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# SAINT PHILIP THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Pastor:** Rev. Dalton R. Ervin  
**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Samuel K. Owusu

**Deacons:** Deacon Jerome Grahmann  
Deacon Larry Hoelscher

***Community Mission Statement...** We, the people of God of Saint Philip the Apostle, in the loving and evangelizing spirit of St. Philip, form a family community that challenges each of us to proclaim and live the gospel messages of Jesus Christ in the world through worship, evangelization, Christian formation and service.*

## **Sunday Eucharist Schedule**

Saturday (*Vigil of Sunday*) ..... 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 7:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

## **Holy Day and Weekday Schedule**

Holy Days ..... (*check the Bulletin*)  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, First Saturday ..... 8:00 a.m.  
Wednesday ..... 5:30 p.m.  
Friday during School Season ..... 8:15 a.m.

## **Perpetual Adoration and Rosary**

Perpetual Adoration ..... Monday 8:30 a.m. until Friday 5:00 p.m.  
Rosary ..... 30 minutes before 5:00 P.M. Saturday Evening Mass  
and 7:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Wednesday 4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.; Saturday 3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.;  
by appointment and season schedule during Advent and Lent

## **~ PASTORAL CARE INFORMATION ~**

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please inform the Parish office at least six months before due date. Further instructions and baptismal materials will be provided at the Parish office.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Please register at the parish office as soon as possible, but at least six months prior to anticipated date.

**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 Nov 20 – Nov 26**

|     |                                      |                                                                                                    |
|-----|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MON | 8:00 a.m.                            | + Richard and Gloria Slovak, Rick Slovak                                                           |
| TUE | 8:00 a.m.                            | + Frank Konvicka                                                                                   |
| WED | 1:45 p.m.<br>5:30 p.m.               | Priest Intention<br>+ Adolph and Emma Mladenka                                                     |
| THU | 8:00 a.m.                            | + Louis Buzek                                                                                      |
| FRI | 8:00 a.m.                            | + Benjamin and Gladys Korenek                                                                      |
| SAT | 5:00 p.m.                            | + J.P. Anderson                                                                                    |
| SUN | 7:00 a.m.<br>10:00 a.m.<br>6:00 p.m. | Parishioners Intentions<br>+Alfonse and Rosie Pustejovsky,<br>Roland Kacal<br>+ Johnnie Smaistrila |

**Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Blessed are you who fear the Lord. - Psalm 128:1

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOV 25 & NOV 26****SATURDAY– 5:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Essie Leslie

**Cantor:** Jeanette Hunter

**Altar Servers:** Annie Aertker, Elizabeth Juranek, Paul Juranek

**Hospitality:** Need Volunteers

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Martha Bartos, Rian Juranek

**SUNDAY 7:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** William Rek

**Altar Servers:** Brynn Charbula, Talynn Charbula, Parker Eide

**Hospitality:** Roy and Janice Smistrila

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Linda Bolcik, Michael Bolcik

**SUNDAY– 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Ceci Triska, Jim Van Antwerp

**Cantor:** Carol Smolik

**Altar Servers:** Rhett Dertien, Katelyn Netardus, Matthew Van Antwerp

**Hospital/Meridian:** Dale Kight

**Hospitality:** Frank Jalufka, Frank Kacal, Joe Kocurek, Philip Kocurek

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Kimberly Couvillion, Mike Couvillion, Jan Dornak, Kevin Pavlas, Claudia Raun

**CLOW:** Andrea Wallis

**SUNDAY– 6:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Riley Wallis

**Cantor:** Abigail Porter

**Altar Servers:** Caleb Porter, Harrison Porter, Sophie Porter

**Hospitality:** Need Volunteers

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

Lynn Cox, Theresa Staff

**Vocation Crucifix:** Mike and Melanie Porter family

*Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
November 19, 2023

**A Message From Our Pastor**

Next weekend we will celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King of the Universe. This year, we will mark this occasion with two significant events in the life of our parish and community.

First, we will begin reposing, keeping, the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle on the original altar of St. Philip Church. As I have mentioned in previous messages, this will require a deeper sense of reverence in the church, to provide a space of prayer, to acknowledge the Eucharistic presence of our Lord and King, and recognizing that a church is not just like any other building, but a place set aside from the rest of the world for an encounter with the Living God.

Secondly, we will join with St. Robert's in a Eucharistic Procession, beginning at St. Philip's at 3:00 p.m. and concluding at St. Robert's. Please make plans to be present and walk in this public statement of our faith and devotion to God. The Church needs healing and the world needs God, and the answer to both of these needs is found in the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus, the Eucharist. So, next Sunday, November 26, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., let us take up the banner of Christ, our great sign of victory, wearing our faith on our sleeves, and make this journey with the Lord.

With the tenderness, compassion, and mercy of the loving Savior, -Fr. Dalton



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**  
**Pray For The Sick...**

Annabelle Van Deursen, Anton Tupa, Dolores Priesmeyer, Melody Macha, Milton & Henrietta Machacek, Kristen Lezak, Abby Goerig, Carly Walker, Lisa Respondek Holt, Leonard Hubenak, Jennifer Martin, Irene Sedlock, Eugene Graham, Cindy Junek, Bill Culver, Carl Siglock, Shirley McMahon, Cindy Schmidt, Edith Farish, Kristi Baker, Lorrie Goodman, L. C. Koehne Jr., Lawrence Korenek, Linda Vaclavick, Frank Kacal, Cindy Blaha, Kim Underwood, Vicky Pavlu, Margaret Waters, Rickie Wiesner, Gail Zaruba, Kim Peikert, Douglas Hansen, Sue Maxwell, Frances Kappelmann, Austin Tice, Pat Cunningham, Daisy Zella, Laura Thane, Blair Ross Couey Jr., Barbara Junek, Darrell Nohavitza, Dorothy Faas, Walter and Stephanie Stepan, Louise Kubena, Billy Berry, Stephen Gaines, Gerald Ripple, Calynne Reckaway, Ginger McMasters Preite, John Scogin, Amelia Lyford, Betty Hlavinka, Jesse Wheeler, Candace Janecka, Douglas "Bubba" Dornak, Elaine Janik, Albert Socha, Clifton Bram, Alvin Merta, Dolores Resendez, Patsy Mican Smith, Melodie Kacal, Larry Grubbs, Eleanor Mican, Julia Rodriguez, Evelyn Dybala, Darlene Kahanek, Nancy Kacal, Marilyn Goerig, Braden Mican, Trent Mican, Alice Bacak Richardson, Anna Peter, and the homebound.

**FIRST READING** - Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep. As a shepherd tends his flock when he finds himself among his scattered sheep, so will I tend my sheep. I will rescue them from every place where they were scattered when it was cloudy and dark. I myself will pasture my sheep; I myself will give them rest, says the Lord GOD. The lost I will seek out, the strayed I will bring back, the injured I will bind up, the sick I will heal, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy, shepherding them rightly. As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD, I will judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats.

**SECOND READING** - 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who subjected everything to him, so that God may be all in all.

**GOSPEL** - Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Son of Man comes in his

glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will place the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?

When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me.' Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, a stranger and you gave me no welcome, naked and you gave me no clothing, ill and in prison, and you did not care for me.' Then they will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or ill or in prison, and not minister to your needs?' He will answer them, 'Amen, I say to you, what you did not do for one of these least ones, you did not do for me.' And these will go off to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

**Key Scriptural Passage...**

The servants said, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." (Matthew 25:20-21)



**Questions for Discussion:**

**Adult:** What gift haven't you developed as you had hoped? What could you still do?

**Child:** What gift has God given you? What do you want to do with it?

**Readings For The Week (Nov 20 – Nov 25)**

Monday.....1 Mc 10:15,41-43,54-57,62-63/Lk 18:35-43  
Tuesday.....2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday.....2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Lk 19:11-28  
Thursday.....Sir 50:22-24/1 Cor 1:3-9/Lk 17:11-19  
Friday.....1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/Lk 19:45-48  
Saturday.....1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40

**Pray For Our Seminarians:**

Deacon Joseph Blackburn, Aaron Padilla, Shane Goertz, Caleb Krischke, William Pettus, Alex Woods, Nelson Lagos

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**Pro-Life Corner...** If we honored each baby aborted since 1973 with a moment of silence we would be silent for over 100 years.

**Lectors...** Please pick up your 2024 lector workbook in the sacristy.



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Those Going Home to God**

*Sylvester Kollaja; Regina Kaspar  
"Life has changed, not ended"*

**Sacrificial Giving**

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| 11-12-23 .....   | \$9,921.00 |
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**Pray For Those Serving In The Military and Law Enforcement**

*Nathan Cox LCRA Ranger, Zachary Elledge, IT1 US Navy, Lance Corp. Casey Winfield, USMC, David Haugh US Army Staff Sgt., Robert Drapela, Coast Guard, Zachary Montello Master Chief Sub-Lant Lance Corp., Mason Miller USMC, Spec. Christopher Alford, U.S. Army, Chris Bird, Texas Game Warden Wharton County, Lane Kocian Air Force, Shannon Sruhar Sheriff, Clint Savino Chief Deputy WCSO, Captain Larry Hensley, WCSO, Captain Jason Mican, WCSO, SRO Jeffery Pfeil, ECPD, Greg Pasak Travis County SO, James Scott DOJ, James Sanders Houston PD, Ivan Jaramillo Private #2, Arthur Debo ECPD, Braden Mican ECPD, SR Reece Mazel, Navy, Joseph Dornak, Private E2, Billy Edmiston, Infantry Marine, Brenden Norman Coast Guard, Colton Holub Army, Hunter Koudela WCSO, Jonathan Elledge, Staff Sgt. U.S. Air Force, Sgt Kurt Korenek, PD - Cy Fair ISD, Kaci Korenek USMC*



**Ladies Bible Study...**

*Experience a more peaceful, more joyful, and more meaningful Advent than ever before with **Rejoice!***

**An Advent Pilgrimage** into the Heart of Scripture, Year B. This prayer resource with daily reflections on the Sunday mass readings will help you enter more deeply into the season of Advent.

**Tuesday Evenings** beginning Nov. 28 - Mikeska Fellowship Center - 6:00-7:30 p.m.

*Questions?* Call *Linda Bolcik* at 979-541-3172 or *Angie Socha* at 979-541-6385.

**Monday Mornings** beginning Nov. 27 - St. Philip Meeting House - 10:00-11:30 a.m.

*Questions?* Call *Dot Hermansen* at 979-541-3023 or *Rita Hancock* at 979-541-7475.

**Receive these souls and present them to God the Most High...** The following names are requested to be remembered at Masses during November.

Laddie Svatek, Mary Sohrt, M/M Albert Winter, M/M Frank Svatek, Tom Svatek, Ellwood Hermansen, Patty Kainer Duncan, Charles Hermansen, Lucian and Evelyn Kainer, Jim and Lois Holt, Jerry Hermansen, Adolph & Emma Mladenka family, Louis & Frances Stavena family, Robbie & James McMahan Sr. and family, Edna Capps and family, Jason and Jeffrey Kachmar, all deceased members of Kachmar & Kaminsky family, Kevin Demuth, Bobby Little, J.E. & Maggie Little, Syl and Clara Kaspar, Victor & Mrs. Victor Cisneros, Clara Cisneros, Terry Cisneros, Victor Delgado, Joe & Leona Orsak, Pius & Martha Leopold, Willie Kaspar, John & Celestina Merta, John & Mildred Merta, John & Mary Kaspar, Stanley Konvicka, Frances Merta, John & Anna Merta, Vinc & Mary Kulcak, Adolph & Sophie Balcar, Willie John Balcar, Hugo & Emelie Schilhab, Jeanette Newman, Edwin & Bernice Kaluza, Leon & LaVerne Schilhab, Hugo Schilhab Jr.

**Adorers Needed:** We are needing adorers for **Wednesday** from 2:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., and **Thursday** from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., Please pray and answer God's call. For more information, call Janet Holub at 543-6130.

**Knights of Columbus #2490 ...**

Any man who would like to join the **Knights of Columbus Council #2490** are invited to an exemplification for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd degree on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00 p.m. at the Columbus Club Hall. For more information call Timmy Drapela at 979-332-2768 or Richard Raun at 979-541-3775.



**Save the Date..** Knights of Columbus #2490 annual sportsman raffle and stew supper will be held Tuesday, December 12 at the Columbus Club Hall. Raffle tickets are available at the church office.

**Growing in Faith... Get Ready For An Amazing Reality...**

At Christmas we celebrate the amazing fact that God came and lived among us. What's even more amazing is that he will come again at our death and at the end of time. To help us prepare for whichever comes first, the Church created the season of Advent. It is a watchful and penitential time during which we can...

**Prepare to drop everything.** If you knew that Jesus would come for you tomorrow, how would you spend today? Chances are you would spend the day asking and granting forgiveness, devote time to those you love, and prepare your heart to be with your Savior. Try to live each day that way.

**Pack light.** Spend more energy acquiring graces than goods. The graces come along when Jesus calls for you, but the goods stay behind. "But God said to him, *'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you, and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong.'*" (Luke 12:20).

**Spruce up.** If Jesus came for you tomorrow, you would want to be in a state of grace. Never miss Mass, go to confession regularly, perform an examination of conscience daily and avoid sin so that you'll be ready to greet Jesus with joy anytime. The truth is Jesus could come tomorrow - or even today!

**Feasts and Celebrations...**

The first day of Advent falls on December 3 this year and begins a new cycle in the church calendar. (Cycle B). The advent wreath is lit in households all over the world as we anticipate the birth of our Lord.

**Nov 1 - All Saints Day.** In the early church, each saint and martyr was assigned a feast day. However, the persecution of the Christians became so great that there weren't enough days in the calendar for individual commemorations. Eventually, Pope Gregory IV designated Nov. 1 as All Saints Day.

**Nov 2 - All Souls Day.** This is a day when we pray for the dead, especially our loved ones and the souls in Purgatory. Our prayers and sacrifices can help them get to Heaven faster.

**Nov 23 - Our Lord Jesus Christ the King.** A solemnity that commemorates Our Father's promise to his people of a king who will triumph over their enemies. Jesus is our King. In Baptism and Confirmation, we are brought under his kingship.

**Flowers - November 19**

**Main Altar and Ambo** - In loving memory of *Adolph and Antonia Bacak* given by Prihoda, Winters, and Richardson families.

**Calendar of Events...****Monday, November 20**

- Men's bible study at 6:00 a.m. - Meeting House.
- Bible study group session at 10:00 a.m. - Meeting House.
- CDA rosary at 6:00 p.m.; meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 21**

- Upper room prayer group will meet at 6:00 p.m.
- Women's bible study at 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, November 22**

- Parish office will close at 12:00 noon.

**Thursday, November 23 and Friday November 24**

Parish office closed.

**Sunday, November 26**

- Christ The King procession at 3:00 p.m.

**St. Philip School Catholic Super Prize Drawing Winner** for November 10 is *Amanda Weishuhn*.

**Bake Sale...KJT Society #84** will hold their annual bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 18 after the 5:00 p.m. Mass and Sunday, Nov. 19 after the 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Masses. Proceeds from the bake sale will benefit the St. Philip School academic program, and the KJT Priest and Religious Retirement Fund.



*Father Dalton, Father Samuel,  
Deacon Jerome, Deacon  
Larry, and the entire staff of  
St. Philip the Apostle Parish  
wish you and your Families  
A Most Blessed Thanksgiving!*

**Community-Wide****Thanksgiving Dinner**

*Thanksgiving Day - November 23, 2023*

*From 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

El Campo Civic Center

Questions or if you would like to contribute or donate  
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**2024 Church offering** envelopes are ready to be picked up from the tables in the foyer of the church. Please pick up your envelopes if you have not already done so. Please keep in mind that your number may have changed; so please do not use the new envelopes until January 2024.

**Wreaths Across America...****Sponsor A Wreath Today****2023 Nation Remembrance Ceremony**

**December 16, 2023**

This is the eleventh year for the Wreaths Across America event. "The goal of Wreaths Across America is to place wreaths on all fallen veterans' graves across the United States." The Elks Lodge in El Campo #1749 is very honored and privileged to carry our this "Mission" with the Wreaths Across America program. To order a wreath placed on a Veteran's grave at any cemetery (in our area) please contact *Roy Schulz* at 918-360-1159 or 918-348-4404 or email [roy.schulz@outlook.com](mailto:roy.schulz@outlook.com).

The deadline to purchase a wreath is Monday, Nov. 20. There is a \$17.00 fee for each wreath. Wreath laying ceremony will be held at 11:00 a.m. on December 16 at 11:00 a.m. at El Campo Elks Lodge #1749, 3030 N. Mechanic Street; El Campo, Tx.



**CDA/KC Christmas Party** on Monday, December 4 at the Columbus Club Hall. Social at 6:00 p.m. and meal to follow at 7:00 p.m. CDA members please RSVP to Lori Kocurek at [lorikocurek@yahoo.com](mailto:lorikocurek@yahoo.com) by November 30.



## CHRIST THE KING EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION

Everyone is invited to our 6th annual **Christ the King** procession on Sunday, November 26 beginning at 3:00 p.m. Shuttles will be provided so that you may leave your vehicles at St. Robert Church and get shuttled to St. Philip Church where the procession will begin. We will process from St. Philip to St. Robert Church with the Blessed Sacrament. We end the procession with the reposi-tion of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Robert.

Afterwards, we will have a potluck meal in honor of Christ the King. Please bring your favorite dish. May we continue to pray for all the permanent diaconate candidates of the Diocese of Victoria, for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life, and for Christ to be King of our lives.



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