



St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

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Spirit and Truth Newsletter

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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: A Weekend Retreat Told In Four Minutes

Need quiet time? Need time to regroup and recalibrate? Several St. Philip men enjoyed a priest, deacon, Pastoral Associate, and each other at Holy Name Passionist retreat's *Rise Up in Christ's Love: Generations in Action* – a perfect setting for becoming a better son, dad, or grandpa. We were reminded that priests are pastors of our *spiritual* church. Dads and moms are the pastors of the *domestic* church. The Chapel and Dining Hall (my favorite venues) anchor ends of the beautiful retreat campus. The Mass and kitchen table meals anchor our faith.



An *Aha!* was hearing that *the Jesus our children see is the Jesus in us. Ouch.* Most retreatants shared some regrets in our parenting-past and cited spouses or siblings who have drifted from their faith. Were we always Catholic gentlemen? Could we have made a difference by righteous example? We were reassured that *God does not call the perfect. . . but perfects the call.*

In other words, regrets are so *yesterday*; we can improve. . . but how? *Share, Show, Sanctify* was our retreat theme. Share – stories and participate; Show – lead by example; and Sanctify – pray together. For starters, dine together as a family, encouraging all to tell stories, enjoying everyone's company (spiritual pastors lead banquets at Mass). When needing guidance, repeat often: *God. I turn this over to you.* Let Christ's love be the motivating force (not me). Bite your tongue: listen! Love is best shared by deeds. Read the Bible. Pray the Rosary. Be patient (another *ouch*). Go to Confession regularly.

So, what were retreat highlights? **Curiously**, many of us hoped to *take off the old and put on the new* [cf. Eph 4:22-24], looking for "quick fix" solutions for eternal salvation. But, no. We are reminded that the greater the cross, the *greater the reward*, and that Jesus is ALWAYS there for us. **Humorously**, Fr. Divine's whimsical *Parable of the Toboggan* spun a tale of a festive wedding and over-zealous relatives gone wrong, resulting in a runaway toboggan (of all things). Of course, Jesus intervenes to keep all safe. The toboggan careens towards the family garage. Jesus saves the day. The door opens. The toboggan is cradled to a safe stop by a stack of Uniroyal tires! (Details omitted but you get the picture.) **Reverently**, like-minded men prayed and sang psalms at Masses. We participated in *Examin* prayers before Reconciliation Service. A Benediction Service preceded an optional all-night adoration opportunity. Envision an hour with Jesus in an almost-empty church, enjoying the lingering incense aroma from the Benediction. We could adore Jesus, showcased in the beautiful monstrance! Conversations with Jesus may have begun with *Hi Jesus! I've had a wonderful day. What's on your mind tonight?*

At Sunday's Mass conclusion, Fr. Nicholas Divine gave our weekly challenge: *Arise, for it is your task, and we are with you; be strong and do it.* [Ezra 10:4] He said the retreat was not an ending, but just a beginning. Now it is up to all of us here at St. Philip to rise up – sharing, showing, and sanctifying by example through our families and daily lives. It is fitting to end with Fr. Divine's message we heard dozens of times at the beginning and end of every church and seminar scheduled event: *Praise be to Jesus Christ! May the love of God be with you, and with your spirit!* See you at next year's retreat? Tim Logsdon



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Mass Intentions

Sunday Masses

Saturday, November 12

4:00 pm - People of the Parish

Sunday, November 13

8:30 am - + Ron Williams +

11:00 am - People of the Parish

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

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.

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

Matthew Chacon, Gil Bazan, Jr.,
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.

Parish Schedule Updates

See page one for Mass times and Office hours.

Please note, Fr. Barker will be out of the office on the following dates:

- † December 9, Friday
- † December 15, Thursday

Ways to Give to St. Philip



Place in the
collection basket
at Mass.

Mail your check to:

St. Philip the Apostle
PO Box 2363
Huffman, TX 77336

Use our mailing address to set St. Philip the Apostle as a vendor in your bank's online bill pay.

Scan
code:



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 so check it out!

Christmas for Huffman Children

Would you like to bring Christmas joy to Huffman children?

The family names are provided to us by the counselors at the elementary schools and are available to anyone in the parish who would like to provide Christmas for these children who may not have one without your caring assistance.

If you or several friends would like to sponsor a family we will give you options as to how large a family you want to assist. We ask that you contact the family and either purchase gifts or gift cards, and deliver the gifts to them. The school counselors may be able to deliver for you. You will receive all the information you will need and we are available if you have any questions.

The gifts must be delivered before December 16th so that any delivery problems can be solved while school is still in session. Please contact Sammy or Mary Dennard at 432-267-5459, and God bless you for reaching out to those in need.



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. Learn more about joining our St. Philip parish by contacting 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. Watch Ministry News for the next KofC event. Thanks to all of our new members who participated in our recent membership drives.

Children's Liturgy Program Sundays at the 8:30 am Mass. We follow the CCE Calendar (dates can be found on our parish ministries calendar. Any parishioners who may be interested in getting involved, please contact Jessica, jmarrs7@hotmail.com.

Mary's Blessings Ministry Thanks to all parishioners for supporting the Thanksgiving Food Drive (p3). See the *Christmas for Huffman Children* article on p2, and reply with your Application/Volunteer form on this week's *Spirit and Truth* insert flyer. Call 432-267-5459 for information.

The Women's Guild Meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 10 am.

St. Philip CCE Classes are in full swing! Registration is on-going on the St Philip website.

Liturgical Ministers Please join our team of lay readers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EOMs). You will be happy you did! Please contact Tim Logsdon, tlogsdon@stphilip.cc

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

Primetimers (over 55 always welcome!) Harris County precinct 3 provides our buses at the May Community Center in Huffman. Keep checking Ministry News for our next outing.

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.

Ministers to the Homebound Please contact Kathy O'Donnell, kod333@comcast.net for more information about homebound ministry training and how to begin bringing Communion to the homebound.

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

Join a St. Philip Ministry Today!
You will be happy you did!

Safe Environment Training

Compliance with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston requires EVERY member of EVERY ministry complete the diocese's Safe Environment program.



Use the following link to complete or renew training <https://www.archgh.org/offices-ministries/office-of-child-and-youth-protection/safe-environment-training-for-adults/>

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

Mary's Blessings Thanksgiving Food Drive

Thank You! St. Philip has such caring parishioners. Thank you for all the food you delivered to the Huffman Food Pantry this Thanksgiving. The pantry will be able to deliver much needed nourishment to many families in need.

