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Rosary 30 minutes before weekday and weekend Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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by appointment and season schedule during Advent and Lent

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Ministry to the Sick and Homebound: Call the Parish office when a family member is sick and would like a visit or would like to receive Holy Communion, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick.

New Parishioners and Status: Welcome to St. Philip Parish! Call or come by the Parish office to register. Also notify us when moving out of the parish or when you have a change of family status and address.

Mass Intentions March 21 – March 27

MON	8:00 a.m.	+ Bob Staff
TUE	8:00 a.m.	+ Fred Prihoda
WED	1:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	+ Ed and Marcella Malek, Lester and Marie Ladewig + Susan Riha
THU	8:00 a.m.	Parishioners Intentions
FRI	8:15 a.m.	Holub and Hundl living and deceased members
SAT	5:00 p.m.	+ Lala Alvarado
SUN	7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	+ Agnes Hajovsky + Frankie Cernoch Parishioners Intentions



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 26 & MARCH 27

• **SATURDAY– 5:00 p.m.**

Lector: Susan Richards

Cantor: Carol Smolik

Altar Servers: Kylie Irby, Krista Irby, Trent Womack

Hospitality: Need Volunteers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Kevin Pavlas, Need Volunteer

• **SUNDAY– 7:00 a.m.**

Lector: Tish McAlister

Altar Servers: Brynn Charbula, Talyan Charbula, Need Volunteer

Hospitality: Gerry Graham, Anthony Ott

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Don McAlister, Mark Merta

• **SUNDAY– 10:00 a.m.**

Lector: Judy Barrett, Paul Barrett

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• **SUNDAY– 6:00 p.m.**

Lector: Polly Wilkins

Cantor: Jenna Holik

Altar Servers: Pierson Prasek, Wyatt Prasek, Layni Rawlinson

Hospitality: Need Volunteers

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

Wayne Bard, Lynn Cox

Third Sunday of Lent
March 20, 2022

A Message From Our Pastor

Father's Formed.org Suggestion of the Week

AUDIO – EXPLORING THE FAITH

The Logic of Being Catholic by Dr. Ray Guarendi

We continue our prayers for Ukraine, and I encourage you to join the Novena begun last Thursday to end on the Solemnity of the Annunciation (see below for a suggested prayer). Pope Francis has added a special consecration he will lead at a Celebration of Penance on March 25 in St Peter's Basilica (broadcast on EWTN at 2:00pm). Join with the Body of Christ to pray for our brothers and sisters who are hurting. We also have an avenue to assist the people financially at www.KofC.org.

The consecration is after a historical line of Papal consecrations to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This consecration will be of Russia and Ukraine to Immaculate Heart of Mary. Jesus calls us to love and pray for those who love us and our enemies who persecute us (Matthew 5:44).

Novena to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Most Blessed Mother, heart of love, heart of mercy, ever listening, caring, consoling, hear our prayer. As your children, we implore your intercession with Jesus your Son. Receive with understanding and compassion the petitions we place before you today, especially... (special intention).

We are comforted in knowing your heart is ever open to those who ask for your prayer. We trust to your gentle care and intercession, those whom we love and who are sick or lonely or hurting. Help all of us, Holy Mother, to bear our burdens in this life until we may share eternal life and peace with God forever. Amen.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray For The Sick...

Annabelle Van Deursen, Clifton Bram, Anton Tupa, Dolores Priesmeyer, Melody Macha, Milton & Henrietta Machacek, Johnnie Mican, Kristen Lezak, Abby Goerig, Carly Walker, Lester Lutringer, Lisa Respondek Holt, Helen Hicks, Alvin Korenek, Joshua Fowler, Leonard Hubenak, Jennifer Martin, Stephanie Stepan, Weston Swoboda, Charles Maerz, David Dunn, Donnie Novak, Irene Sedlock, Lonnie Roe, Garret Davis, Brandy Kubena, Eugene Graham, Cindy Juneck, Bill Culver, Daniel Marek, Carl Siglock, Shirley McMahon, Cindy Schmidt, Edith Farish, Kristi Baker, Tyler Simpson, Joy Roppolo, Lorrie Goodman, L. C. Koehne Jr., Donna Vasek, Lawrence Korenek, Linda Vaclavick, Sandra Munoz, Frank Kacal, Mildred Janda, Craig Terrell, Cindy Blaha, Bennie Novak, Dolores Sbrusch, Kim Medford Underwood, Roxane Roach, Vicky Pavlu, Margaret Waters, Rickie Wiesner, Sherrie Witcher, Gail Zaruba, Kim Peikert, Douglas Hansen, Sue Maxwell, Frances Kappelmann, Crawford Leonard, Ellwood Hermansen, Austin Tice, Pat Cunningham, Blair Couey Sr., Floyd Borak, Anton Dybala Jr., Anita Vinklerek, Gary Holub, Dianna Lyne Dunn, Regina Merta, Daisy Zella and the home-bound.

FIRST READING - Joshua 5:9, 10-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

SECOND READING - 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

GOSPEL - Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need.

So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers."' So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, 'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'"

Key Scriptural Passage:

The reign of God is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the garden; it grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air made nests in its branches. (Lk 13:19)

Questions for Discussion:

Adult: What important work could bear fruit in your life right now if you have more confidence in God's loving care?

Child: What great work would you like to do as you grow older? What can you do to begin now?

Readings For The Week (March 21 - March 26)

Monday.....2 Kgs 5:1-15/Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday..... Dn 3:25,34-43/Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday..... Dt 4:1,5-9/Mt 5:17-19
Thursday.....Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23
Friday.....Is 7:10-14,8-10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Saturday.....Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Adorer Needed: We are needing an adorer for Thursday from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m. Please pray and answer God's call. For more information, call Janet Holub at 543-6130.



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Pro-Life Corner..."A favorite pro-abortion tactic is to insist that the definition of when life begins is impossible; that the question is a theological or moral or philosophical one, anything but a scientific one. Fetology makes it undeniable evident that life begins at conception and requires all the protection and safeguards that any of us enjoy... As a scientist I know, not believe, I know that human life begins at conception. "

- Bernard Nathanson

Flowers - March 20

Lent - No Flowers


Pray For Our Seminarians:

Ryan Kapavik, Aaron Padila, Luke Prihoda, Shane Goertz, Caleb Krischke, Joseph Blackburn

Pray For Those Serving In The Military and Law Enforcement


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AMOR MEUS SPIRITUALITY CENTER, Incarnate Word Convent, 1101 N.E. Water Street, Victoria, TX 77901 **Saturday, March 26, 2022, a Lenten Silent Guided Retreat, “You are Invited to be Transformed in Christ”** will be facilitated by **Sr. Marian Sturm, IWBS**. Since Lent is a special time to reflect on our relationships and how we live our lives concretely in a love relationship with God and others, we will reflect on how we can live out the passion, death and resurrection now so that we might be transformed IN Christ? **Sign-In** is at **9:30 am**, **Introduction and Opening Prayer**, at **10:00 am** and **closing** is at **3:00 pm**. It consists of two reflections with time between for reflection and personal prayer. Masks are required for both events. Park in the back for **Taize** prayer and in the front of the convent for the retreat. Bring your lunch for the retreat.

Annual Catholic Conference coming on April 2 at St. Joseph Catholic High School in Victoria. The Rev. Jacob Koether and the Rev. Eliecer Hurtado will give keynote addresses in English and Spanish. Workshops will be available in both languages as well. The conference schedule and listing of workshops is available on the Diocese of Victoria website at www.victoriadiocese.org 

Grief Retreat... The Strength for the Journey ministry for parents who have lost a child any age is offering a one-day retreat on April 2. This retreat will be held at the Cathedral Center (St. Gabriel Hall) in Victoria.

This day will include the opportunity to pray, listen to presentations by clergy and other parents who have lost a child, and meet others on the grief journey. Participants are not required to share anything that day, and may remain silent and listen if they'd like.

Snacks and lunch will be provided, and there will be a good will offering that day. For more information, contact Pat Hoelscher at 979-257-9984, or Deacon Larry Hoelscher at 979-578-3934. 

Register for free at www.victoriadiocese.org/grief-day-retreat.

Do You Want To Fast This Lent?

In the words of Pope Francis

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from judges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Prayer for Week Three of Lent...

Father, as we continue our Lenten penance, help us remain faithful to the penitential practice we have chosen. We know you are always with us, offering us your grace. Your presence is a comfort and help to us. Increase our hope so we can always have confidence in your providential care for us. Your Son, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In his name, have mercy.



Lenten Practices: Almsgiving...

Cultivating a spirituality of abundance might seem contrary to Lent. Yet, it is helpful to remember that everything is a gift from God—our lives, relationships, talents, possessions—and our deepest identity is that we are beloved by God. When we believe this, we are freed from trying to measure our worth by any other means. We come to realize the beauty of enough: we have enough, and we are enough with all our imperfections. As a result, we can let go and give away. This is almsgiving.

“Christ has no body but yours, No hands, no feet on earth but yours, Yours are the eyes with which he looks Compassion on this world, Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good, Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.” - *St. Teresa of Avila*.

A Prayer for Lent

From the Catholic Rural Life Prayer Book

DEAR Lord, we are now in the holy season of Lent. We begin to realize anew that these are the days of salvation, these are the acceptable days. We know that we are all sinners. We know that in many things we have all offended Your infinite majesty. We know that sin destroys Your life in us as a drought withers the leaves and chokes the life from the land, leaving an arid, dusty desert.

Help us now, Lord, in our feeble attempts to make up for past sin. Bless our efforts with the rich blessing of Your grace. Make us realize ever more our need of penance and of mortification. Help us to see, in our ordinary difficulties and duties, in the trials and temptations of every day, the best opportunity of making up for past infidelities.

Every day we are so often reminded in field and wood, in sky and stream, of Your own boundless generosity to us. Help us to realize that You are never outdone in generosity, and that the least thing we do for You will be rewarded, full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and flowing over.

Then we shall see, in our own souls, how the desert can blossom, and the dry and wasted land can bring forth the rich, useful fruit that was expected of it from the beginning. Amen.



Signs of the Season...The Color Purple...

The deep purple color that fills the Church during Lent symbolizes Christ's suffering and death, but because purple is also the color of royalty, it foreshadows Christ's kingship and resurrection.

Monday, March 21

- Men's Bible study at 6:00 a.m. - Meeting House.
- Bible study group session at 10:00 a.m. - Mtg House.
- Ongoing topic is *The Lenten Companion*.
- CDA rosary at 6:00 p.m.; meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 22

- Upper Room prayer group will meet at 6:00 p.m.
- Women's bible study at 6:00 p.m.
- KC meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 23

- School Stations at 8:15 a.m. in the school gym.
- CCE grades 2 and 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 24

- Reconciliation from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday, March 25

- Stations of the cross at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26

- Reconciliation from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, March 27

- Second collection is for Catholic Relief Services.

Parish Food Drive... Please return your filled food bags for the Blessing Cup Storehouse this weekend. Please enter through the fire escape door and place the bags on the table in the hall.

St. Philip Catholic School Super Prize Drawing Winner for March 11 is *Gary Capak*.

Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, March 23 at 8:15 a.m. in the school gym with St. Philip School children.

Friday, March 25: 6:00 p.m. in church.



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Deposit - \$400.00 (Payable on booking), Second Payment 50% due March 1, 2023.

Each tour member must hold a U.S. passport valid up to 6 months after the scheduled return.

For more information contact Wendy Eggert, Director of Youth and Adult Ministry at 361-573-0828.

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Signs of the Season... The Scrutinies... This week and the two following weeks, we celebrate the Scrutinies. Their purpose is "uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect, to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good." (RCIA 141). While specifically designed for those who are entering the Church, all of us can benefit from the scrutinies by examining our hearts and consciences for both healing and strengthening.

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