



ST. PHILIP NERI CATHOLIC CHURCH



JULY 2025



A LETTER FROM FR. ANDREW



JOY TO THE WORLD!!

As you read this letter, I hope that your heart is FILLED with the Joy of Jesus. MERRY CHRISTMAS!

In the life of our parish, there have been so many moments to celebrate this past year—and Christmas is what makes all of these joy-filled moments possible. Even in the midst of the sorrow and difficulty we face in this life, Jesus is present. Even when we face challenges with finances, grief, family life, and even our own mistakes, JESUS IS THERE!! Emmanuel—God with us!

This is the beautiful mystery of parish life: the invisible God is made visible. We are able to gather together, move through life together, support one another, and truly see the face of God in each other. We are so grateful for the gift of our parish family—thank you for being a part of it! We hope that this Christmas season touches your heart in a special and lasting way.

If you have been away from church for some time, I want you to know this: Jesus has never left you. This is the mystery of Jesus being born as an innocent, defenseless, infant child. He does not look at us with judgment—He looks at us with innocent eyes and a desire to be held. He sees past our sin, our waywardness, and our destructive decisions. He looks into our eyes and into our hearts and sees who we truly are.

This Christmas, give Jesus the gift He wants more than anything else—give Him your heart. We want you to share in our joy - please come join us! You are welcome here! If there is anything we can do to help you and your family grow closer to Jesus or get more involved do not hesitate to contact us! Please know that I am praying for you and your family, asking God to pour out His abundant blessings of Christmas Joy and grant you a New Year filled with peace.

Fr. Andrew



2025: A Year full of JOY

3600

Doughnuts served at Family Masses

Thanksgiving baskets created to directly assist families within our parish boundary.

90+

Hours spent Adoring our Lord during Adoration.

96

Newly baptized welcomed into the church

5000+

Food items donated for Co-Op's stock-the-pantry food drive.

51

Families have received Our Lady of Fatima into their homes.



780+

MASSSES CELEBRATED

\$34,163.20

dollars in assistance provided to our community.

HOST **100,000** CONSECRATED



1565

Throats blessed on the feast of St. Blaise

58 NEW FAMILIES



766 STUDENTS ENROLLED



2500 SNOWBALLS SERVED

AVERAGE WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE

1604

85

Received 1st Holy Communion



414

Angels adopted
19,000 Confetti Eggs Crushed

175 Hours our priests have spent in confession.

1 Child made it to the altar running towards Jesus during Mass.

73 Newly confirmed

\$122,000

Raised from Fam Jam

6285 PARISHIONERS

Dollars raised for our Completing the Dream & Opening Heaven Campaign



\$2M

YEARS OF WORSHIP

65

500 Meals served at St. Joseph's Altar

4700 lbs. of crawfish

boiled at cook-off

COME SHARE OUR JOY!



SOMETHING HOLDING YOU BACK?

HAVEN'T BEEN TO MASS IN A WHILE?

Welcome back — we'd love to see you again next week!

No matter how long it's been, this is a beautiful time to reconnect. Jesus is always ready for a fresh start, and so are we. Join us again and rediscover the peace, joy, and community you've been missing.

HAVEN'T RECEIVED ALL YOUR SACRAMENTS?

Let this be the year you take the next step.

We can help you complete your Sacraments — easily, warmly, and at your pace. If you've been thinking about it, come talk to us. We'd love to see you at Mass each week as you continue your journey.

HAVE SMALL CHILDREN?

We're thrilled you're here — and we hope to see your family every week!

Little voices and little feet are signs of a living, growing Church. Don't worry about the wiggles. Your family belongs here, and we'd love to walk with you as your children grow in faith. "If the church ain't cryin'...it's dyin'!"

LIFE HAS BEEN DIFFICULT?

This is exactly where Jesus wants to meet us.

In the chaos, heartache, or exhaustion of life, Mass offers strength, hope, and a moment to breathe and be held. You don't have to feel put-together — just come. Jesus wants to meet us in our brokenness. *Please reach out to us* - we want to walk with you through this.

NEED YOUR MARRIAGE BLESSED OR TO BEGIN THE ANNULMENT PROCESS?

We're here to support you — and keep you connected to the Church.

Many people are in the same situation and we know it's something that is constantly on the mind and heart. Please contact us and we will walk with you through the whole process. Don't wait - let's get started!

DON'T HAVE TIME?

Start with one hour a week — and let God do the rest.

Your schedule is busy, but your soul still needs rest. Making Mass part of your weekly routine will bring balance and peace to everything else. Try it — putting God first will change your life.

LOOKING TO DIVE DEEPER IN YOUR FAITH?

FAMILY GOALS INSPIRATION:

SUNDAY MASS: TAKE ME TO JESUS!
WE HAVE ALREADY ADDED THIS ONE FOR YOU & WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOUR FAMILY EACH WEEKEND AT SPN.

CONVERSATIONS WITH JESUS:
TAKE TIME TO PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY IN THE MORNING, BEFORE DINNER, AT BEDTIME, ANYTIME & ANY PRAYER YOU WOULD LIKE!

FAMILY DINNER:
SETTING TIME FOR FAMILY DINNER ALLOWS YOU TO CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER. WE KNOW LIFE GETS CHAOTIC, BUT WE SHOULD ALWAYS SCHEDULE TIME TO HAVE FAMILY MEALS.

FAMILY FITNESS:
GOD WANTS US TO BE SPIRITUALLY & PHYSICALLY HEALTHY! WHY NOT BE ACTIVE AS A FAMILY & SET HEALTH & FITNESS GOALS TOGETHER?

BE JESUS TO OTHERS:
SERVE OTHERS AS A FAMILY BY FEEDING THE HOMELESS, DOING SOMETHING KIND FOR SOMEONE IN NEED.

FAMILY TIME: "WASTE TIME" TOGETHER:
SCHEDULE TIME TO BE UNPRODUCTIVE AS A FAMILY. TAKE A VACATION, WATCH THE CHOSEN OR SHOWS ON FORMED, READ CATHOLIC/SAINT STORIES, OR GAME NIGHT. YOUR FAMILY IS THE GIFT: TAKE TIME TO ENJOY THEM.

PENANCE & PIZZA:
CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE & FORGIVENESS BY GOING TO CONFESSION AS A FAMILY. AFTER, ENJOY A SPECIAL TREAT... PIZZA!

NEED SOME SPIRITUAL INSPIRATION? WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

Start coming to daily Mass!

We have daily Masses at 6:15AM & 9AM Monday - Friday

Start praying the Rosary with your family or sign up to take home Our Lady of Fatima. Go to spnparish.net/fatima

Join our Women's Bible Study (Meets on Wednesdays at 7PM) or **Men of Faith** (Meets Fridays at 6AM)

Take advantage of the abundance of digital resources available:

- Bible in a Year Podcast
- Catechism in a Year Podcast
- YouTube videos by Ascension Presents or Bishop Barron

Take advantage of our FREE subscription to FORMED.

This is Catholic "Netflix" - hundreds of high quality videos, movies, and video series about our Catholic Faith *for all ages!*

HOW TO SIGN UP?

- Follow the link or QR code and Search "St Philip Neri - Metairie"

- Create a profile.
- EXPLORE & LEARN!



LET'S STAY CONNECTED!

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday - Friday.....6:15AM, 9:00AM
 First Saturdays.....9:00AM

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil.....4:00PM
 Sunday.....7:30AM, 9:00AM,
11:00AM & 6:00PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday.....9:30AM-6:00PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday.....2:30PM-3:30PM
 Sunday.....5:00PM -5:45PM
 First Saturdays.....8:00AM-8:45AM
 At any time by appointment.

PARISH CONTACTS

PHONE

PARISH: (504) 887-5535

WEBSITE

PARISH: www.spnparish.net

FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/spnchurch

SCHOOL CONTACTS

PHONE

SCHOOL: (504) 887-5600

WEBSITE

SCHOOL: www.stphilipneri.org

FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/StPhilipNeriSchool

SACRAMENTS



BAPTISM

If you are interested in having your child Baptized, please call the Church Office.



RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Homebound visits can be arranged for our Parishioners by calling the Church Office.



MATRIMONY

Arrangements are to be made with the Church Office ideally a year in advance or at least six months in advance. If you wish to speak with someone **blessing your marriage** or inquiring about an **annulments** please call the Church Office for assistance.



FUNERALS

When someone in the family passes, it is preferred that the family contact the Church Office to notify the priest before contacting the funeral home. Funeral visitation may be held in church.



RECONCILIATION

Saturday.....2:30PM-3:30 PM
 Sunday.....5:00PM -5:45 PM
 First Saturdays.....8:00AM-8:45AM
 or you may call the Church Office for an appointment



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you have a family member in need of anointing, please call the Church Office.



CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation program is for high school juniors. If you are an adult seeking Confirmation please call the Church Office.



OCIA

If you are interested in becoming Catholic or just learning more about Catholicism, OCIA meets every Sunday following the 9:00AM Mass.



NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please register by signing the book in back of church or call the Church Office at (504) 887-5535

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL

Family Mass

ON THE SOLEMNITY OF
The Holy Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
 9AM MASS



Join us for
Epiphany Mass

MASS TIMES

Saturday, January 3, 2026 - 4PM
 Sunday, January 4, 2026 -
 7:30AM, 9AM, 11AM, & 6PM

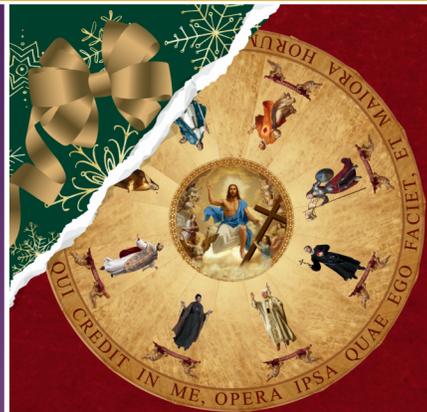
2026 Calendars & Home Blessing Kits will be handed out at all Masses.

HOME BLESSING TRADITION

It is a tradition to bless our homes with chalk on Epiphany each year, because this is the day the three Wise Men visited the home of the Holy Family. During this blessing, we invite God into our home & ask for His protection throughout the year. We mark our thresholds with 20 + C + M + B + 26, the initials of each Wise Man & the new year.



20+C + M + B + 26



UNWRAP THE FUTURE
 OF OUR PARISH.



View our plans, follow campaign progress, or pledge at
spnparish.net/dream

SAINT PHILIP NERI CHURCH PRESENTS

KAROLING ON KAWANEE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27TH | FOLLOWING 4PM MASS
 MEET UNDER THE PORTE-COCHERE

JOIN US AS WE CONTINUE TO CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON WITH SOME OLD FASHIONED NEIGHBORHOOD CAROLING!

Following Caroling we will have cookie decorating and fireside smores!