

# 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](mailto:amy@stphilipcs.com). You may also register online at [www.stphilipcs.com/parish-registration](http://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.



### March 15, 2020, Third Sunday in Lent

We experience at the depth of our being a deep hunger and thirst for the living God. We are invited to know that need, but not to despair as our ancestors did in the desert. **GOD DOES** feed and nourish us. **GOD DOES** quench our thirst, if we let ourselves be open to **GOD'S TRANSFORMING LOVE**. Like the Samaritan woman we are called to be open to the waters of life given to us in Christ. Like her we are called to be agents of God's transformative love in our world. Who in our lives needs us to be an agent of God's love for them? What in our world is in need of God's action and transformation?

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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: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2,6-7,8-9/Rom 5:1-2,5-8/Jn 4:5-42  
Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2,3;43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30  
Tuesday: Dn 3:25,34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab,6 & 7bc,8-9/Mt 18:21-35  
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13,15-16,19-20/Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: 2 Sm7:4-5,12-14,16/Ps89:2-5,27-29/Rom 4:13,16-18,22  
Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a,8bc-9,10-11,14 & 17/Mk 12:28-34  
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4,18-19,20-21/Lk 18:9-14

## 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

The other day I came across videos from a pilgrimage I helped lead. I found myself drawn in by the videos, watching the group struggle and pray as they summited a difficult mountain. I remembered the joy I had in coaching them, offering to physically help them, and praying with them as they reached their goal. I still find joy in doing this. I love accompanying you through the many ups and downs of life. Practically speaking, one of the hardest tasks many of you face is the education of your children in the faith. As your pastor, I want to help you raise up saints in your own home. It is, for this reason, we have our faith formation programs and our school. In a particular way, I want to make an invitation - partner with us. If the Lord is prompting you, please consider enrolling your children or grandchildren at our school or faith formation. You are not alone in this task. St. Louis and Bishop Louis Reicher Catholic School are excited to see what the Lord can do in your family!

Fr. Ryan

## LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Tuesday	March 17	10:00 am	St. Jerome	Waco-Hewitt	English
Tuesday	March 17	6:30 pm	St. Jerome	Waco-Hewitt	English
Wednesday	March 18	6:00 pm	St. Eugene	McGregor	English
Thursday	March 19	6:00 pm	St. Louis	Waco	English & Spanish

For services in Mexia, Tours, West, and the rest of the Austin Diocese visit <https://www.austindiocese.org/lenten-penance-services>



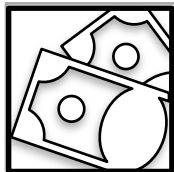
Every Friday during Lent, the St. Philip Knights of Columbus and Gather groups will be hosting Fish Fry Fridays! From 5pm to 7pm fish with sides, drink, and a dessert will be sold for \$10 and all forms of payment will be accepted. New this year is a drive-thru line (no drink or dessert). Join us for food & fun!

## NEW LECTORS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

If you are interested in becoming a Lector or a Eucharistic Minister please join us at St. Louis on Monday, March 16th at 6pm or Saturday, March 21st at 10am. You will only need to attend one training. We especially invite anyone in the RCIA program who would like to begin volunteering after Easter. For more information please contact Chris at (314) 497-6428. Thank you so much!

Please consider helping to adorn our sanctuary for Easter Sunday, donations are now being accepted. Please make checks payable to St. Philip Church. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!





The second collection next weekend is for Catholic Relief Services which gives help to children, woman, and families around the world. Thank you for your contributions!

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SCHOLARSHIP

A Scholarship is being offered by J. J. Kearns 4th Degree Assembly 1109 to graduating Catholic seniors in the Waco area. Application forms are available in the back of church. The deadline for the application will be April 3 at 4:30pm.

### SACRAMENTS

If you or someone you love has not completed all their sacraments and are interested in learning more about them, please contact our DRE for St. Philip, Amy Viertel, at [amy@stphilipcs.com](mailto:amy@stphilipcs.com).

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign runs through April 5th on the public right of way of Planned Parenthood. Hours are 7am to 7pm, Monday - Sunday with a rosary on Wednesdays at 9am. We simply pray for life and the end to abortion. To make a commitment to pray for one hour or more contact Aine Fitzgerald, the Area Director, at (210) 542-5700, [prolifeaine@gmail.com](mailto:prolifeaine@gmail.com), or you can sign up anytime at [www.40DaysforLife/waco](http://www.40DaysforLife/waco). Contact Laura Mendel, STP ProLife Committee Chair, at (210) 846-9742 or [jemendel@earthlink.net](mailto:jemendel@earthlink.net) with further questions.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RALLY

Mark your calendars! This year's Middle School Youth Rally for the Diocese of Austin has been rescheduled for Saturday, March 28th. The rally will be held at Sacred Heart in La Grange. There will be fun talks, music, prayer, and workshops to help our middle school youth grow in their faith. The cost for those registered in SLAM to attend will be \$40, to cover admission to the event and transportation. The deadline to register will be March 6th. For more information please contact Alyssa Trutter at [youthministry@stlouiswaco.com](mailto:youthministry@stlouiswaco.com).

### EIM WORKSHOP

The next EIM workshop will be held at St. Jerome Parish in Waco (Hewitt) on Monday, March 30th, from 6:30-8:30pm and will be in English. Remember that if you serve in ANY capacity at church you must take an EIM workshop once every three years. All attendees must register in advance. Register at [https://www.eappsdb.com/Login.asp?ORGZ\\_KEY=4](https://www.eappsdb.com/Login.asp?ORGZ_KEY=4) or contact our coordinator, Amy Viertel at (979) 204-6546 or [amy@stphilipcs.com](mailto:amy@stphilipcs.com).

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### LENTEN RETREAT

Catholic Daughters of the Americans, Court Saint Joseph #1729 will be hosting a Lenten Retreat, "Walking Through Lent with the Gospels" by Diaconal Candidate Robin Waters. This half day retreat will be on Saturday March 28th from 9:00-12:30pm at St. Joseph's Parish hall, 1011 Boston St. Bellmead, Texas. Please RSVP by March 25th to Marilyn Wilde Coffee text or call 254-716-0760.



**SAVE THE DATE!** The next women's Gather is in just two weeks. Gather is open to all adult women and this is your OFFICIAL INVITATION. Rachel and Cynthia will host, 5pm Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1657 Bend of the Bosque (Amy's home). Look for more details next week!

### NOW ENROLLING

Bishop Louis Reicher Catholic School is now enrolling PreK-3 through 12th grade students for 2020-21 school year. Bishop Reicher is joyfully and unapologetically Catholic with the primary purpose being the formation of young persons in intellectual and moral virtues.

You may enroll at [www.bishopreicher.com/apply-now-1](http://www.bishopreicher.com/apply-now-1) and contact Mrs. Becky Chollett at (254) 754-2041 or [bchollett@stlouiswaco.org](mailto:bchollett@stlouiswaco.org) to set up a time to visit.

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

March 8<sup>th</sup> Collection

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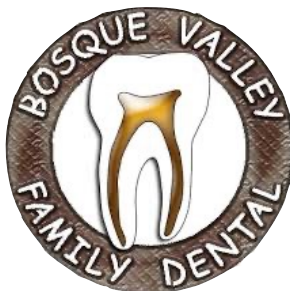
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