

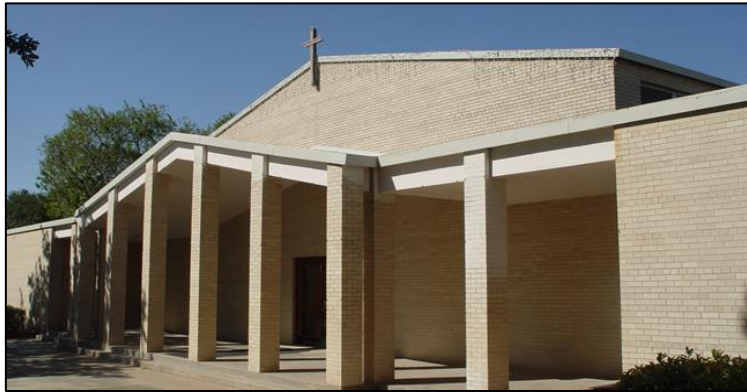
# ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF GALVESTON-HOUSTON – MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF ST. PAUL

TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 11, 2020

"TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN"



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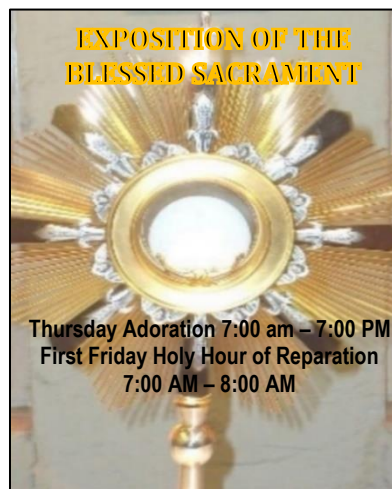
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Mon-Tue ..... 7:00 pm  
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Thurs – Adoration..... 7am – 7pm  
Sunday ..... 10:00 am ONLY!



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## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Please call the parish office for appointment with the Pastor. Preparation classes are required for parents and Godparents.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Only by appointment!

## SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Couples must contact the Pastor or any of our Deacons at least six months prior to the intended wedding date. If remarrying and in other special cases, one year before intended wedding date.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK

Anyone who is scheduled for surgery for a serious illness; anyone whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age should be anointed as soon as possible (preferably before going to the hospital). Contact the Parish priest for anointing.

## FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Please contact the parish office before making arrangements with the funeral home.

**Sign up to receive text and email messages from the parish.**

**Text the word SPNH to 84576 or visit [flocknote.com/spnhou](http://flocknote.com/spnhou)**

**TWENTY-EIGHT SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

Is. 25:6-10a  
Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20  
Mt. 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

**TWENTY-EIGHT MONDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

Gal. 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1  
Lk. 11:29-32

**TWENTY-EIGHT TUESDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

Gal. 5:1-6  
Lk. 11:37-41

**TWENTY-EIGHT WEDNESDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

Gal. 5:18-25  
Lk. 11:42-46

**MEMORIAL OF ST. TERESA OF  
JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR  
OF THE CHURCH**

Rom. 8:22-27  
Jn. 15:1-8

**TWENTY-EIGHT FRIDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

Eph. 1:11-14  
Lk. 12:1-7

**MEMORIAL OF ST. IGNATIUS  
OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND  
MARTYR**

Phil. 3:17-4:1  
Jn. 12:24-26

**OCTOBER 4, 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS**

CANDLES	\$ 64.40
RAFFLE BOOKS	\$2,455.00
BAZAAR DONATION	\$75.00
DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 10.00
PETER'S PENCE	\$106.10
MASS INTENTION	\$ 50.00
IGNITE	20.00
CONTRIBUTION	<u>\$3,742.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6,672.50

**DSF Report - JULY 2020**

Goal:	\$30,190.00
Total Paid	\$9,809.11
Total Pledged	<b>\$14,534.11</b>
# of Participants:	46
Percent Paid:	32.49%

**IGNITE CAMPAIGN, 2019 - 2023**

Goal	<b>\$182,825.00</b>
Total Pledged	\$93,559.50
Total Amount Paid	\$28,239.50
# of Participants	49



We are invited to a feast today. We gather around the table of the Lord, summoned by the Holy Spirit to share in this Eucharistic meal with family, friends, and neighbors, fellow pilgrims on the journey. May this feast nourish and sustain us as we go forth in joy to continue building the kingdom in our little corner of the world and beyond.

"TO KNOW HIM AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN"

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020: 10:00 am**

***\*SPECIAL INTENTIONS\****

***GERALDINE IJEZIE – Exam success and for my sister's safe delivery***

***FRANCES UYANWUNE AND ALL HER CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES for God's blessings, provisions and protection***

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***This Mass is live-streamed at 10:00 am every Sunday. Try to join us from home on Philip Neri Facebook or Chris Alimaji Facebook page***

**BIBLE STUDY**

***We are now into the third month of weekly Bible Study every Wednesday via teleconference from the comfort of our homes. It is encouraging that those who did not have the opportunity prior to COVID-19, now can study the Bible from home just by calling in. To join us please dial: 1. 605.313.5544 - Access Code: 618351***

**TOPIC THIS SEASON: THE BOOK OF PSALMS**

***We Offer Weekday Masses. Masses can still be booked and offered for your intentions. All Mass Intentions must be submitted in writing. All morning Masses begin at 7:00 a.m., evening Masses at 7:00 p.m.***

**LAST SUNDAY ATTENDEES - 40**



**Pray for the Sick & Shut In**

**Get Well Soon**

Natasha Alie, Paul Alimaji, Dorothy Babineaux, Anna Broussard, Rose Broussard, Wallace Charles, James Clark, Leola Collins, Marie Collins, Betty Conley, Freddie Conley, Robert Conley, Mary Demus, Earstene Dotson, Caffery Eli, Ruby Fields, Ann Foster, Amy Gallow, William Gardiner, Robert Gillord, Rose Guilbeau, Joseph Guillory, Karlin Good, Peter Good, Sheryl Graham, Anna Guidry, Daniel Guidry, Derella Heflin, Kendall Henry, Kyle Henry, Tracy Henry, Marie Hill, Willie Howard, Laura Huntsberry, Robert Gibson, Jane Johnson, Iona Jones, Vincent Jones, Anna Joseph, Kathryn Kay, Howard Kennerson, Georgia Kyle, Orphy Lewis, Dee Lewis, Damian Manuel, Hazel Marks, Willie Mae Mays, Maxine Matthews, Joseph & Tallulah McMillon, Royce N. Meekins, Latonya Miles, Geraldine Milson, Pauline Minkins, Lillie Morris, Kaelyn Mudd, Matthew Neveu, Shirley Perry, Josiah Peterson, Mary Beatrice Pickering, Krunslate Posey, Ricky Premeaux, Herman Rayme, Verna Rayme, Hila Richard, Geraldine Roberts, Winzell Roberts, Jr., Jaquetta Robinson, Kenneth Robinson, Sr., Kenneth Rogers, Mary Sallie, Merrick Sam, Sr., Shontell Robinson Sanders, The Sanders Family, Margaret Senegal, Mario Scott, Montra Scott, Brittany Sims, Roderick Simmons, Rufus Smith, Barbara Stafford, Roosevelt Stafford, Campsey Thomas, Freddie Ray Thomas, Roland Trent, Mary Ann Thomas, Mary Ward, Johnny & Patricia Williams, Johnny Williams Jr., Cathy Winn, Raymond Winn, Jim 'Papa' Woods, Jean Zeno, Reginald Jackson, Judy Humphries, Marina Guilbeau, Delores Mitchell, Dorothy Spencer, Richard Robles, David A. Robinson, Desria Pradia, Joe Mott, Ruth Thomas and all of the ill and shut-ins.



## Reflections on Harvesting Grapes in the Vineyard:

Twenty-Seventh Sunday, Year A, Bible Readings Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43. Our Song of Praise is Psalm 80. We are still on the chain of Parables of the Kingdom as narrated by Saint Matthew. Today's parable is on Harvesting Grapes in the Vineyard of the Lord.

Over the past two weeks we are treating the mission of working in the Vineyard of the Lord. Harvesting grapes in the vineyard is one of the jobs of the workers in the vineyard. The prophet Isaiah and the Lord Jesus both spoke of the same topic. They addressed the usual workers called to the vineyard. Again, the meaning of a parable is always found at the end. By now, I am believing that we are getting used to deciphering parables to understand their proper meanings as intended by the storyteller. The Prophet Isaiah and the Lord Jesus are the storytellers today. Isaiah told story of his friend who planted a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He cared for it in every way possible. Notice that he indicated that it was planted on a fertile hillside. **No mistake about that, and no excuses! The land was fertile. Period!** He asked the Israelites to "judge" between him and his vineyard, if there was anything left undone. They condemned themselves before they knew it was about them. **His "friend" he was talking about is the Lord, the vineyard is the land of Judah, the tower is David's throne, and the wild grapes are the bloodshed and outcry of the people.** "The vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant." (Is. 5:7a). God looked for justice from those entrusted with the care of the land in the form of good and juicy grapes, but there was none. The result is the punishment the people would experience; and there would be ruin on the land, overgrown with thorns and briars, and they would have no rain upon the land, (cf. Is. 5:6). That would be their doom for having unjust leaders as care givers. Are we different nowadays? What is your opinion?

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Into the allegory of the Prophet Isaiah on the same topic, Jesus introduced new characters. He has the vineyard commandeered by greedy tenants, who chased away and killed the landowner's servants, and the landowner's son. In the same way, the listeners did not realize he was truly addressing them until they came to the end of the story. They too ended up condemning themselves. **The Religious leaders at Jesus's time, (and should I say, the Sanhedrin), are the tenants who habitually attacked God's messengers and prophets, the servants, whom they beat up and killed some of them. They also would attack God's son and would kill him.** He is "the stone that the builders rejected" which would "become the cornerstone" by the Lord's design, (Mt. 21:42; cf. Ps 118:22-23, Acts 4:11, 1 Pt 2:7). Their punishment? "The kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." (Mt. 21:43). The prophecy of Jesus was vindicated by his resurrection hence the early church referenced this parable severally. Little now do we wonder why the headquarters of the Church eventually moved to the Gentiles, Rome, by events or by the design of the Lord. **Therefore, when we are assigned something to do in our various ministries, we make sure they are done as required. Otherwise, after several unfulfilled expectations, we must not express surprises when they are taken away from us and assigned to someone else who would provide what is needed at the proper time.** As we study the Book of Psalms in our Bible teleconference, we discover that the Lord loved using the psalms. And so, should we!

**Finally**, Paul in Philippians 4:6-9, urges us to return to church for prayer and thanksgiving, and to keep on doing what we learned and received and heard and seen in him. Who then will produce good fruit for the kingdom? Jesus promises the kingdom of God to those who produce its fruit. That is the measure of excellence. It is good that we are among those who have responded positively by saying yes to God as worker in the vineyard. We must recognize that there are many vineyards in the world. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. Are we ready to bear good fruit? God entrusts the vineyard, the kingdom, to those who do the work and produce good fruit. Are we ready to put away our own self-interests and not place them before God's? Our reflections on today's Bible Readings are focused on harvesting grapes, fruits, in the vineyard. There is much talk about the Evangelicals in this country these days, and of the Muslim insurgents in Asia, Europe, Africa, Australia and America, may be. Is the word "Evangelicals" misleading us to think that we are all practicing the faith alike? Or to think that all is about Christianity? **What influence are we Catholics bringing, you and me, our parish community, that we may bear useful fruits, juicy fruits attractive to our young Catholics to remain connected with the Church and not lose their faith, or be carried away by what they see nowadays in the social media?**

## ANNOUNCEMENT

### CCE OFFICE

Hello St. Philip Neri Family. I hope you all are keeping safe. We are looking to start CCE classes on October 25, 2020. We currently have 14 student/parents committed to returning. All safety guidelines will be enforced. Students will be spaced apart, hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be used in all classrooms. Mask will be mandatory for everyone. Classes will be held from 9 am – 10 am. We are asking for more student participation. Registration for CCE will stay open due to the current circumstances.

If your child started the process of First Communion this year, please contact the CCE office. Thank you. – Angelia Linzy & Dana Bieniemy.

### LITURGY

**SAVE THE DATE!!** Liturgy conference call meeting on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Dial in: 1.605.313.5544 – Access Code: 618351

### ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Thank you for taking the pains to return your weekly offerings. We appreciate your efforts. Visit our website to see our latest developments and how you can give online too.

### MASS ATTENDANCE

We have entered a new phase in our church attendance. We give thanks to God as a parish family for his protection from coronavirus COVID-19. We thank our attending church members here present who voluntarily attend Mass each week, for participating graciously in communal singing, and participating in other activities. We also thank the lectors, ushers and the sacristans for maintaining their roles during this COVID-19. We appreciate tremendously the new role of live-streaming the Mass, volunteers to clean and sanitize the church for liturgy and new ministries that have evolved, braving aside the fear of the virus. May the Lord reward you abundantly! Young adults, 18-35, should consider returning to church. The rest of us please continue to observe the Cardinal's directive regarding age and those with fever and chronic health conditions. Let us know those in need of special prayers.

### BAZAAR UPDATE

**IT'S TIME TO HEAD ON OUTSIDE AND LISTEN FOR YOUR NAME. THE RAFFLE IS DRAWING IN THE PARKING LOT IMMEDIATELY AFTER MASS TODAY. GOOD LUCK.**

"When we act in accord with the Spirit, we show our kinship with Jesus, "for whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (Mark 3:35). Resisting temptation is not easy, for the serpent is a formidable foe, but when we do we progress toward the reward of "an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison

(2 Corinthians 4:17).

### How important is your priest?

If the choir is present but the priest isn't, can there be a Mass? If the Eucharistic Ministers are there but the priest isn't, can there be a Mass? If the congregation is there but the priest isn't, can there be a Mass?

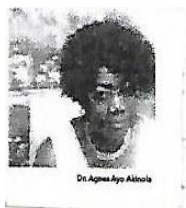
If the priest is there but the choir, Eucharistic Ministers, and congregation isn't, can there be a Mass? Let that sink in. Honor, Respect and Pray for your priest. Without him, there is no Eucharist. Show him the appreciation he richly deserves.

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5. Yoga/ guided imagery
6. Christian talk therapy



Dr. Agnes Ayo Adenle



## 10 Sins That Must Be Confessed

You can't receive the Eucharist if you've:

- 1) Missed a weekend or Holy Day Mass without a valid reason.
- 2) Having sex outside of marriage, with yourself (masturbation) or someone else.
- 3) desecrated the Eucharist
- 4) haven't been to confession in a year
- 5) Use artificial birth control - condoms, pills, patches, IUD's, etc.
- 6) sponsor or help in any way with an abortion or any destruction of an embryo.
- 7) Murder
- 8) Hate/Anger
- 9) Lust after someone
- 10) Pride, Greed, Sloth, Envy etc. etc. The list is not exhaustive, and any sin that we have meditated on beforehand, understood its gravity and still chosen to do it can be a deadly sin.



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Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love You provide ministers for Your Church, St. Philip Neri. We pray for those whom You call to serve the Church as priests, deacons, and religious. Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve Your People. May their lives and service call Your people to respond to the presence of Your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may announce glad tidings to the poor proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free and renew the face of the earth.

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