

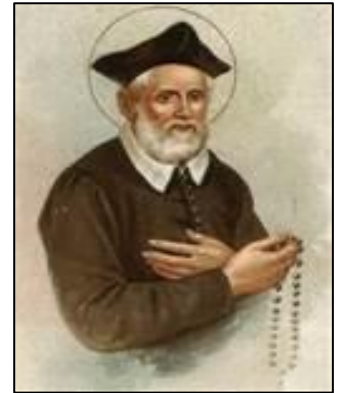
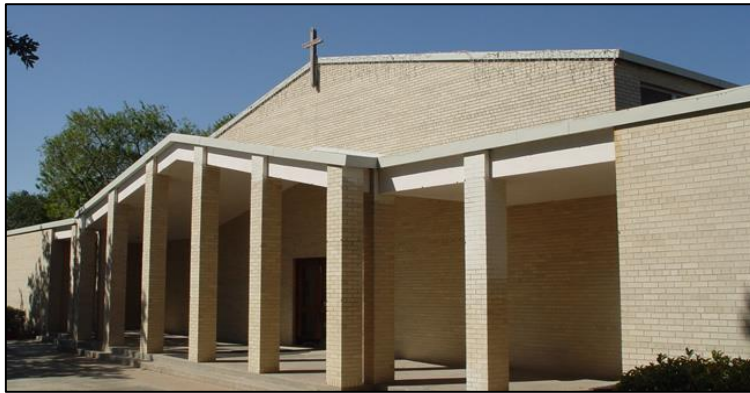
ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 17, 2021

“TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN”



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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Mon-Tue 7:00 pm

Wed-Thurs-Fri..... 7:00 am

Thurs – Adoration..... 7am – 7pm

Saturday..... 5:00 pm

Sunday 10:00 am ONLY!

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)

30 minutes before Mass

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

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Thursday Adoration 7:00 am – 7:00 PM
First Friday Holy Hour of Reparation
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM

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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**OCTOBER 17, 2021**

Isaiah 53:10-11

Hebrews 4:14-16

Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

MONDAY OCTOBER 18, 2021**FEAST OF ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST**

2 Timothy 4:10-17b

Luke 10:1-9

TUESDAY OCTOBER 19, 2021**MEMORIAL OF Ss. JOHN DE
BREFEUF & ISAAC JOGUES,
PRIEST, & COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

Matthew 28:16-20

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 20, 2021

Romans 6:12-18

Luke 12:39-48

THURSDAY OCTOBER 21, 2021

Romans 6:19-23

Luke 12:49-53

FRIDAY OCTOBER 22, 2021**MEMORIAL OF ST. JOHN PAUL II,
POPE**

Isaiah 52:7-10

John 21:15-17

SATURDAY OCTOBER 23, 2021

Romans 8:1-11

Luke 13:1-9

OCTOBER 10, 2021 CONTRIBUTIONS

CANDLES	8.05
FUNERAL	700.00
CCE REGISTRATION	70.00
DEVELOPMENT FUND	5.00
COLLECTION	\$ 4,949.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,732.05

DSF Report –October 13, 2021

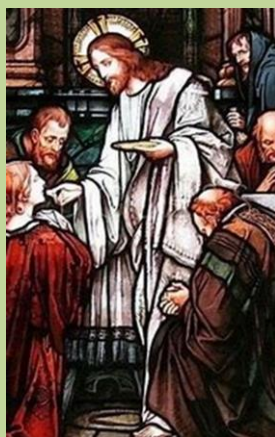
Goal:	\$28,000.00
Total Paid	12,434.00
Balance	15,566.00
# of Participants:	52

IGNITE CAMPAIGN**10/13/2021**

Goal	\$182,825.00
Pledge	\$ 87,709.50
Paid	\$ 43,417.20
Donors	54

ATTENDEES

SATURDAY 27
SUNDAY 92
TOTAL = 119



Today we hear Jesus ask James and John, "What do you wish me to do for you?" Their response betrays their self-centeredness. We ought to remind ourselves that what Jesus has already done for us exceeds all we could possibly ask. Rather than following the example of these two disciples, let us look to the author of Hebrews, who called us to approach Jesus to receive mercy and to find grace. Let us do so as we receive him in the Eucharist.

TO KNOW HIM AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN**MASS INTENTION****SATURDAY OCTOBER 16, 2021**

**ALFRED GUILLORY & PHILBERT DARGIN
(RIP) – by Shirley Smith**

**FOR ALL SURVIVORS OF BREAST CANCER
AND FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE DIED –
by Mary Ward**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

FR. JOHN LALOR (RIP) – by Fr. Chris Mary

ST. PHILIP NERI PARISHIONERS**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTION**

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY – OCTOBER
23/24, 2021**

**PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY ON THAT
DAY, NEXT WEEKEND**

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD

The Archdiocesan Synod 2023 kickoff Mass is Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral. Plan to attend everyone. There will be no Bible Study session that night.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE
SHUT IN**

Dorothy Babineaux, Ruby Babineaux, Anna Broussard, Rose Broussard, Stephanie Brown, Leola Collins, Marie Collins, Freddie Conley, Mary Demus, Earstene Dotson, Caffery Eli, Ruby Fields, William Gardiner, Chundra Gates, Marion Guilbeau, Rose Guilbeau, Enolia Guillory, Joseph Guillory, Karlin Good, Peter Good, Sheryl Graham, Anna Guidry, Daniel Guidry, Kendall Henry, Kyle Henry, Tracy Henry, Judith Herbert, Marie Hill, Laura Huntsberry, Robert Gibson, Jane Johnson, Iona Jones, Omar Jones, Kathryn Kay, Irving Kennerson, Howard Kennerson, Georgia Kyle, Ann LaDay, Dee Lewis, John Lewis, Jr., Mayarah Lindor, Reginee Lindor, Willie Mae Mays, Rodney Miller, Geraldine Milson, Pauline Minkins, Lillie Morris, Mary Beatrice Pickering, Krunslate Posey, Ricky Premeaux, Geraldine Roberts, Winzell Roberts, Jr., Jaquetta Robinson, Kenneth Robinson, Mary Sallie, Merrick Sam, Sr., Campsey Thomas, Mary Ann Thomas, Johnny & Patricia Williams, Johnny Williams Jr., Cathy Winn, Reginald Jackson, Judy Humphries, Delores Mitchell, Dorothy Spencer, Richard Robles, Desria Pradia, Joe Mott, Dr. Ralph Watson, Mary Wells and all of the ill and shut-ins.

LET US KNOW

Call the Parish Office when you and/or a family member are ill, in the hospital, or having surgery so that we can put the name on the sick list for prayers. After 30 days, please call the office to remain on the prayer list.

One may request Mass Intentions by visiting the parish office from 9 am – 4:30 pm - Monday – Thursday. ALL requests must be in writing.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study by teleconference at 7:00 p.m.

Call in #1-605.313.5544

Access Code: 618351#

FROM FR. CHRIS ALIMAJI'S DESK
Reflections on the Christian Marriage Bond

Our Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, readings are from Genesis 2:18-24, Hebrews 2:9-11, Mark 10:2-16, and Psalm 128. Every weekend, the body of Christ, the Church, gather together to celebrate the Eucharist. We do so because as Heb. 2:9-11 says, through or in baptism we are consecrated in the Lord. With that we have become brothers and sisters in Christ. What does consecration in the Lord mean to you, one may ask? Does it not mean you are made sacred, which means holy, to the Lord?

In the second creation story (Gen 2), the Lord God took the initiative that: "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." (Ibid. 18). The creatures on earth other than humans are and cannot become equal partners with humans. God brought them to the man "to see what he would call them." Name giving culturally is a sign of ownership. Humans gave names to animals and possessed them. When Adam could find no suitable partner among animals and birds, God brought Eve to him. He was over-joyed and exclaimed: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh." He called her 'woman.' The power and sacredness of naming our own is expressed right there. Naming is also a bond of ownership. We name our own. Parents and families give names to their children, according to their cultures. Among the Jewish people, and some other cultures like mine, the Ibos of Nigeria, name-giving is celebrated on the eighth day after birth, (cf, Lk 2:21). In the first marriage on earth, the husband and wife became one flesh. Therefore, in marriage, husband and wife become one flesh. This is the meaning of marriage. All who are married must understand what they entered into – a union of oneness. Let their marriage prayer always be: "May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives." (cf. Ps 128:5), so that they may share in the happy home of the just.

The Gospel acclamation says: "If we love one another, God remains in us and his love is brought to perfection in us." The Lord Jesus was questioned in today's Gospel regarding the marriage bond – a question in contradiction. "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" I could have entitled my Reflections 'divorce' but it is more than that, hence I entitled it 'The Christian Marriage Bond'. From creation man and woman in the bond of marriage became one flesh. How does a person separate himself or herself from oneself? Such is the question of divorce. Read the response the Lord Jesus gave. Moses, like the lawmakers of our nations, gave us marriage laws. God and Moses who is supreme? The Lord turned them back to God

while quoting Gen 2:24. Concluding, the Lord declared: "So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." (Mk 10:8b-9). We can add that the word MUST is emphatic, because we are interfering with God's law in our human law. God and man are not equals. The outcome of our interference is adultery.

What is divorce? Divorce is the tearing apart of the marriage bond made by God. Who tears it apart? We, the humans, tear marriage apart. What is Jesus' teaching? "They are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." (ibid.). Those who tear valid marriages apart are not Christians. But we contract or hand over our Christian marriages to them (pagans) to tear off our flesh from us. God's law and human law, which one is supreme law? We see for ourselves the consequences of our actions in our world.

PARISH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

This workshop has been scheduled by the Parish Council holding on Saturday, November 6, 10 am – 1 pm for all in leadership position in Ministries, Organizations and all PPC & PFC members.

COVID-19 VACCINE

Great news!!!! The U.S. Army is partnering with us (SPN) to offer free COVID-19 Vaccines on October 20th, 2021 from 2 pm – 7 pm. Anyone interested please contact the Parish Secretary. Pick up a flyer in the hallway after Mass.

WINTER STORM URI ASSISTANCE

If anyone was affected by Winter Storm Uri and need assistance, please contact the Parish Office.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

This year's World Mission Sunday collection is on October 23rd/24th weekend, for the World Propagation of the Faith.

BUILDINGS/GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING

There will be a Buildings/Grounds Committee Meeting this month. The date has been moved to Sunday, October 24, 2021, immediately after Mass. We apologize for any inconveniences for the change of date. Let all concerned please mark their calendars.

BAZAAR COMMITTEE & CHAIR

SPN is in need of parishioners to sign up to be on the **BAZAAR COMMITTEE** and **one or two people** to serve as **CO-CHAIRS**. Marie Porterie has signed up as Chairperson and her family members would join as supporters. A tentative Bazaar/Fundraising Committee Meeting will hold on November 14, immediately after Mass. Due to the pandemic and lateness of the year, we cannot have a normal bazaar, but we are looking for creative parishioners with ideas for raising money under the umbrella of the Bazaar. The Bazaar has been a major source of Income for SPN from its fund-raising activities and these funds are drastically needed. Do **YOU** have ideas of some activities we could still do before the year ends? Are you ready to serve?? If so, call the Office @713-734-0320 and turn in your name to the secretary. **SPN NEEDS YOU!!**

The SPN Finance Council

ANNUAL HEALING MASS

The Parish Pastoral Council has approved this year's Healing Mass to hold on Sunday, October 31 at the 10:00 am Mass. Members of the Health Guild Ministry for Christ please take note. An emergency meeting would be called prior to the date. Parishioners please prepare yourselves and your family members and friends who may wish to participate.

- Fr. Chris Mary

CHURCH DOORS PROJECT

Our Church Doors Project is in progress as a fundraising project. As a result, with the \$9,354.78 raised by the 60th Anniversary Committee, the Church still requires \$10,000 to pay for the balance of the new doors. To sponsor one church door in your name or family name right now cost \$2,000. Only 5 sponsors are what we need. Come and be the first to donate. We will respect donor's intention. Your generosity is highly appreciated in advance.

- Fr. Chris Mary

"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?

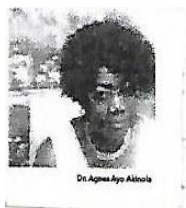
If the priest is there but the choir, Eucharistic Ministers, and congregation isn't, can there be a Mass? Let that sink in. Honor, Respect and Pray for your priest. Without him, there is no Eucharist. Show him the appreciation he richly deserves.

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Why do I have to go to Mass when I don't enjoy it?

A Catholic adult who lives an average lifespan can attend as many as 4,084 Sunday Masses. No ritual or event can sustain good vibrations 4,084 times. The truth is that the Mass is not meant to always make us feel good. It isn't actually about us – it's about God.

Mass is public worship. At every Mass, we worship God as a natural response to His overwhelming magnificence. This is not because God needs our praise, but because we need to praise Him. We recognize we need to praise Him. We recognize and honor all that is good about him.

Mass is a sacrifice. When the gifts are brought to the altar, each of us offers our lives along with the bread and wine. We can do nothing of our own accord, so Christ accepts our offerings – our sacrifice – and joins it to His ongoing work of salvation.

Mass is a meal. Through the Eucharist, Jesus makes His home within us. We deepen our union with Jesus each time we receive His Word and His Body and Blood during Mass.

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