

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.



March 22, 2020, Fourth Sunday in Lent

On this Sunday, we invite God to cure our blindness and our tendency to see only the appearance of things and people. Sin blinds us and we need to be freed from sin in order to see as God sees and live as God wills. Is there a person or situation in our life that we need to see differently? What new sight or what new insight is God wishing us to see? How is God working to heal blindness in us?

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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: 1 Sm 16:1b,6-7,10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a,3b-4,5,6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 & 4,5-6,11-12a & 13/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9,12/Ps 46: 2-3,5-6,8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is7:10-14;8:10/Ps 40:7-8,8b-9,10,11/Heb10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20,21-22,23/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a,12-22/Ps 34:17-18,19-20,21 & 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10,25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3,9bc-10,11-12/Jn 7:40-53

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 word unprecedented feels a bit underwhelming for what we are currently experiencing. The more I pray, the more I feel called to use another word - opportunity. This outbreak is providing us the opportunity to reconnect with our families, what is most important, and perhaps beautifully, the idea of the domestic church. The domestic church, which is a phrase for expressing how our faith is to be lived at home, has perhaps never been more important. Now is the time to begin to pray as a family, speak of God as a family, to share our fears and concerns as a family. The most basic element of the church is the family and now, during these days, there is a beautiful chance to be renewed as a mystical body of Christ by allowing our families to be a place where grace is poured out. How can you do this? Take the time to pray a rosary as the family in the evenings, read the scriptures together, watch Mass together as a family, pause from entertainment or the internet and spend quality time with each other. Remember in your prayers those who are suffering and those who are alone in these days. Nothing about this outbreak is ideal, but one of the things that the saints do well is opening their hearts to grace in the midst of struggles. How will you turn to the Lord in these days?

This bulletin was sent to the printers on Wednesday, March 18th, which means that it does not likely contain the most up to date information. As Pastor, I have canceled parish activities for the week of March 16th-20th but any following dates are still pending, as this outbreak is very fluid. Events at the parish are likely to be canceled so please check the parish website and social media for the most up to date information. Our parish will follow all directives of the Diocese of Austin, including access to the sacraments. During this time, I will be posting semi-daily videos on our social media outlets [links below] to keep you informed.

A concern that has been expressed is how our parishioners can continue to give to the church even if they can't go to church. Fortunately, our parish possesses the ability to accept offerings digitally. If finances are not a burden, we encourage you to sign up for e-giving on our website. If this process intimidates you, you can call our office and we will confidentially assist you in signing up.

The entire parish will be in my prayers during this time. Please know that you will be remembered at each and every Mass I celebrate. Jesus Christ is Lord and he is actively pouring out his heart upon us. He and his bride, the church, cannot be defeated for he has already won.

Fr. RYAN

All schedules are tentative and are subject to change. Please check the parish websites and social media accounts for the most up to date information:

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CANCELATIONS

- St. Philip women's Gather meeting for March, contact Melissa Vincelette (254) 315-3111 mtye9799@gmail.com
- Middle School Youth Rally, contact Alyssa Trutter youthministry@stlouiswaco.com
- Catholic Daughters of the Americas Lenten Retreat, contact Marilyn Wilde Coffee (254) 716-0760



The Lenten Fish Fry will **NOT** be canceled for the year, but will be **POSTPONED** until we are given the go ahead. We plan on having 3 more consecutive fish fries.

CONFESSION

Our desire is to provide access to the sacrament of mercy. Nevertheless, prudence and charity demand that certain precautions be made not only to protect both penitent and priest but to follow all instructions and limitations in any city or county orders. With this in mind, we plan to offer the following:

Confessions will be from 12-6 pm March 19th and from 4-6 pm March 21st in Bishop Louis Reicher's lower school gym. Only 25 persons will be allowed in the gym at any given time. Proper social distancing will be observed both in the line and in the confessional. Anonymous, behind screen confessions will be the only ones offered.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in Church at the same time. Only 25 will allowed in at any given time, with proper social distancing. Due to this limitation in the number of people, please restrict time spent in Adoration so as be mindful of others who would like to pray.



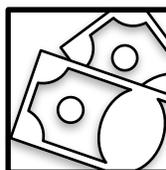
Please consider helping to decorate our sanctuary for Easter Sunday, donations are now being accepted. You can make checks payable to St. Philip Church and mail them in or you can make use of our brand new "Online Giving" option - <https://stphilipcs.com/give>

EIM WORKSHOPS

Please note that all EIM Workshops scheduled between now and May 1st are postponed. Updated information will be available at www.austindiocese.org/workshop. Thank you for your understanding and know that our prayers are with all in our diocese for health and safety during this time of uncertainty.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The 40 Days for Life Spring Campaign is still active! We will be using safe social distancing techniques to protect our volunteers. For more information please contact Laura Mendel, STP Pro-life Committee Chair, at (210) 846-9742 or jemendel@earthlink.net.



There is a collection this Sunday for Catholic Relief Services which gives help to children, woman, and families around the world. See below for how to participate from home.

GIVING FROM HOME

If you would like to continue supporting your church go to <https://stphilipcs.com/give> and follow these steps:

1. Choose a One-time or Recurring donation
2. Select a preferred method of payment
3. Enter your information and submit!

Your gift will immediately process, and you'll receive an email receipt. If you select recurring gift you will be sent a confirmation email. Follow the instructions to set up your online donor account and determine the frequency and amount that you'd like to give.

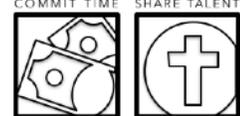
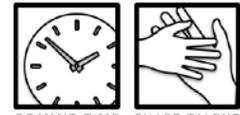
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March 15th Collection

\$936.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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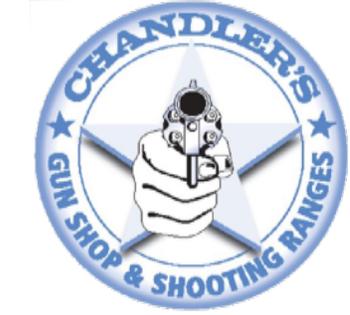
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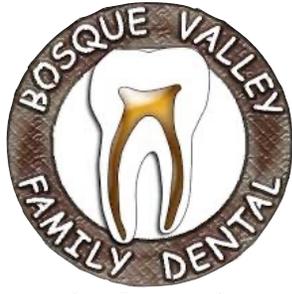
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