

Church of St. Philip the Apostle

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RETURN to the LORD



Daily Devotions

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
God's Grace in the Here and Now

Mental healthcare professionals will tell you that constantly looking back on the past leads to depression and constantly looking toward the future causes anxiety. God's grace is not in the future. God's grace is not in the past. "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present" (Bill Keane).

What moment do we find ourselves in right now? We are on the cusp of the holy season on Lent. We are standing on the edge of the precipice, looking at the spiritual disciplines that lie before us, getting ready to sink or swim.

Our second reading says: "When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: *Death is swallowed up in victory.*" What exactly does that mean? We must allow ourselves to be changed, to be transformed. We who were once corruptible, must now flee from sinfulness. We who were once dead in our sins can be brought to everlasting life in Christ's forgiveness.

And who is the victor over death? It is Christ who swallows it up through His death. Of course God could simply say the word and we would all be saved, but He chose to send His Son and He chose to require our cooperation. "No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher."

And so it was that God Almighty sent the most unfathomable present to us here and now, our very own Teacher. His grace is with us in this moment, leading, guiding and loving. Let us receive this gift and open our hearts to all the lessons and graces He has in store for us today.

Tami Urcia

Octavo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario
La gracia de Dios en el momento presente

Los profesionales de la salud mental dirán que mirar constantemente al pasado conduce a la depresión y mirar constantemente al futuro causa ansiedad. La gracia de Dios no está en el futuro. La gracia de Dios no está en el pasado. "El ayer es historia, el mañana es un misterio, el hoy es un don de Dios, por eso lo llamamos presente" (Bill Keane).

¿En qué momento nos encontramos ahora mismo? Estamos en la cúspide de la temporada santa de Cuaresma. Estamos parados al borde del precipicio, mirando las disciplinas espirituales que se encuentran ante nosotros, preparándonos para hundirnos o sobrevivir nadando.

La segunda lectura dice: "Cuando nuestro ser corruptible y mortal se revista de incorruptibilidad e inmortalidad, entonces se cumplirá la palabra de la Escritura: *La muerte ha sido aniquilada por la victoria.*" ¿Qué significa eso exactamente? Debemos permitirnos ser cambiados, ser transformados. Nosotros que una vez éramos corruptibles, ahora debemos huir del pecado. Nosotros que una vez estuvimos muertos en el pecado podemos ser llevados a la vida eterna en el perdón de Cristo.

¿Y quién es el vencedor de la muerte? Es Cristo, quien la devora con su muerte. Por supuesto, Dios podría simplemente decir la palabra y todos seríamos salvos, pero eligió enviar a su Hijo y eligió exigir nuestra cooperación. "El discípulo no es superior a su maestro; pero cuando termine su aprendizaje, será como su maestro".

Y así fue como Dios Todopoderoso envió el regalo más insondable al momento presente, nuestro propio Maestro. Su gracia está con nosotros en este momento, guiándonos, dirigiéndonos y amándonos. Recibamos este regalo y abramos nuestros corazones a todas las lecciones y gracias que Él tiene para nosotros hoy.

Tami Urcia



Masses For The Week

First Saturday, March 1

9:00 am † by

5:00 pm Bud Gasset † by Carol Micalizzi

Jeanniene Dessert † by Dessert Family

Sunday, March 2

8:00 Concepcion Oraeta † by Enrique Ozaera

10:30 am Sick of our Parish by Our CDA

12:30 pm † by

Monday, March 3

9:00 am Marilyn Armlin by Maryann Rhodes

Tuesday, March 4

9:00 am Liturgy & Communion Service

Ash Wednesday, March 5

9:00am Pearl Dryja † by FerguStein family

6:00 pm Robert McCommons † by McEvelly Family

7:30pm

Thursday, March 6

9:00 am † by

7:00 pm † by (Spanish)

First Friday, March 7

9:00 am Laura DeRose † by Gwenn Blevins

Saturday, March 8

5:00 pm Allison Chambers † by Daniel & Cathy Chambers

Don Armlin † by Herman Pekarek

Sunday, March 9

8:00 am † by

10:30 am Angelo Roncalli † by Mary Cannady

Don Armlin † by Greg & Kathy Watson

12:30 pm Ursula Marquez † by Medina Family

Maria Ligla Pinzon † by Familia Castro Lopez

LECTORS

March 8 5:00 pm 1st Mike Hoffman, 2nd Mike Hoffman

March 9 8:00 am 1st Joe Gutekanst, 2nd Daniel Chambers

10:30 am 1st Pam Kleane, 2nd Andrea Napoli

12:30 pm 1st Lupe Vargas, 2nd Erika Gomez

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

March 8 5:00 pm A. Eisele (HA), L. Hardig (HC)

March 9 8:00 am V. Storey (HA), S. Woodward (HC)

10:30 am F. Lahey (HA), S. McMurphy (HC)

12:30 pm Lissette P. (H), Emily V., Braulio P.

ALTAR SERVERS

March 8 5:00 pm Cory H., Bret L., Ana A.

March 9 8:00 am Brock C., Rhett C., Caden C.

10:30am Enrique C., Valeria A., Jackie D.,

Mackenzie O., Garrison M.

Jacob S., 12:30 pm David B., Carlo D., Giselle G., Yeshua M.,

Patty B. Belen R.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:

An Invitation for a New
Year's Resolution!

Does GOD seem distant?
What are you seeking? St.
Philip said "Come & See" .
Spiritual Direction is for every-
one. It helps provide the
needed time to hear God's
whisper to welcome you to
the next step in Life's journey.
The Holy Spirit leads both the
director & the director to dis-
cern the Will of God in one's
personal daily experiences.
There is no fee & the Certi-
fied Minister meets during
Church office hrs. Individual-
ly once a month for 1 hr.. Fur-
ther questions of interest,
Contact Mrs. Marie K.
Gomez c - 949 433 8693
(she does not speak Spanish).

 SUNDAYKIDZ

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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C	Z	A	E	I	A	P	P	E	Y	E
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Z	K	K	W	D	L	H	I	R	Q	P
T	Q	D	X	M	Y	E	N	U	O	J
C	R	B	X	J	J	A	T	I	V	P
S	P	E	A	K	S	R	E	T	V	N
H	H	A	E	U	E	T	R	S	H	N
B	V	P	A	R	A	B	L	E	S	F

Parable Blind Eye Splinter Beam
Clearly Tree Fruit Heart Speaks

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Next weeks readings are
Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13
Come prepared.



Our Lenten Penance service
is Monday March 10th at 7pm. We will have 15
priests on hand to hear confession.
Prepare for this holy season.

Family Life Upcoming Events

Bingo - Saturday March 15th after the 5:00 PM Mass. Doors open at 6:00PM (Food available for purchase). Bingo starts at 7:00 PM

Family Life monthly meeting– March 20th in the Parish Activity Center. All are welcome to join. Come and see what we do.

Daytime Bible study every Wednesday at 11:15 AM . Contact Jerry (336-469-7089) would you like to join this group.

Book Club meets on the 4th Monday night of every month.

First Saturday after Mass -
Wine and Cheese.

First Sunday after 8 and 10:30 Masses-
Coffee/Donuts

Contact Bill McGinn if you have any questions(704-883-2585).



@ St. Philip Catholic Church

Cursillo Weekends for Men and Women will be held at the Catholic Conference Center in Hickory, NC

- ♦ Men's Cursillo Weekend:
June 26-29, 2025
- ♦ Women's Cursillo Weekend:
July 10-13, 2025

If you have been considering Cursillo as the next step in your spiritual journey, now is the time.

Contact parishioner: Bill McGinn
wsmco104@gmail.com 704-883-2585

The Cursillo Movement is a recognized charism of the Catholic Church founded on small friendship groups.



The **Disciple Maker Index (DMI)** is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Philip the Apostle.

The 10–15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link from March 5th through April 8th and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

Thank you for helping with this important project and please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish. Bishop Martin



Food For Days is in need of any of these 3 food items. Thank you St. Philip parishioners for your continued support as we work together to prevent food insecurity for our children in Iredell County Schools. Food donations may be left on the cart by the Parish office. Please check expiration dates.

Our Catholic Daughters are hosting a Soup & Substance after Stations of the Cross on Friday March 7th.

Pilgrim Image of Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe, Rosary in spanish



“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” Luke 1:38. Our Rosary Prayer Group consists of women, men and children of all ages who desire to have a devotion to The Blessed Virgin Mary. At Sunday mass (Spanish 12:30) the pilgrim image of the Blessed Virgin of Guadalupe is taken by one of the families in our community to their houses. The involved family is committed to pray the Holy Rosary daily for one week and then return the image to church the following Sunday for another family to take turns. Each Friday relatives, friends, neighbors, and anyone from St. Philips gather in that house to pray the rosary as a group. We believe that “the family that prays together stays together”, and the devotional prayer of the Holy Rosary helps us to maintain our faith strong and our spirit alive. Everyone is welcome to participate. If your heart desires to take the pilgrim image to your home, **contact Heriberto 704-928-5630**



Grupo del Rosario – Virgen Peregrina

“He aquí, soy la esclava del Señor. Que se haga en mí según tu palabra”. Lucas 1:38. Nuestro Grupo de Oración del Rosario está formado por mujeres, hombres y niños de todas las edades que desean tener devoción a La Santísima Virgen María. En la misa dominical (12:30 misa en español) la imagen peregrina de la Santísima Virgen de Guadalupe es llevada por una de las familias de

nuestra comunidad a su casa. La familia se compromete a rezar el Santo Rosario diariamente durante una semana y luego devolver la imagen a la iglesia el domingo siguiente para otra familia. Los viernes familiares, amigos, vecinos y cualquier persona de St. Philips se reúnen en esa casa para rezar el rosario en grupo. Creemos que “la familia que ora unida, permanece unida”, y el rezo devocional del Santo Rosario nos ayuda a mantener nuestra fé fortalecida y nuestro espíritu vivo. Todos son bienvenidos a participar. Si en tu corazón sientes el deseo de llevar la imagen peregrina a tu casa, contacta con **Heriberto 704 928 5630**

Faith Formation

The Catholic Church teaches that parents are the most important people in their children's lives to teach them about God.
La Iglesia Católica enseña que los padres son las personas más importantes en la vida de sus hijos para enseñarles acerca de Dios.

ATTENTION FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES/ATENCIÓN FAMILIAS EN FORMACIÓN DE FE:

A Big Thank You!!

We Would like to thank everyone that participated in our Confirmation Retreat: Parents, students, teachers. The Catholic Daughters, Knights of Columbus and the Hispanic Food Ministry for providing food.

¡¡Muchas gracias!!

Nos gustaría agradecer a todos los que participaron en nuestro Retiro de Confirmación: padres, estudiantes, maestros, Hijas católicas, Caballeros de Colón y el Ministerio Hispano por proporcionar alimentos.

Baptism: Children younger than 6 years old can be baptized without faith formation preparation. Ask for an application at the Faith Formation office. You need the birth certificate and Godparents in good standing with the church.

Bautismo: Los niños menores de 6 años pueden ser bautizados sin preparación de formación en la fe. Obtenga una solicitud en la oficina de formación de fe. Necesita el certificado de nacimiento y que los padrinos estén en buen estado con la iglesia.

CHILDREN

1st-9th grade

Sunday/Domingo

9:00-10:15 am/11:00-12:15pm

Wednesday/Miércoles

Start with 6:00pm Mass-7:45pm

March 22- First Reconciliation at 10AM

Marzo 22-Primera Confesión a las 10AM

OCİY

14-17 years

Sunday/Domingo

11:00-12:15pm

Wednesday/Miércoles

Start with 6:00pm Mass-7:45pm

Remember to turn your saint name if you haven't done so.

OCIA

Adults

Domingo en español: 11:00-12:15pm

Wednesday in English

6:45pm-7:45pm

Confessions Monday, March 10th

For more information: Contact Edgar or Raquel by phone 704-872-2579 Ext. 2 or by email stphilipfaith@gmail.com

Sunday 8:00-3:00pm, Monday 9:30am-3:30pm, Wednesday 4:00pm-8:00pm and Thursday 4:00pm-8:00pm

Para más información: Contactar a Edgar o Raquel por tel. 704-872-2579 Ext. 2 o por correo electrónico stphilipfaith@gmail.com

Domingo 8:00-3:00 pm, Lunes 9:30am-3:30pm, Miércoles 4:00pm-8:00pm y Jueves 4:00pm-8:00pm

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Access the 2024-2025 FF schedule

Acceso al calendario de FF del 2024-2025

2024-2025 Schedule





Wednesday March 5
Ash Wednesday

Saturday March 8
K of C selling State raffle tickets after Mass

Friday March 7
6pm Stations of the cross
5-7pm Soup & Substance
(CDA)

Sunday March 9
K of C selling State raffle tickets after Mass

Monday March 10
7pm Penance Service

2025 Knights of Columbus State Raffle.

The drawing itself will take place on
May 17, 2025.

The prizes are as follows:

First Prize - \$5,000 Cash

Second Prize - \$4,000 Cash

Third & Fourth Prizes - \$500 Cash Each

Fifth & Sixth Prizes - \$400 Cash Each

Seventh Prize - \$200 Cash

50% of all ticket costs stay with our Parish and local charities (St. Philip the Apostle Confirmation Retreat, Gi-Gi, Pregnancy Center, Seminarian) and non-profit organizations, supported by your St. James Council 7152 Knights and fellow parishioners!

Tickets will be sold after Mass on
8th and 9th of March



At home... Lillian Alvey, Anna Eisele Singleton, Jessica Allison, Jessica Crosso, Andrew Gulley, Carl DiFulvio, Jackie Mejia, Angela Moreno, Irene Brunner, Alan Eisele, Marion Weber, Jack Kelley, Margaret Hoffman & healing for all ill. **Autumn Care...** Brenda Kelley. **Spring Arbor...** Pat Reilly. **Olin Village...** Evelyn Sebastian, Olin Wiles, Stephanie Johnson. **Please pray for the intentions on Our Prayer Tree. To place a name on the Prayer Tree, please sign the Prayer Book in the Lobby.**

Collection totals from Sunday February 23, 2025

5:00 pm.....\$2,620.00
8:00 am.....\$2,887.25
10:30 am.....\$3,489.00
12:30 pm.....\$1,917.35
Regular Total\$10,913.60

Votive.....\$77.90
DSA.....\$5,640.00
Food Closet\$479.00
Capital Improvement & Maintenance.....\$2,798.00

Weekend total.....\$19,908.50

*Thank you for returning some of God's
Gifts to you to His Church.*

*****Collection totals from previous week*****

Collection totals from February 16

5:00 pm.....\$2,255.00
8:00 am.....\$1,786.00
10:30 am.....\$2,274.00
12:30 pm.....\$1,679.75
Regular Total\$7,994.75

Votive.....\$79.00
Food Closet\$2,492.00
Capital Improvement.....\$1,030.00

Weekend total.....\$11,595.75

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January 2025

Online donations.....\$7,151.73
Votive donations.....\$421.47



Happy Birthday 3/3/2025 to 3/9/2025

3/3 Denise Jones, Flor Rodriguez, Ryan Rutten **3/4** Rosemarie DiRaffaele, Ethan Edwards, Jade Lopez, Donald Parker, Steven Soltysiak, Brian Sorel **3/5** John Eaton, Jamie Hernandez Rosas, Nathaniel L. Seme, Christian Villabona, Julitza Villabona **3/6** Jack Hastings, Hugo Sierra, Vincenzo Vicidomini **3/7** Juan Gomez, Laurentino Reyes, Iker Gustavo Rodriguez Aguir, Gricelda Simon Magana **3/8** William Carlin Sr., Austin Kindred, Catherine Rhodes, Olga Trevino Chavez **3/9** Thuy Tram Matta, Thomas Walle

Happy Anniversary 3/3/2025 to 3/9/2025

3/3 Mr. & Mrs. Horacio Tobon,
3/8 Mr. & Mrs. Darryl Brown





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