St. Philip Catholic Mission
China Spring

Visitors

Make yourself at home!

Thank you for joining us today for the celebration of Mass. We have a Potluck Social following Mass on the first Sunday of each month and all are welcome.

Please come again!

New Parishioners

Welcome! If you are ready to register, you can find forms on the bulletin board in the hallway labeled *Parish News*. Please return completed forms to the parish office or email to **amy@stphilipcs.com**. You may also register online at **www.stphilipcs.com/parish-registration**.

Please help us keep Father up to date with your information, and we will keep you informed of the many events, activities, and opportunities in our parish.

January 19, 2020

The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks Peter and Andrew to follow him. How can we lay down our own nets and other worldly possessions and follow Christ? What do we need to set aside in order to focus on extending the love and mercy of Christ to others?

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Sacraments

Baptism: Parents should make arrangements with the parish office prior to the birth of the child.

Matrimony: Contact the parish office to make preparations at least six months prior to the date. New baptismal certificates must be obtained from the home parish showing that the couple are free to marry.

Anointing of the Sick: Families should notify the parish office of members admitted to hospitals and convalescent facilities. For emergencies call (254) 754-1221.

Vocations: Anyone considering a vocation to the religious life should speak with our clergy or contact Father Jonathan Raia at (512) 949-2405 or: **http://www.austindiocese.org/dept/vocations/calendar**

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Readings for the Week

Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1,4,13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13,17/Mt 4:12-23
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7,10/Ps 89:20,21-22,25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19/Ps 24:7,8,9,10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89: 4-5,27-28,29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29/Ps 132:1-2,3-5,11,12,13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-17/Ps 51:3-4,5-6,6-7,10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17/Ps 51:12-13,14-15,16-17/Mk 4:35-41

TV Masses

6:00am, KWTX - *Rebroadcast* of last week's Mass

9:30am, CW - *Live Broadcast* of this week's Mass

From the Pastor's Desk

It is my pleasure to announce a grace that has been in the works for months. Starting immediately our parish school will begin a one-of-a-kind and nationally innovative partnership with the University of Dallas, a leading Catholic university recognized for its academic excellence and fidelity to the faith. In the next academic year, UD will provide a unified, K-12 dynamic and traditional Catholic curriculum, and will oversee and ensure its implementation. UD will also provide the best in professional development for our teachers and the opportunity for them to earn advanced degrees. For our students, UD will grant access to summer academic, athletic and fine arts camps, nationally ranked study abroad programs, and UD research tools. Perhaps best of all, our students will have preferred admission to UD. A critical element of this partnership is that our school will remain absolutely independent in its governance and finances. Happily, all of this will be provided at NO cost to the parish or school except the normal replacement cost of textbooks. My brothers and sisters, this is an absolutely beautiful grace for us, and I am keenly excited to share it with you. I would also like to invite you to hear another bit of exciting news. On **Monday, January 27th at 2:30 pm** in the St. Louis-Reicher Elementary Gym we will host a school pep rally to announce the new name of our school. Please come join us! God is doing beautiful things here at our parish and in our city, please join me in giving thanks for his abundant love.

Fr. Ryan

gather

The next women's Gather will be held Sunday, January 26 at 5pm. Janet Blattman will be hosting at her home: 3542 Talbert Ranch Road (on the right just before the concrete low water crossing)it is about ¾ mile from Talbert Ranch Road to the house along the driveway. If you need more information please feel free to contact Janet at (254) 709-0044.

As always bring a snack to share and an open heart!

Have You Received Your Sacraments?

If you or your children have not made all your sacraments and are interested in completing them, please contact Amy Viertel, Director of Religious Education at St. Philip at amy@stphilipcs.com.

Confirmation Preparation

Youth in the 10th grade are invited to prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this coming spring. To be able to receive the sacrament, youth need to have attended 2 consecutive years of religious education leading up to their time of preparation. They also must attend a series of sessions and retreats so that they are well formed and able to receive all the graces poured out in this sacrament. Below is the schedule for this coming spring's Confirmation program. Please contact youthministry@stlouiswaco.com if you have any questions.

Confirmation Schedule - Spring 2020:

- **Parent Meeting**: Tuesday, January 14 - 7pm in the Bosco Room in the St Louis Activity Center
- **Confirmation Retreat**: February 14-16, 2020 - It is expected that each Confirmation student attend.
- **Session 1**: Wednesday, March 4th – 7-8:30pm in the JPII
- **Session 2**: Wednesday, March 18th – 7-8:30pm in the JPII
- **Session 3**: Wednesday, April 1st – 7-8:30pm in the JPII
- **Session 4**: Wednesday, April 15th – 7-8:30pm in the JPII
- **Day of Reflection and Rehearsal**: Sunday, April 19th, 1:00-4:30pm at St. Louis Catholic Church

Confirmation Mass: Thursday, April 23rd, 2020 – 6pm at St. Louis Catholic Church

2020 Collection Envelopes

Collection envelopes for the coming year are still available in the parish office. Contact our pastoral associate, Amy Viertel, about getting yours today at (979) 204-6546 or at **amy@stphilipcs.com**.

Dream Event

St. Louis, in conjunction with Dynamic Catholic, will be hosting our first-ever Dream Event on Friday, February 21st. We would like to personally invite each of you to come. Registration is free and childcare is as well, but you will need to register soon! Please get your tickets now at **www.slwaco.eventbrite.com** or you may fill out a paper registration form. We will have forms in the church office and at the entrance of the church. If you have any questions feel free to contact Amy Viertel at (979) 204-6546 or at **amy@stphilipcs.com**.

Next Sunday is our Potluck Social! Please join us for food, fellowship, and fun. One of the traits that makes our church so appealing is our welcoming spirit and family atmosphere, we hope you will join us next week after Mass.

No Man Left Behind

The 8th annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held February 8th from 8am to 4pm at the Austin Expo Center. This year's theme will be "No Man Left Behind: Go Make Disciples." Bishop Joe Vásquez will celebrate Mass and the keynote speakers include Edward Sri and Father Ken Geraci. The conference is hosted by the Central Texas Fellowship of Catholic Men. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit **www.centexcatholic.com**.

Contribution Letters

The year end contribution letters for 2019 will be mailed out automatically for contributions of $250.00 or more by the end of January. Letters for lower amounts will need to be requested. Thank you for your donations!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Married couples, Valentine's Day is coming soon! Would you like to give a special gift to your spouse? Why not take them away for a weekend that will make a mighty difference in your marriage - Marriage Encounter. Upcoming weekends are scheduled for February 7-9 at the Wingate Hotel in Round Rock or on April 3-5 at the Cedarbrake Renewal Center in Belton. You can apply online at **www.austinme.org** or you can contact Michael and Shani Cowart at **wwmeaustin@gmail.com** or by phone (512) 677-9963. Call early to ensure a space. Para información en español llamar al (512) 844-0785.

Religious Education

Please keep our religious education students in your prayers. Let us especially pray for those preparing to receive their next sacraments!

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January 19th Collection

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Thank you for your generosity!

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