



**Saint Philip The  
Apostle Catholic  
Church**

**Founded 1909**

**Diocese of Victoria in  
Texas**

**November 30, 2025 • First Sunday of Advent**

**Mass Schedule:**

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, First Saturday** ..... 8:00 a.m.
- Wednesday** ..... 5:30 p.m.
- Friday during School Season**..... 8:15 a.m.
- Saturday (Vigil of Sunday)**..... 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday** .....7:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.
- Holy Days** .....(check the Bulletin)

**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.

<b>Weekday Mass Readings for the Week of December 1</b>	
Monday	Is 4:2-6; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Office Hours:** Monday - Friday 8:00am - 4:00 pm  
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History was made. For the first time, women – 3 of our very own – from the Diocese of Victoria were inducted into the Knights of St. Gregory the Great, gaining the title of Dame. They are Dame Linda Bolcik, Dame Martha Lynn Bartos and Dame Janice Cox. Bishop Brendan Cahill presided at the Mass and ceremony, presenting each with their medals and documents. See the December issue of The Catholic Lighthouse for more information.



**Parish School:**  
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## Mass Intentions

**Monday, December 1**

8:00 am † Antonia Bacak

**Tuesday, December 2**

8:00 am † Charlie &amp; Martha Kulcak

**Wednesday, December 3**

1:45 pm Gwen Williams

(Special Intention)

5:30 pm † Alvin Korenek, Gary Polasek  
& Randy & Elsie Guess**Thursday, December 4**8:00 am † Dwight Holub & Brandon  
Janak**Friday, December 5**

8:15 am † Charles &amp; Mary Waligura

**Saturday, December 6**

8:00 am † Pat &amp; Lucille Smidt

5:00 pm † Johnnie Mican & Adolph &  
Sophie Kunetka**Sunday, December 7**

7:00 am Parishioners

10:00 am † Francis Stock

6:00 pm † Georgia Hickl



## Liturgical Ministers for Dec. 6 &amp; Dec. 7

**Saturday – 5:00 p.m.****Lector:** Kathy Korenek**Cantor:** Daniel Berglund**Altar Servers:** Kyle Leopold, Brooklyn Leopold, Destin  
Litton**Hospitality:** Lillian Bartek, Doug Ondrias (sub req.),  
Kathy Ondrias (sub req.), Theresa Zetka**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Madysen Bourgeois, Leslie Marek**Sunday - 7:00 a.m.****Lector:** William Rek**Altar Servers:** Cannon Schmidt, Jade Thibeaux, Jude  
Thibeaux**Hospitality:** Janice Smaistrila, Roy Smaistrila, **Need  
Volunteer, Need Volunteer****Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Susie Priesmeyer, Justan Thibeaux, Marisela Thibeaux**Sunday– 10:00 a.m.****Lector:** Joe Aertker, Dot Hermansen**Cantor:** Brooke Marcaurele**Altar Servers:** William Aertker, Hayes Cranek, Eloise  
Zboril, Conley Cranek (Thurifer)**Hospital/Meridian:** Jason Zalman**Hospitality:** Bruce Allgayer, James Holik, Chris  
Pustejovsky, Mark Pustejovsky**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Michael Bolcik, Linda Bolcik, John Hancock, Rita  
Hancock, Jason Hoelscher, Romona Stepan**CLOW:** Jessica Drapela**Sunday – 6:00 p.m.****Lector:** Senior 25-26 (1), Senior 25-26 (2)**Cantor:** Kinley Bubela, Abigail Porter**Altar Servers:** Caleb Porter, Harrison Porter, Sophie  
Porter**Hospitality:** Senior 25-26 (1), Senior 25-26 (2), Senior  
25-26 (3), Senior 25-26 (4)**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**  
Gwen Edwards, Dennis Edwards, Theresa Staff**Vocation Crucifix:** Mike & Melanie Porter & Family

**St. Philip School Super  
Prize Drawing Winner** for  
November 21 is *Jackie  
Watz.*



**Pray For Our  
Seminarists:**

- ◇ William Pettus
- ◇ Alex Woods
- ◇ Nelson Lagos
- ◇ Christopher Leshikar
- ◇ Seth Reissig

**Pray For Our  
Seminarists**

**Please Pray for Our Sick:**

Annabelle Van Deursen	Lawrence Korenek Linda Vaclavick
Anton Tupa	Frank Kacal
Dolores Priesmeyer	Cindy Blaha
Milton & Henrietta Machacek	Kim Underwood
Kristen Lezak	Margaret Waters
Abby Goerig	Kim Peikert
Carly Walker	Douglas Hansen
Leonard Hubenak	Sue Maxwell
Jennifer Martin	Austin Tice
Eugene Graham	Pat Cunningham
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Schirley McMahan	Blair Ross Couey Jr.
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Thommy Brandl
Jean Good
Vlasta Bartos

Theresa Shimek
Felton Borak
Katie Schmidt
Finn Tiffany Richardson
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Debbie Nelson
David Wagner
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Edith Eggemeyer
Elaine Phillips
Renee Arndt
Joy Roppolo

Nancy Brooks
Gloria Bubela
Kelly Socha
Sally Huggins
Charlie Merta
Ashley Roehl
Cathie Cerny
James Laitkep
Irene Cerny
Douglas Hrcir
Kendyll Rodriguez
Dan Borak
Mark Korenek
Julie Satsky

Upcoming events in & around our Parish:

Catholics are well known for the smells and bells that enhance our experience of worship. We hear the bells that come from the steeples of the church, calling us to worship. We have reintroduced the *sanctus* bells, that are rung at the calling down of the Holy Spirit upon the gifts on the altar and at the elevations of the Body and Blood of Christ. Now, we are blessed to bring back the bells used to indicate the beginning of Mass, calling those gathered to stand.

Thanks to the generosity of Triska Funeral Home, where these bells have been kept safe for decades, we have reinstalled the original bells in the church and placed new bells in the chapel.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Those Going Home To God...  
Janice White & Rene Owen



Loving God, help us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Lead us to live in peace, kindness, and hope. Let your light guide our path through this Advent season. May we be ready to welcome Jesus into our lives with open and willing hearts. Amen.

St. Philip the Apostle Church introduces the **Beatitudes!** The purpose is to encourage leadership within the church by Altar Serving and assisting priests with special liturgies and projects. They will faithfully commit to proper service of liturgies and rites to promote active participation. 7th grade boys and up are eligible for this distinguished group.

St. John's Scholarship Games Party Sunday, December 7, 2025 at The Taiton Community Center. Doors open at 4:00 pm. A visit by Mr. & Mrs. Claus will be at 4:00 pm. Games start at 5:00 pm. There is also a drawing, 50/50 drawing, big silent auction, and plenty of refreshments. Proceeds benefit the youth of St. John's.

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CONCERT

TO REJOICE IN THE COMING  
CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS  
FEATURING

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Holy Hour for Vocations



Every Thursday at 5pm we will have a Holy Hour for Vocations in the Sacred Heart Chapel.



Lectors... Please pick up your 2026 lector workbook in the sacristy.

Spend time with Jesus the graces are amazing!

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



Thank you... KJT Society #84 held a benefit bake sale fundraiser last weekend and it was a huge success. The bake sale benefited the KJT Priest and Religious Retirement Fund and also the St. Philip Catholic School. Members donated various home baked items as well as monetary donations. Thanks to the parishioners of St. Philip as well as members of El Campo Society #84. - Robert Leopold

St. Philip the apostle Church introduces the **M & M's!** This is a group of 7th grade and older girls who will assist at Mass and special liturgies as sacristans. The M & M's (Martha and Mary) will have opportunities to serve, as the Blessed Virgin, to serve Christ.

Restock the shelves for

The Blessing Cup Storehouse

at the

3rd Annual  
Trim-A-Tree Contest  
& Food Drive



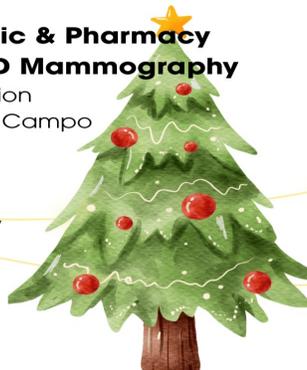
Judging & Awards  
Dec. 14th  
3-5pm  
Take pics with  
Santa & Mrs.  
Claus!

Decorated trees will be displayed  
Nov. 24th - Jan. 5th  
at

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Walk through a  
**CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND**  
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or make a monetary donation!



'Tis the season  
to love your neighbors!

For more information contact  
Kathy Tumlinson 979-578-2684  
or Anita Miller 901-651-1656



**Special Mass of Thanksgiving  
50th Anniversary of the Ordination of  
Servant of God Father Charles Kram**



Celebrated by  
Most Reverend Brendan John Cahill  
Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas  
First Saturday of December  
December 6, 2025 - 8:00 AM  
Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church – Shiner, Texas

Join us for a special Mass to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the ordination of Servant of God Father Charles Kram, a priest whose heroic witness of faith and joyful perseverance continues to inspire the faithful.



For more about Father Kram and his cause for canonization, visit:  
[www.fatherkram.com](http://www.fatherkram.com)

Knights of Columbus - 2490 will hold a **Blood Drive Wednesday, December 10 from 2pm - 8pm** at the Columbus Hall in El Campo.

**BLOOD  
DRIVE**

**Christmas Flower Donations**

Those wishing to remember their loved ones may do so by placing their donation in the envelopes that are located at the entrances of the church. You may bring them to the rectory or drop the envelope in the collection basket.



**Mommies and Me Advent Fun!**

Save the Date mommies for some Advent fun with your children on December 4, from 9am - 11am! Mom's and children come and enjoy time learning about Advent and journeying through some crafts and other fun!

**Parish Food Drive...** The parish is sponsoring a food drive for the Blessing Cup Storehouse as part of our Advent preparation. Paper bags will be available this weekend Nov 29 and Nov 30 and should be brought back and placed in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary altar and St. Joseph altar the weekend of Dec 6 and Dec 7. Other items needed are towels, blankets, sheets, and hygiene products.



**Pro-Life Corner...**

The legal system has become equally inconsistent on the subject of life's sanctity. While the courts permit abortion on grounds that a fetus doesn't qualify as a human because it can neither survive outside the womb nor enjoy the finer things in life, federal officials ruthlessly prosecute people who harm birds or even a bird egg. How sad!

**December 8, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation.**

**Mass Times:**

- ◆ 8:15 am
- ◆ 12:10 pm
- ◆ 6:30 pm



**Liturgical Ministers for Dec. 8**

**Monday, December 8 at**

**12:10 pm**

**Lector:** Essie Leslie  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Dennis Edwards, Gwen Edwards, Tish McAlister  
**Hospitality:** Need Volunteers

**Monday, December 8 at 6:30 pm**

**Lector:** Barbara Roy, Ceci Triska  
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:** Justan Thibeaux, Marisela Thibeaux, Jason Zalman  
**Altar Servers:** Michaela Purrell, Connor Purrell, Jade Thibeaux, Jude Thibeaux, Allie Zalman (Thurifer)  
**Hospitality:** Kevin Dluhos, A.J. Kresta, Gerry Mikeska, Jimmie Triska

**Next Sunday Readings December 7, 2025**

**FIRST READING - Isaiah 11:1-10**

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the Lord, and his delight shall be the fear of the Lord. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the Lord, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious.

**SECOND READING - Romans 15:4-9**

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one

another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.*

**GOSPEL - Matthew 3:1-12**

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

## 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.

## Calendar of Events

### Monday, December 1

- \* Men's Bible study at 6:00 am - Meeting House.
- \* Bible study group session at 10:00 am - Meeting House.

### Tuesday, December 2

- \* Upper room prayer group will break until January.
- \* Women's Advent bible study at 6:00 pm - Fellowship Hall.
- \* Legion of Mary meeting at 6:30 pm - Meeting House.

### Wednesday, December 3

- \* CCE Grades K-12 at 6:30 pm

### Thursday, December 4

- \* Mommies & Me at 9am - 11am in the Fellowship Hall.

### Friday, December 5

- \* Patriotic rosary at 5:00 pm

### Sunday, December 7

- \* Blessing of expected parents after all Masses.
- \* Return filled Blessing Cup bags.
- \* Over 60 CDA Christmas party from 2:00pm - 4pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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School.....\$240.00  
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*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 Srubar 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, Billy Edmiston, Infantry Marine, Brenden Norman Coast Guard, Colton Holub Army, Hunter Koudela WCSO, Jonathan Elledge, Staff Sgt. U.S. Air Force, Deputy Kurt Korenek, Goliad Co., Lance CPL, Kaci Korenek USMC, Joshua Graham Douglas, Texas Guard, Kyle Peterson Jr. US Navy Petty Officer, 2nd Class, 2d Lt. Dean Defendorf USAF, Cole Fritcher SAPD*

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Leslie Farquhar  
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### Bulletin Deadline:

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