



# St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street Huffman TX 77336

## Spirit and Truth Newsletter

January 1, 2023

Mary, Holy Mother of God

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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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### *Parishioners Pen: Artificial. Intelligence?*

Artificial intelligence (AI) is the simulation of human intelligence by computer programmers to generate responses based on text/voice/sensor inputs. Most of us Google it . . . to seek information on almost any topic. We even say "Hey, Siri . . ." or "Hey Alexa . . ." for recipes, weather reports, music, or whatever is on our minds. Our teen young adults can inform us that these apps are *Chatbots* (talking robots). Self-driving cars use AI and GPS navigation aids to observe other cars' speed and direction to "read the road" and adjust steering, braking, and accelerating as needed.

Why do we need to understand how AI could affect growth in our Catholic Faith? We have plenty of Bibles and even Catholic websites for Scripture study. Rather than reading entire books or articles on a single passage, software programs allow us to search "keywords" to make our reflections more effective and efficient.

The July 24, 2022 *Spirit and Truth* article "Sales Pitch" outlined the University of Michigan's online AI Bible search tool [quod.lib.umich.edu/r/rsv/simple.html](http://quod.lib.umich.edu/r/rsv/simple.html). St. Philip uses this site for all Scripture references. Another AI Bible search tool is Open Bible [openbible.info/topics/](http://openbible.info/topics/). It searches the Internet for ANY phrase or topic that you input. Then, BOOM, it shows relevant verses for your review.

A note of caution. AI isn't a Magic 8-Ball or a fortune cookie, so be aware that AI uses the programmers' algorithms (set of rules to be followed in operations) to produce output. AI has no human interaction or emotion. AI uses its own context of a verse that could put a very different slant on what St. Paul's messages really are for us, for example.

Summarizing, AI is here to stay and will increasingly (and seamlessly) become integral to our daily lives (and our Catholic faith growth). The *Open Bible* search: "Paul speaking about Jesus" highlighted a St. Paul's prayer. *If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* [Rom 10:9] Thanks, St. Paul, for the guidance!

AI in medicine may save our lives; AI-guided cars will make our travel safer; and we pray that AI will inspire deeper faith-knowledge through focused study and reflection in this new year. Tim Logsdon



*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

***New Years' Resolution idea: Pray the Rosary daily!***



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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday Masses

**Saturday, December 31**

4:00 pm - People of the Parish

**Sunday, January 1**

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.**

**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*

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.

### Parish Office Schedule

Daily Mass schedule (p.1), and the parish office will be closed on the following dates:

+ January 16, 2023

## Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon

December 13 was our annual Christmas Luncheon (Zammetti's in Kingwood). Beautiful ornaments were exchanged. It's so nice to have a group of Catholic Ladies sharing and having a good time.

We laughed, prayed, and ate good food. Who could ask for more! Merry Christmas from the Women's Guild!



## Christmas Thank You!



My dear parishioners,

I trust that your 2022 Christmas celebrations were truly joyful and prayerful. Our parish family has been greatly blessed by God in its spiritual mission by the prayerful shepherding of Archbishop Cardinal DiNardo and Auxiliary Bishop Dell'Oro.



Most especially, I'm grateful to you for your steadfast support of the poor in our parish area through our **Mary's Blessings Ministry**. Without your help, many local families—especially single mothers with children—simply would collapse.

Also, I thank you profusely for your support of our Cardinal's charities through the **Diocesan Services Fund**—helping seminarians, retired priests and sisters, troubled youth, the disabled, Catholic high schools, retreat centers, and our hospital and prison chaplains.

A word of thanks to all of you for your love and support this past year in the Lord's name. And my appreciation to parishioners who thought of me on the occasion of my birthday and for Christmas! I am grateful for your cards, gifts, prayers and spiritual remembrances.

For my part, I will continue to intercede for you before the Lord Jesus, praying that he will grant you and your households good health and prosperity as we begin this Year of Grace *Anno Domini* 2023. May God grant you peace, righteousness and joy in the Holy Spirit. I shall be delighted if you were to **pray one "Hail Mary" for me**. Happy New Year!

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary, Reverend Richard Barker. +++



## 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](mailto:parishoffice@stphilip.cc).

### GUMBO DAY Next Weekend!

*(jars of chicken & sausage gumbo)*

Gumbo (guh-m-boh), the official dish of Louisiana, to be (skillfully) prepared by our Knights of Columbus.

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



### 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?

Get up-to-date information on our Parish website for our ministry pages. Check it out!

## 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 (above 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.