



St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street Huffman TX 77336

Spirit and Truth Newsletter

May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

Snapshots: Rainbow Trout

I loved to fish on my dad's ranch in the San Luis Valley a few miles south of Del Norte, Colorado. Working a fast-flowing snow-fed Colorado stream was my joy. The ranch meant chores, cattle and hay work, lots of it, and a teenage boy like me ached to slip away in the afternoons to stalk Frisco Creek's banks. Sweet mountain meadows perfumed by alfalfa and timothy hay and clover. Crisp mountain air. Crystal clear, cold mountain water. Fresh-caught slippery rainbow trout.



Though Frisco Creek was wide and deep in many places, trekking it was a bit rough even for an energetic boy. For one thing, reaching the stream meant a lot of high-stepping through hay meadows and ground scrub. For another, the tangled trees and brush prevented any trout-lover from casually moseying along the creek bank.

There was a silver lining. The dense overgrowth and babbling water made it harder for fish to see, smell or feel me getting in close. A deep pool fed by water splashing over rocks and debris from higher up makes a prime fishing spot. With a short rod and reel, I'd bait my hook with a grasshopper, lay out my line and lock my reel. Rainbow crave grasshoppers. After mere seconds, a strike, the hook, then a close-hauled fight. After landing one or two sizable fish, time to move further up.

I kept my catch alive by dropping my stringer in the creek and tying it off. When I caught about 7 or 8 trout, I aimed for home through the hay fields and along fence lines. By the time I threw open the kitchen screen door, the fish were dead. Or so they appeared. Cold mountain tap water quickly revived them. Half the fun was snatching them out of the churning sink to gut them for pan-frying. My gosh, fresh rainbow make a fine supper. And perfect boyhood memories. Father Barker +++



Parishioners Pen: Hope for Today and Tomorrow

No more fear, for the Son arrived **Easter Sunday!** May we be blessed with joy and hope today, tomorrow, and every day. A recent inspiration of joy and hope came from our 11 year-old grandson, who participated in an all-child cast for the play, *Annie*. His role was President F.D. Roosevelt.



In the play, USA was still reeling from fears of the Great Depression and was amid WWII's escalation fears. After the famous "You have nothing to fear but fear itself" speech, FDR added the importance of hope: "**We have always held to the hope**, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon." Through orphan Annie's optimism, the resolute FDR, curmudgeon Daddy Warbucks, FDR's political ally who adopted Annie, and Mrs. Hannigan, the cantankerous orphanage director, all were inspired to join in singing *Tomorrow, the sun will come out tomorrow. It's just a day away!*

Yes. Fear's anxieties are displaced with hope. We can embrace tomorrow knowing that *Jesus is always at my side*. Sure, we will have fears; but we rely on hope. The sun (Son) will come out tomorrow, and tomorrow is just a day away! Tim Logsdon

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

St. Philip Family Picnic, Sunday May 22 (P3)

Festivities begin **after our 11:00 Mass.**

Mark calendars! Post on 'fridge'!

The Knights will be grilling burgers and hot dogs.

Join ALL parishioners for fun, food, and fellowship.

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 Guild had a line dance class before the April meeting. It was lots of fun and we will have this again in the Fall. Our next meeting is May 10 at 10 am.

St. Philip CCE (Upcoming Dates)

- Vacation Bible School, Volunteer Meeting: May 4 @ 7:00 pm
- Vacation Bible School, Decorating Days: June 8 - 10 @ 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Vacation Bible School Program: June 13 - 17 @ 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
- AYC, Archdiocesan Youth Conference: July 29 – July 31
- Registration for CCE and VBS is open! See links on website

First Sacraments Class Congratulations to our First Communicants at this Sunday's **May 1, 11:00 am Mass!**

Confirmation Ministry ALL Confirmation students need to submit a newly issued Baptismal Certificate (this comes from the Church where your child was baptized) to the Parish Office. If your child was baptized at St. Philip or you need any assistance, please call the office at 281-324-1478.

Journey in the Catholic Faith (JCF) Join us on May 11! Next monthly meetings are on May 25, June 8 and 22. We will use the Emmaus Journey Reflection. All meetings at 7pm.

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.

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

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

Today's **REFLECTION** [Beatitudes]

Persecuted in My Name
They shall inherit the Earth



For the young and young at heart, you can now find pictures and information about St. Philip on Instagram! We can be found by searching **stphiliptheapostlecc**. The content will be the same as our Facebook page and website so choose your favorite way to stay connected.

Mass Intentions

Sunday Masses

Saturday, April 30

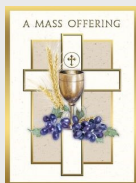
4:00 pm - + Jimmy Fontenot Sr. +

Sunday, May 1

8:30 am – People of the Parish

11:00 am – First Communion Mass

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 or joyful occasion, or as a memorial.

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



Pray For . . .

Graces, Strength and Healing

Janice Lamb,
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.

Mass Updates

Father Barker will not be available on Thursday, May 26.

Our regular office hours: Mon - Fri;
9 am - 1 pm.

Proper Mass Etiquette

The worship area should **be quiet** for those who remain for prayer. Be reverent. No bottled water, soda, food, candy, or gum permitted in Mass.

Please remain in Mass until the closing hymn is finished; then Mass has ended.

Dress Standard for All Masses

Men/Young Men/Boys: Shirts and pants.

Women/Young Women/Girls: Modest Dresses, Coordinated Ensembles, Shirt/Blouses with Pants. **Not proper:** flip-flops, shorts/cutoffs, t-shirts/tank tops, and revealing clothing.

Office Bookkeeper Needed

Saint Philip parish seeks a bookkeeper for our parish office. Workdays are Tues. thru Thursday. Hours are 9 AM to 1 PM. Attributes required are being dependable, confidential, welcoming, a problem-solver and personable.

General skills required are good communications, organization, filing, office computer and equipment, software and phone.

Professional skills required are general bookkeeping, processing payroll, recording deposits, paying bills, cutting checks, reconciling accounts, generating financial reports, compliance with audit standards, occasional projects and other assigned duties.

Please direct your inquiries and resume to: Father Richard Barker, pastor@stphilip.cc. We look forward to hearing from you.

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.



SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY, MAY 22

12PM - 4PM

**PARISH
PICNIC**

Hamburgers, hotdogs, sides, and desserts.
Bounce houses, music, and games.
Come join the fun!



ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Catholic Corner

Try these four letter words:

**Love Pray Hope Give Pure Seek
Amen**