



St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street Huffman TX 77336

March 27, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Laetare Sunday

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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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Parishioners Pen: The Rosary, History, and Use

The Rosary is such a common part of our Catholic life, do we really know anything about it? The early monks recited the Psalms each day, but most people could not read so they recited 150 Our Fathers for the 150 Psalms. They kept track by using pebbles or beads.

The Rosary came about in the Middle Ages, 12th–15th centuries. Many believe that the Rosary was given to Saint Dominic in a vision of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The practice of meditation during the praying of the Hail Mary's was attributed to him, a Carthusian monk. Christian sailors joined Pope Pius V in praying the Most Holy Rosary and defeated a much larger Turkish force at the Battle of Lepanto in 1571. The battle was a turning point in repelling the Turkish invasions of Europe. To remember the battle and Our Lady's intercession, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary was established on October 7th. The most recent revision to the Rosary was in 2002, when Pope John Paul II introduced the Luminous Mysteries to fill out the life of Jesus within the Rosary.



The angel Gabriel's greeting to Mary "Hail Mary, full of grace" fashioned the prayer. The Rosary is a biblical prayer which uses scripture verses for meditation during each mystery. The Joyful mysteries speak about the coming of our Lord into our world. The Luminous his public life. The Sorrowful his passion and death. Finally, the Glorious depict Christ's triumph over death. The inclusion of the six prayers in the Rosary evolved through the centuries.

We Catholics instinctively turn to the Rosary in times of crises, in the midst of personal and even public tragedies. During Lent we pray the Stations of the Cross which are included in the Sorrowful mysteries of the Rosary. The rosary assists us in growing in a deeper appreciation of these mysteries, in uniting our life more closely to our Lord. We also ask for the prayers of our Blessed Mother, who leads all believers to her Son. Marie Hohmann

"The rosary is a long chain that links heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other end is in the hands of the Holy Virgin." St. Therese of Lisieux.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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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.

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!

Coming Soon! Knights of Columbus scholarship details.

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 Our next regular meeting is April 12 at 10am at the church. The next luncheon will be at Pesos Mexican restaurant on April 26 at 1pm in Crosby.

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

Confirmation Ministry Students are continuing to prepare for their Confirmation by completing their service project.

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 30 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.

Blessed are the Merciful
They shall Obtain Mercy

What is Laetare Sunday? The fourth Sunday of Lent



Laetare means to rejoice

The day takes its name from the opening words of today's Mass:
"Laetare, Jerusalem"
"Rejoice, O Jerusalem"

Mass Intentions

Sunday Masses

Saturday, March 26

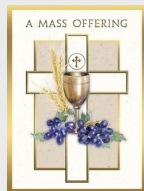
4:00 pm - + Judy Ponson +

Sunday, March 27

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

In Memory of Gina Goycolea



Given by Monica Fontenot

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



Pray For . . .

Graces, Strength and Healing

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

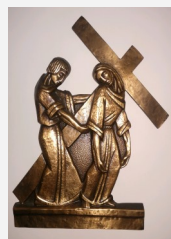
March 23- The Sorrowful Mysteries

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.



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.

Holy Week Schedule



Holy Thursday—Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 14

7:00 pm

Good Friday—Passion of the Lord, April 15

3:00 pm

Holy Saturday—The Easter Vigil, April 16

8:30 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17

8:30 am

11:00 am

Important Mass Updates

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.

Fellowship



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

Start with Jesus.

Stay with Jesus.

End with Jesus.