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***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**

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Rosary ..... 30 minutes before 5:00 P.M. Saturday Evening Mass  
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## **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, Homebound and Hospital:** 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. **If anyone has a family member or a friend that would like to receive communion on Sunday that is in El Campo Memorial Hospital, please call the rectory at 543-3770.**

**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 18 – March 24**

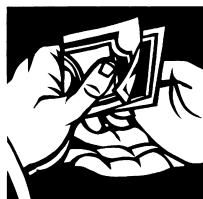
MON	8:00 a.m.	+ Bobby Stepan
TUE	<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	+ Willie J. Balcar
WED	1:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	No Mass at Nursing Home + Leon Cranek
THU	8:00 a.m.	+ Joe and Albina Krutilek
FRI	8:00 a.m.	+ Irene McKeon
SAT	5:00 p.m.	+ Benjamin Novak
SUN	7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	+ Gracie Priesmeyer + Billy Fuechec, Avin Hubenak Parishioners Intentions



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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 23 & MARCH 24****SATURDAY— 5:00 p.m.****Lector:** Essie Leslie**Cantor:****Altar Servers:** Conley Cranek, Hayes Cranek, **Need Volunteer****Hospitality:** Need Volunteers**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Dennis Edwards, Gwen Edwards**SUNDAY 7:00 a.m.****Lector:** Donna Shelton**Altar Servers:** Brynn Charbula, Talynn Charbula, **Need Volunteer****Hospitality:** Roy and Janice Smaistrila**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Lisa Bubela, Mike Smaistrila**SUNDAY— 10:00 a.m.****Lector:** Jim Van Antwerp, Glenn Frels**Cantor:****Altar Servers:** Rhett Dertien, Katelyn Netardus, Matthew Van Antwerp**Hospitality/Meridian:** Jeff Socha**Hospitality:** Need Volunteers**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Veronica Marek, Mary Kay Price, Ron Price, **Need Volunteers****CLOW:****Vocation Crucifix:** Ron and Mary Kay Price**SUNDAY— 6:00 p.m.****Lector:** Duncan Harris**Cantor:****Altar Servers:** Evelyn Harris, Addison Koudela, Alli Koudela, Aubri Koudela**Hospitality:** Need Volunteers**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Lynn Cox, **Need Volunteer***Fifth Sunday of Lent*  
*March 17, 2024***A Message From Our Pastor**

Today we enter Passiontide, the final two weeks of our Lenten journey. You may notice that the crosses and statues have been veiled. We are intensifying our preparations to celebrate the Sacred Triduum, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. These veils serve as a startling reminder to get ready. Soon the veils will be lifted, and we will see the beauty of our God who suffered, died, and rose to save us. There is an awkwardness to the veils, and that is on purpose. We want to remove them; we want to see!

To prepare ourselves for these holy celebrations, we should cultivate in ourselves true sorrow for our sins, as we pray every Sunday, for what we have done and what we have failed to do. We can acknowledge our sins in the sacrament of reconciliation, receive the superabundant mercy and forgiveness of the Lord, and make ready to experience resurrection. Many additional confession times can be found this week here in our parish.

A helpful resource, not only for this Lent, but for the rest of our lives is, *Pocket Guide to the Sacrament of Reconciliation*. This handy book by Fr. Josh Johnson and Fr. Mike Schmitz from Ascension Press will help all of us to understand and experience this sacrament of healing like never before. I highly recommend it to you and everyone you love.

With the tenderness, compassion, and mercy of the loving Savior,

-Fr. Dalton

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

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**FIRST READING** - Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

**SECOND READING** - Phillipians 2:6-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**GOSPEL** - Mark 14:1-15:47

The Passion of Christ is not simply a record of Jesus' suffering and death. It is a process through which all of us must go, indeed, are privileged to go. The reason we undertake the annual lenten pilgrimage is to get somewhere. Easter is that somewhere, but there is no Easter without Jesus' passion. Neither is there an Easter in our lives without our sharing in that Passion. But to what sort of passion are we summoned? Are we to be betrayed, abandoned by friends, condemned, and put to physical death? For some of us, the answer may be yes. But for all of us, the passion we are called to share mirrors Jesus' passion in a way that, while not so concrete, is nonetheless very real. We are called to share the passion of letting go of selfish desires, of grasping, of being pretentious, of wearing masks. The Passion of Christ calls us to become vulnerable as Jesus was vulnerable, to wear our hearts on our sleeves, to forgive rather than to seek revenge, to call out resolutely for wholeness and not for division, and to give ourselves over completely to life.

**Key Scriptural Passage...**

Jesus said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (Jn 11:25-26)

**Questions for Discussion:**

**Adult:** How does belief in the final resurrection from the dead affect your family's daily life?

**Child:** What do you hope for after your life on earth is ended?

**Readings For The Week (March 18 - March 23)**

Monday.....Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62/Jn 8:1-11  
 Tuesday.....2 Sm 7:4-5,12-14,16/Rom 4:13,16-18,22/  
 .....Mt 1:16,18-21  
 Wednesday.....Dn 3:14-20,91-92,95/Jn 8:31-42  
 Thursday.....Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59  
 Friday.....Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42  
 Saturday.....Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

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**Prayer for Week Five of Lent...**

Father, we are grateful that you call us to be your children. The sacrifice of Jesus makes it possible for us to call you Father. Help us to be faith children, giving you worship, honor and praise. We offer our Lenten penance to your honor and glory. Reform our lives. Your Son, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In his name, have mercy.

**Pro-Life Corner...** "America...You are the best in so many ways. But your best beauty, your richest blessing is from the human persons...the ultimate test of your greatness is the way you treat every human being, but especially the weakest and most defenseless ones, the unborn, the aged, and the handicap." St. John Paul II



**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Welcome the Newly Baptized...**

*Paityn Baldwin, Paisley Baldwin, Liam Staff*

**Those Going Home to God...**

*Chris Dettling, Gail Zaruba*  
 Life has changed, not ended...

**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, 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, Joshua Graham Douglas, Texas Guard*

**Holy Thursday Collection for the Education of Our Diocesan Seminarians...** On March 28, at the celebration of the Evening Mass of The Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, a collection will be offered for the education of our future priests. With your continuous generosity, and a bequest received several years ago, the diocese should be able to fund the cost of educating our seminarians without adding an additional amount to our Diocesan Services Appeal campaign. Please assist your parish and our diocese in helping to educate our future priests. These men, we pray, will one day be ordained and will be serving us in our parishes.

### The Pontifical Good Friday Collection...March 29

*Pope Francis* asks parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. **Please be generous.**

### A Prayer in Planting Time...

Dear Lord, You are wonderful in everything you do. In marvelous ways You take the full, rich life of the plant and carefully fold it into tiny seeds. You form the seeds according to many different shapes and sizes and colors, so that man can know what kind of growth will come of them. When they are placed the earth they may look dry and dead, but when they are watered by the life-giving rain and nourished by the warm sun, they lose all their lifeless look and grow in an almost miraculous manner. By the power You gave them, they take the dead minerals of the earth and build up the nourishing, tasty foods that men need to sustain life.

This week, dear Lord, we will plant these seeds of (wheat, corn, or whatever it may be) that You have given us. Bless them, and watch over them, and bring them to the full growth and rich harvest that You wish to bless us with.

But, should You not allow them to come to full harvest, we accept Your will humbly. We trust that You will nevertheless watch over us and make the seeds of grace that You have given us grow to flower and fruit in the full Christian life that You intend for us here and hereafter. Amen.



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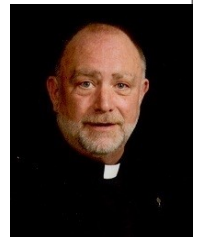
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**Calendar of Events...****Monday, March 18**

- Men's bible study at 6:00 a.m. - Meeting House.
- Bible study group session at 10:00 a.m. - Meeting House.
- Reconciliation from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.; and from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
- CDA rosary at 6:00 p.m.; meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, March 19**

- Reconciliation from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
- Upper room prayer group will meet at 6:00 p.m.
- Women's bible study at 6:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, March 20**

- Stations of the cross at 8:15 a.m.
- No CCE Classes.
- Reconciliation from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, March 21**

- Reconciliation from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**Friday, March 22**

- Stations of the cross at 6:00 p.m.
- Reconciliation from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.; and from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 24**

- Knights of Columbus spring picnic at the Columbus Club Hall.
- RCIA class at 8:30 a.m. The topic is: *The Paschal Mystery/ Atonement and Salvation*.
- Second collection is for the Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl.

**St. Philip School Catholic Super Prize Drawing Winner**  
for March 8 is *Cody Barton*.

**Stations of the Cross**

**Friday, March 22:** 6:00 p.m. in church.



**There will be a new ministry** starting at St. Philip Church called **The Bethany Group**. This group of ladies will assist any **registered** member of the parish who is not a member of the Catholic Daughters or Knights of Columbus with the funeral luncheon. If you would like to volunteer to be a member of this group, call the rectory at 543-3770.

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number of students who would like to attend.

Thank you - *Ana Rodriguez*

**The season of Lent is all about conversion:** changing our hearts and turning away from sin toward God. Our sacramental practices, such as reconciliation, help us change old habits and lead life differently than before. We understand this journey not just as individuals but also as a community.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrates God's action in our lives, the reality of God's forgiveness. It also celebrates what God hopes for us: to be a forgiving and reconciling people. In light of God's unconditional love for us, we realize that we fall short, get lost, miss the mark-that is, we sin in our living and our loving. We repent, ask for forgiveness, and take actions to put things right. Perhaps our biggest challenge with this sacrament is to truly believe that can be, and are, forgiven.

**Reconciliation Schedule** - In order to accommodate work and extra-curricular schedules, there will more times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **March 18 from Noon to 1:00 pm.; and 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; March 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., March 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., March 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., March 22 from Noon to 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., March 23 from 3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., and March 25 from Noon to 1:00 p.m., and 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

**RCIA News...** The candidates who are completing their period of preparation to be received into full communion in the Church at the Easter Vigil are: *Karsyn Russell and Christopher Wiese*. Please continue to pray for these candidates. May they continue to draw near to the Lord and experience His care as they continue on their faith journey and their final weeks of preparation.

**Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion ...March 24**

Blessing and distribution of palms at all Eucharistic celebrations. Commemoration of the Lord's entrance into Jerusalem with procession at 10:00 a.m. Mass.

**Chrism Mass...** All parishioners are invited to the Chrism Mass on Tuesday, March 26 at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Cathedral in Victoria. It is at this Mass in which Bishop Cahill will bless the oils for the sacramental use in the parishes of the diocese.

**Schedule...Note Mass Times Changes...**

Please take note of the Mass times for the **Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday**. Mass for the Easter Vigil on Saturday, begins at **7:45 p.m.** Easter Sunday Masses will be celebrated at **7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.** There will **NOT** be a 6:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

**Cemeteries News:** We would like to say **Thank You** to Christine Kana for planting nice Spring flowers around the Cross at Holy Cross Memorial Park. Please go out and see the flowers and pray for all that are no longer with us.

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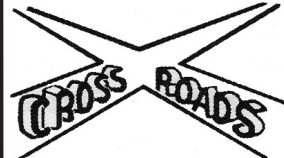
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