meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. We will meet on March 16 at 7 pm. See p. 3 for our special Lenten series.

**Liturgical Ministers** Join our team of Eucharistic Ministers (EOM) and Lay Readers. Call the parish office, or consult *St. Philip Ministry Contacts* if you would like more information.

**Altar Servers** See Father Barker after Mass to learn more about this great opportunity to serve our Parish.

**Usher Ministry** Talk with a St. Philip usher before or after Mass to learn more about our amazing ministry that supports our St. Philip liturgy.

*Safe Environment training is required for participation in St. Philip ministries. Contact the Parish office for information.*

**Mourn in Sorrow**  
shall be comforted

**Do you need more information on any of our Spirit and Truth articles?**

Our parish website includes additional Spirit and Truth newsletter information. We regularly update our ministry pages with current information/events.

## Mass Intentions

### Sunday Masses

**Saturday, March 12**

4:00 pm - People of the Parish

**Sunday, March 13**

8:30 am – People of the Parish

11:00 am – People of the Parish

**Sunday and Daily Mass intentions are mentioned at every St. Philip Liturgy celebration.**



## Altar Flowers Given

Flowers are used to beautify our altar and to celebrate a loved one, anniversary, special event of joyful occasion, or as a memorial.

Call the parish office at (281) 324-1478 to schedule a date.



## Pray For . . .

### Graces, Strength and Healing

Eric Jaramillo, Parishioners in need

### For the repose of the soul of

The Faithfully Departed

Use our website "prayer request button" or call the office to be added to the "Pray For . . ." list.

## Lenten Schedule of Activities

### Journey in the Catholic Faith Lenten Reflection:

#### The Mysteries of the Rosary

Please make plans to attend our **WEEKLY** discussions during Lent.

The schedule and focus will be:

March 9- The Joyful Mysteries

**March 16- The Luminous Mysteries**

**March 23- The Sorrowful Mysteries**

**March 30- The Glorious Mysteries**

### Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday during Lent for the Stations of the Cross. Mass will begin at 6:30 pm, followed by Stations of the Cross.

There will be no 11:45 am Mass on Fridays during Lent.

*Please note that there are NO Masses Friday, March 25.*

### Friday Fish Fry

The Knights of Columbus will host a Lenten Fish Fry on April 1 following 6:30 pm Mass and Stations.

Join your fellow parishioners for an evening of good food and fellowship!

Price for the dinner is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children.

## Notice: Mass Intentions

The Mass is our greatest and most powerful prayer. The fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption.

We are encouraged to have Mass offered for loved ones, both living and deceased.

**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.**

Stop by the office or give us a call. We will help you!

## Important Mass Updates

Father Barker will be out of the office from March 21- March 25 (back for confessions March 26).

There will be **NO DAILY MASS THESE DAYS.**

Stations of the Cross and Mass will not take place on March 25.

Father Barker will not be available on the following Thursdays: March 31, April 28, and May 26.

The parish office will be open Monday - Friday; 9 am - 1 pm.

Thank you for your consideration.

## St. Philip Parish Ministries Contact Information

Information about St. Philip Ministries is available on the information table near the entrance doors.

See page 2 for current Ministry meetings/events.

## Catholic Corner

72,859 at NRG Rodeo Honkey-Tonk concert.

We had more fun at the Friday K of C Fish Fry!