

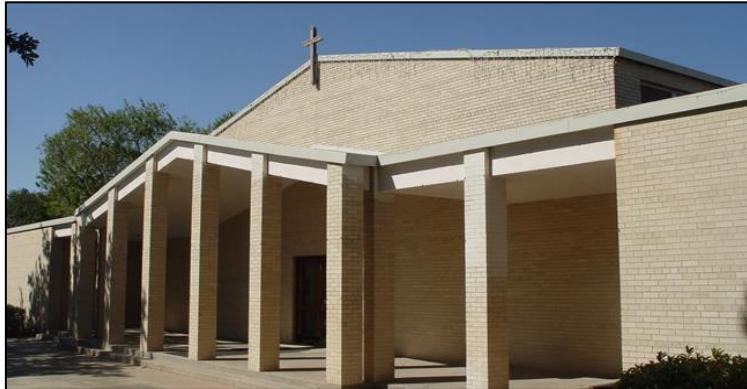
ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT†

MARCH 13, 2022

“TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN”



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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

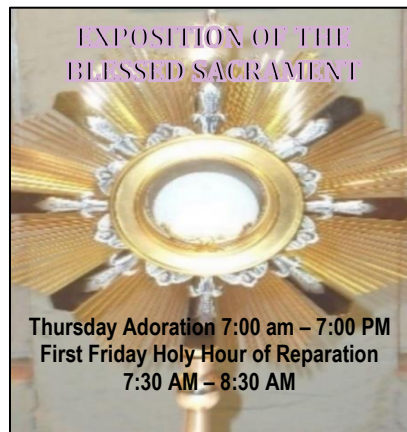
Mon-Tue 7:00 pm

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

Thurs – Adoration.....7am – 7pm

Saturday.....5:00 pm

Sunday10:00 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)

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

Readings for the Weekdays in Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022

1st Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

2nd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1 or
3:20-41

Gospel: Luke 9:28b-36

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

1st Reading: Daniel 9:4b-10

Gospel: Luke 6:36-38

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022

1st Reading: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20

Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022

1st Reading: Jeremiah 18:18-20

Gospel: Matthew 20:17-28

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022

1st Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022

1st Reading: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a,
17b-28a

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022

**SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH,
SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY**

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a,
16 & Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

Gospel: Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Luke 2:41-51a

ATTENDEES

**ASH WEDNESDAY – 104
STATION OF THE CROSS - 20**

SATURDAY- 33

SUNDAY – 80

TOTAL = 237

March 6, 2022 CONTRIBUTIONS

MASS INTENTIONS	\$20.00
CANDLES	\$79.50
BAZAAR JAR	\$87.75
SUNDAY FUN DAY	\$100.00
Development Fund	\$265.00
BLACK & INDIAN MISS.	\$330.00
EASTER FLOWERS	\$360.00
ASH WEDNESDAY	\$480.41
FISH FRY	\$732.00
YARD SALE	\$1,289.73
RECTORY GARAGE	\$2,285.00
COLLECTION	\$6,166.00
TOTAL	\$12,195.39



Today on our journey through this penitential season we are reminded of the promise the Lord makes to us. God asked Abram to look up to the heavens and witness the uncountable stars in the sky. Peter, John, and James looked up to the heavens and saw Jesus transfigured to shine like the sun. As we fast, pray, and give alms this Lent, let us pause to look up to the heavens and consider the incredible vastness of the transformation of us and our world that God set in motion.

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR:

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2022

**JOANNE ABOGUNDE & ARINZE
UYANWUNE (RIP) – for God's mercy,
forgiveness and to grant their souls eternal rest
– by Frances Uyanwune**

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022

**BEATRICE (BEA) CUNNINGHAM- In
thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and
thanks to those who prayed for me – by
Bea Cunningham**

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

**Bible Study via teleconference has resumed.
Call in #1-605.313.5544
Access Code: 618351#**



PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE SHUT IN

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

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

FROM FR. CHRIS ALIMAJI'S DESK

Reflections on the Season of Lent

It is very important to reflect on how we got here. The Lord Jesus after his baptism in river Jordan where he was filled with the Holy Spirit, was led by the same Spirit into the desert where he fasted and prayed for forty days. He was preparing for his mission. Right there he was tempted by Satan. In the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord Jesus resisted the temptations. Our Lenten Season is also for forty days like the Lord did. How do we prepare ourselves for ministry? We learn from the Lord that fasting and prayer are very necessary for ministry both before and during. If the Lord was tempted, then we too would be tempted. Satan will never be happy to see us succeed in ministry. Therefore, to be forewarned is to be forearmed. All who contemplate ministry must be aware of this very important point. But the Holy Spirit helps us always. We must pray and call on him for assistance and fortification. As we examine the temptations of the Lord Jesus, take some time to examine your own call to ministry and the temptations you encounter. How do you fast and how do you pray? Who influences or commands or determines your ministry?

Moses gave the Church some outline of our liturgical worship. The priest/bishop receives the basket from the people and sets it in front of the altar of the Lord, our God. I believe you recognize it. Is that not exactly what we do when the basket of our offertory is brought forward to the altar? And for those who no longer come to church worship in the assembly of God's people, nor send us their offering envelopes, how do they perform theirs? For we are God's people, the sheep of his flock! I love studying the Bible, or listening carefully when it is read. It opens my eyes and my heart. Bringing the fruits of your labor is what the Lord asks of you through Moses, (cf. Deut. 26:10). For us in this present age and time, it may not be farm produce, or baked bread, but envelopes. That is prayer in itself, and act of worship. It is acceptable to the Lord. We know that there are other forms of prayer the Christian embarks upon. "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart..." (Rom 10:8). What do we do with the envelopes? We purchase what is

needed for our worship celebrations, and attend to all other necessities in the Church. The Lord Jesus completed the Mass pattern at the Last Supper and on the Cross, by offering bread and wine and by offering himself.

What happened to the Lord Jesus in the desert during his temptations is an eye opener to us. We need the help of the Holy Spirit. Remember that the devil tempted the Lord after his baptism. In the same way, after you become a Christian and commit yourself to come to worship, temptations might also come your way. Notice how the Lord defeated Satan. Satan tempted the Lord at 3 levels. **Level 1** – Food, appetite, bread, hunger and thirst. **Level 2** – Power, prestige, position, authority, empty show and empty promises, public exhibitions so as to be seen by others as doing something important. The devil uses these to attract and demand our obedience. "All this will be yours, if you worship me." (Lk 4:7). Worship belongs to God alone. Do not worship the devil or idols. **Level 3** – We shall not obey the devil's command, or doubt our sonship or closeness to God. We are sons and daughters of God in Christ Jesus our Savior. Do not test God to your own detriment. We must avoid exhibitionism.

SOUVENIR JOURNAL

The 60th Anniversary Committee will have a photographer at St. Philip on March 13th, 2022, after the 10 am Mass to take pictures for all ministries and individuals who would like to have their pictures taken for the Souvenir Journal. This will be free, but a small donation for the photographer will be appreciated.

BLACK HISTORY MEETING

The Black History Cultural Heritage Committee is scheduled for Sunday, March 27 immediately after Mass. This meeting is to review the Cultural Heritage Festival of February 27th, get feedbacks and plan on the way forward on its terms as a committee. All members and new interested persons are encouraged to attend. Meeting will be held in the Hospitality Room.

YOUTH MINISTER

The parish is asking for a volunteer as Youth Minister to lead our SPN young people. Interested person please see the Pastor or Ms. Rose Lewis, PPC Chair.

COMBINED COUNCILS MEETING

The Combined Councils and the office staff meeting holds immediately after Sunday Mass. Please endeavor to attend. It is only quarterly.

HEALTH GUILD MEETING

The Health Guild meeting will be held on Sunday, March 20th after Mass in the Library.

LENTEN REVIVAL

Our Annual Lenten Revival will start this Sunday, March 13th at 5 pm and March 14 -15th at 7 p.m. Fr. Reginald Samuels will be the Revivalist.

AMSP

An AMSP meeting will be held on Sunday, March 27th after the 10 am Mass in the Library. All members should attend. We thank God for the ability to come together in person again. Wear your mask and sanitation procedures are in place for Ambassadors for Christ.

MARIAN SHRINES

PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN AND PORTUGAL – JUNE 2022

With only three months to go, I hereby invite all interested in making this pilgrimage in June to please register immediately. Forms can be obtained at the parish office. You can make installment payment instead of paying all at once. Register **NOW!**
-Fr. Chris Mary (Spiritual Director)

60TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

The culmination of St Philip Neri Church's celebration of its 60th Anniversary will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 22, 2022**, with a banquet and a souvenir journal. We're excited to present this opportunity for ads highlighting businesses, acknowledging and congratulating family members, as well as saluting ministries to be reflected in the Souvenir Journal. We need every member to sell or purchase ads for the journal to be a success! Our Souvenir Journal will cost \$25.00. If you purchase a full-page ad the Journal will be free. Ad letters and ad sheets will be passed out by the ushers at today's mass. Additional copies will be located in the hall. Should you have any questions, please contact Paula Davis-Journet at 281-773-0840.

Thank you for your support in purchasing and/or selling ads for our 60th Church Anniversary! We need **YOU** to share your time, talents and treasures to benefit our parish life while honoring God's church family!

"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).

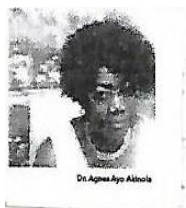
The gift of Advent

The season of Advent began November 28 and continues until Christmas Eve. The Church offers us this time as a gift to slow down, quiet down, and reflect on God's love for us. Consider setting aside quiet time each day to be with Him.

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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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