

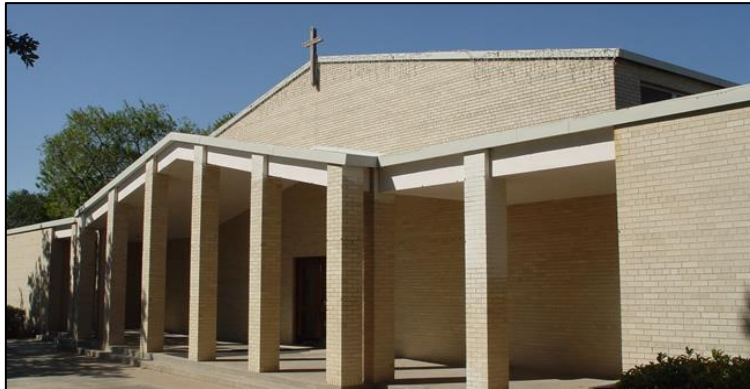
# ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

“TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN”



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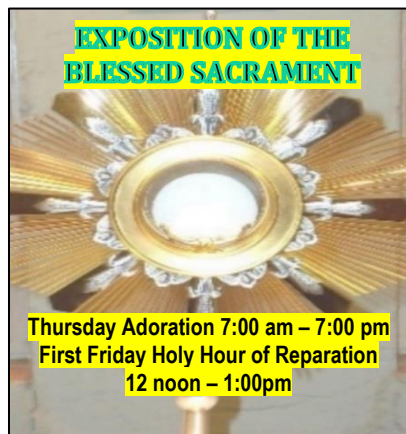
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## NEW MASS SCHEDULE

Mon & Tue ..... 7:00 pm  
Wed & Fri ..... 12:00 pm  
Thurs – Adoration..... 7am – 7pm  
Saturday..... 5:00 pm  
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)

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](http://flocknote.com/spnhou)

**33<sup>RD</sup> Week in Ordinary Time**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Thess. 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Maccabees 1:10-15

Gospel: Luke 18:35-43

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2023**

**MEMORIAL OF THE  
PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Zechariah 2:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 12:46-50

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22,  
2023**

**MEMORIAL OF ST. CECILIA, VIRGIN  
& MARTYR**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Hosea 2:16bc

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023  
THANKSGIVING DAY**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Kings 8:55-61

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 Cor. 1:3-9

Gospel: Luke 1:39-55

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Maccabees 4:36-37

Gospel: Luke 19:45-48

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2023**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: 1 Maccabees 6:1-13

Gospel: Luke 20:27-40

**COLLECTION –NOVEMBER 12,  
2023**

Holy Water Bottles.....	\$2.00
Mass Intentions.....	\$15.00
Advent Wreath.....	\$17.00
All Souls.....	\$20.00
Candles.....	\$21.00
All Saints.....	\$40.00
Dev. Fund.....	\$55.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$60.00
IGNITE.....	\$62.50
Senior Friends.....	\$140.00
Retired Priests.....	\$148.25
Donation.....	\$5,100.00
Collection.....	\$4420.90
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$10101.65</b>

**ATTENDANCE**

**SATURDAY – 27**



In today's Gospel, the head of a household repeatedly invites others to share in his joy. Similarly, we are repeatedly invited to share in God's joy. God created the world and us and proclaimed it all good. Let us share in God's joy. God raised the Son to a new life, bringing salvation to the many. Let us share in God's joy. God invites us all to eternal life. Let us share in God's joy. Gathered here today to share in this Eucharistic feast, let us share in God's joy.

**TO KNOW HIM AND TO MAKE HIM KNOWN"**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023**

**ST. PHILIP NERI PARISHIONERS**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023**

**JUDITH NWEKE & FAMILY – God's  
provision, protection and merices –  
by Frances Uyanwunne**

**STANISLAUS LeBLANC (RIP) - Anniversary  
of death – by Vivian LeBlanc**



**LORD, WE LIFT UP PETITIONS OF  
HEALING FOR OUR SICK AND  
SHUT-INS, ESPECIALLY:**

Monique Brightmon,  
Rose Broussard, Cynthia Bouie,  
Dcn. Orrin Burroughs, Annette  
Chavis, Andrea Canady, Carrol  
Chilo, Leola Collins, Rosa Lee  
Collins, Freddie Conley, Mary  
Demus, Christine Andrus- Francis,  
Marion Guilbeau, Rose Guilbeau,  
Enolia Guillory, Joseph Guillory,  
Oswald Guillory, Karlin Good, Judith  
Hebert, Marie Hill, Thaddeus  
Honora, Jessie Jacobs, Ronald  
Jean, Laura Huntsberry, Granda &  
Peter Jolivette, Iona Jones, Kathryn  
Kay, Georgia Kyle,  
Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Laws,  
Geraldine Milson, Lillie Morris,  
Merrick Sam, Raymond Simms,  
Delores Mitchell, Dorothy Spencer,  
Richard Robles, Monica Rochon,  
Jaquan Ross, Jr., Howard Pert,  
Desria Pradia, Robert Simmons,  
Wilbur Stamp, Alveraize Saizan,  
Mary Ward,

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



**FROM FR. CHRIS ALIMAJI'S DESK**  
***Reflections on Using our Talents in***  
***Preparation for the Lord's Return***

The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Year A

Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Psalm 128; 1  
Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

The Parable of the Talents exposes us to numerous realities in life. How we utilize our gifts depends on us individually. Last week's Parable of the Ten Virgins focused on readiness, but nonetheless touched on the significance of virginity for the sake of the kingdom without saying it. It indicates that virginity has something to do with salvation. Both last week's parable and today's parable indicate the necessity to be prepared and ready for the last day, the Day of the Lord. These are final reflections on the end time. We need to get that clear. They are indicative of the Last Day. Next weekend, the 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, reflects the Last Day, the Judgment Day, the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe. These Scripture passages are wake up calls for anyone who has been sleeping, not taking seriously the services of the Kingdom.

In the Book of Proverbs, we read of works for the kingdom of joy and peace. The man who finds a worthy wife has joy and peace all his days. She brings good not evil, and altogether enriches herself and becomes generous and kind. "Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates." (Prov. 31:31). What a contentment for living well! When the psalm says that "Blessed are those who fear the Lord," we must also add, "who walk in his ways." (Ps. 128). They shall eat the fruit of their handiwork, great reward for the good man and woman. Some people may fear the Lord but do not walk in his ways. In our lives on earth, God has given us talents, otherwise gifts, spiritual gifts as well as human abilities to work for him here on earth. How easily we go after things and matters that distract us, swaying us from achieving the goals God in creation set for every living soul that he created. How sad the possessions given to us become the causes of failure for many of us. St. Paul also addresses humanity in figures of speech, proverbial address to us Christians. He touches times and seasons, and writes about night or darkness. But he says: "let us stay alert and sober." (1 Thess. 5:6). Be prepared is what he says. God entrusted his possessions to you as good and faithful servant. How have you used them?

As we read these prior to the last day of days, how do you look at yourself, my reader, through them? I believe they are meant to be food for thought for every one of us, every believing soul. Do not read them just as stories. Rather, how do others benefit from your gifts and talents? When others are doing something "beautiful for God" as Mother Theresa said, what are you doing for your soul's salvation? The talents are given, "to each according to his ability." (Mt. 25:15). Do not tell us you have no ability, when you just sit in church but do nothing after hearing the Good News. How are you walking your way into the kingdom of God? How diligent are you in religious matters? Are you being crookedly smart, engaging yourself in nothing? It is not about the quantity you received, but what you are doing with it. God wants to receive interest from you. Then he can say to you: "Well done, my good and faithful servant. ... Come, share your master's joy." (Mt. 25:23). This month's tradition of praying for our departed loved ones, is a reminder that we shall one day pass away from this world. May God prepare us for his coming in glory! Amen.

**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION**

This weekend's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection is for  
**"CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT".**

**DONATION**

Special Thanks to the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation of \$5,000.00

**SENIOR FRIENDS - HONOREES**

SPN Parishioners, David and Laura Collins are Honorees at the Recognition and Christmas Celebration of the Diocese Central Senior Senate on December 6, 2023 at 11:00 am. This Celebration will take place at the Double Tree Hotel Hobby Airport, 8181 Airport Blvd. Please take a moment to congratulate Mr. & Mrs. Collins on this wonderful achievement.

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

Mass on Thanksgiving Day is at 10:00 A.M. (Public Holiday). Come and give thanks to God for all that he has done for you in life. Come and return thanks to God!

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

Confirmation retreat will be held at SPN on December 2nd, 2023 @9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**PARISH OFFICE**

The parish office will be closed on Tuesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> through Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be regular week day Mass on Tuesday @7 p.m. and Wednesday @ 12 noon.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MEETING**

The Buildings & Grounds Committee will hold its meeting on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. in the Hospitality Room.

**LENTEN FISH FRY 2022 & 2023 BY**  
**BAZAAR/FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

2022 Balance = \$5,281.43

2023 Balance = \$6,625.45

Total Profit = \$11,906.88

Our thanks to the Bazaar/fundraising Committee for a wonderful dedicated financial service to the parish community. Thanks to Ms. Marie Porterie and team for a wonderful completion of two years of Assignment on the Bazaar/Fundraising Committee 2022-2023 after the COVID -19 absenteeism in Church. Blessings!

**DSF CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Exciting News!! SPN Parishioners are making it happen for our \$20,000 DSF parish goal. As of Nov. 17 2023, you've given **\$19, 074.23**, leaving a balance of **\$925.77**. We are almost there SPN. We can do this.

**Thank you SPN! You are making it happen!!**

We will have another second collection soon. Meanwhile, all donations are welcome. Seventy-five per cent of any money received over our goal will come back to SPN.

Deadline to turn in money to Diocese is December 23, 2023.

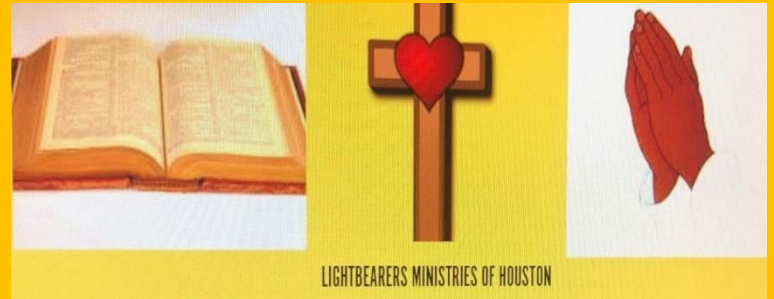
The DSF Ministry

**WELCOME VISITORS**

**Welcome all visitors. Please stand; state your name and where you are from. Thank you for visiting with us today.**

"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).



**MISSION:** To create and implement activities to help everyone let their light shine and get closer to Jesus, the light of the world. Spiritual direction with individuals, couples and families. Family and Friends Events and Family Prayer. **For more information call:**

**Founding Director:** Beatrice Cunningham Call/text 832-622-7652

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**We are a non-profit tax-exempt ministry. Contributions can be made via Zelle at 832-622-7652.**

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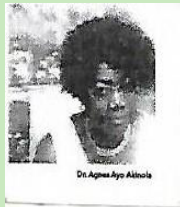
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