



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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Knights of Columbus Christmas Party!



On December 3rd, over forty KofC members, spouses, and friends, rejoiced with laughter, great food, and Christmas cheer.

Diana and GK Frank Campisi again hosted the evening in their Christmas-themed home, inspiring festivity in every room. Remember entertainer Dave Pipkin from our *St. Philip Summer Picnic*? His song list included Christmas favorites and encore rock 'n roll and country tunes. What joy to share again the gift of music at Christmas! Becoming a tradition, a highlight was a chorus line of TX two-step dancing. (Check-out our St. Philip website for more photos.)

The KofC Council brothers look forward to our 2023 charity projects and encourage all St. Philip men to join us!



Parishioners Pen: Hail Holy Queen . .

Our life, our sweetness, and our hope. Mary is the *life* the Father chose to bring us his Son. Mary's *sweetness* acknowledges her as kind and merciful. *Hope* expects something positive, cherishes this desire with anticipation, and trusts humbly in God's graces. This is exactly how (and why) Mary's YES to Angel Gabriel's *the Lord is with you* was met with our handmaid's reply . . *let it be to me according to your word.* [Luke 1:38]



It is awesome to see Mary's light shine. As today, Mary's *Advent* prepared for what was to come – joyful expectation for Jesus, our Light and Savior. Her Advent, however, did not have any super-sales or tinsel. Instead, we praise her trip to Judah, visiting her cousin, Elizabeth, also expecting a child. With Mary's *Hi Elizabeth!* greeting, Elizabeth's baby (John the Baptist) leapt for joy in her womb as Elizabeth proclaimed *blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.* Their joy for that day's humble, expectant role anticipated birth's miracle of hope and joy.

We thank and praise God for past graces, and work today in hope that tomorrow's petitions are granted. This week's prayer trusts in God, because there is **hope** . . *Pray For Us, O Holy Mother of God, That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.* Tim Logsdon



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Mass Intentions

Sunday Masses

Saturday, December 17

4:00 pm - + Jerome Ledesma +

Sunday, December 18

8:30 am - + Jaime Marrs +

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 donated by Austin and Jessica Schneider
In Memory of Jaime Marrs

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
Faithful Departed

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

FATHER BARKER'S FAVORITE DESSERT

Dear parish families, my mother Maurine Adele Ritchey baked Gumdrop Cookies, my favorite dessert of all time! This special recipe has come down in my family since the 19th century. Gumdrop Cookies are extraordinarily delicious, and their mouth-watering aroma made my mother's kitchen the most lovely place in the whole wide world. My siblings and I always looked forward to the Queen of the West baking them during the holidays. Decades passed since I savored these wonderful cookies. By the way, gumdrops were "invented" in 1801 by a fellow named Percy Trusdale. And for two or three generations, young men called their sweethearts "Gumdrop." Many blessings to you and good cooking! Sincerely, Father Richard Barker.

GUM DROP SHEET PAN COOKIES

To Start:

4 eggs beaten light with 2 tbsp water, and mixed well with:

2 cups brown sugar and

1 tsp vanilla

Add in Sifted Dry Ingredients:

2 cups flour

1/4 tsp salt

1 tsp cinnamon

Stir In:

1/2 to 3/4 cups pecan pieces

1 cup orange slice candies or gum drops cut in small pieces

Bake 25 minutes @ pre-heated 350° in 9" x 13" pan

Cut in squares

*Happy Birthday,
Fr. Barker!*



Christmas Mass Schedule

Tues, Dec 20 - Fri, Dec. 23 11:45 am Daily Mass

**Sat, Dec 24 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Vigil
(No Confessions)**

**Sun, Dec 25 8:30 am Christmas Day Mass
11:00 am Christmas Day Mass**

Mon, Dec 26 No Daily Mass

Tues, Dec 27 No Daily Mass

Fri, Dec 30 11:45 am Holy Family Mass

**Sat, Dec 31 4:00 pm Mary, Mother of God Vigil
(Confessions 3pm-3:30 pm)**

**Sun, Jan 1 8:30 am Mary, Mother of God
11:00 am Mary Mother of God**

Parish Office Schedule Updates

There will be no daily Mass and the parish office will be closed on the following dates:

+ Monday, December 26 - Tuesday, December 27

+ January 2, 2023

Prepare, and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

† A New Beginning: find mercy and healing.

† Absolute Forgiveness: be absolved from sins, instantly and completely.

† Graces: have sins forgiven, AND receive Graces every time you go to Confession.



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. **See “Gumbo Day” details on p3.**

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 Thank you to all who are helping to provide Huffman children with a nice Christmas!

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!

Prime Timer (over 55 always welcome!) Save the date for a Prime Timer Co-Cathedral outing January 6, 2023
leaving from St. Philip parking lot at 10:30 am on a Precinct 3 “luxury” bus. We will be eating lunch at Pappas B-B-Q.
Details: Attend Noon Mass followed by an organ concert at the Co-Cathedral. We will have lunch following the concert and return to St. Philip about 3:30 pm. Please sign up for this trip by calling Sammy or Mary Dennard **432-267-5459.**

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.

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.

**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!

SAVE THE DATE: GUMBO DAY

(jars of chicken & sausage gumbo)
To be (skillfully) prepared by our Knights of Columbus on Saturday, January 7.

Available after all Masses: January 7-8, 2023.

Knights of Columbus Earn Star Award

The Star Award is earned for outstanding achievement in membership, insurance, and service program activities. Ray Kessler receiving the Star Council Award for KofC 9794, year 2022, from District Deputy Bob Schmidt

