



St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

2308 3rd Street · Huffman TX 77336

Spirit and Truth Newsletter

August 8, 2021
August 15, 2021

Ordinary Time:
Nineteenth and Twentieth Sundays

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Office Location

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Hours: Monday-Friday
9:00 am-1:00 pm

Pastor

Rev. Richard Barker

Mass Times

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 am

Daily Mass

Tues & Thurs: Noon
Wed & Fri: 9:00 am
First Sat: 9:00 am

Adoration

Wed: 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-3:30 pm
Or by appointment

Striving for the Good

My dear parishioners, you've heard it said, *I'll never love again, My hope is gone, or I don't need faith.* Though such thoughts suggest awful experiences of some sort, you don't hear forlorn people claiming that faith, hope and love or similar "goods" of character are *in themselves* worthless. To clarify, the person who says *I'll never love again* -- whatever that may mean -- does not attack love as an idea or as an ideal. To the contrary, he is expressing his own personal inadequacy and unhappy history in matters of love.



Love, hope, faith, courage, justice, and wisdom are *virtues*. There are others. People who consciously prize virtues often speak of their ardent desire to live up to them. Opinions about love, to illustrate this virtue again, may differ radically from one person to another, provoking much debate. Yet ideas like love's *existence*, its *necessity*, and the importance of *striving for love's perfection* are universally understood and approved in all human societies. This being so, virtues reveal themselves as moral traits that, when taken to heart, perfect individual *character*. *Do good, avoid evil, Never do evil in the name of any good* and so forth.

We may not converse easily on the subject of virtue these days, but we recognize how they orient us to ideals we ought to strive for, to habits of life people ought to cultivate for their mutual benefit. Hence, principled men and women invoke virtue to praise a person's courageous deeds as well as to denounce a scoundrel's exploitation of innocent people. At the end of the day, virtues exist to inspire thoughtful people to seek and find the *origin of everything that is good*. As theologians will tell you, God is the origin of all that is good. Along the way, philosophers add, one is obliged to become that which he or she truly desires to attain. Both philosopher and theologian concur that life is better when citizens of nations are schooled in virtues not market puffery or political propaganda.

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Safe Environment Training

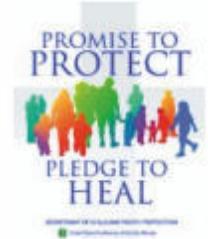


*“All clergy, employees, contracted school personnel, **volunteers, members of groups**, movements, and organizations over the age of 18, who work, **volunteer or participate in any capacity** are required to complete the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Training and a criminal background check before they may begin employment or volunteer activities.” **Office of Child and Youth Protection, July 21, 2021***

St. Philip appreciates every parishioner and their ministry service to the parish. It is the heart of our community here and how we are able to support our community, both in and outside of the parish. To stay in compliance with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston, **EVERY** member of **EVERY** ministry needs to have training in the diocesan's Safe Environment program, regardless of interaction with youth.

We hope that all our parishioners will complete or update their training as necessary in order to serve our parish. *If you are unable or unwilling to complete this important step in the protection of our parish you will need to remove yourself or step down from serving in ministry at St. Philip.*

The program is completely online and can be done at your convenience. Completing the online video training takes roughly 45 minutes. The following link will provide you with more information and instructions on how to begin. Please contact André Taylor, aptaylor@stphilip.cc If you have any questions or need assistance.



~ Ministry Invitation Series ~ Lay Ministers Needed



Our goal for this Fall is to schedule two lay readers for each of our weekend Masses! Thank you to our lay readers who prepare and contribute significantly to our Eucharistic celebrations. Please be thinking about **your YES** to be on the lay reader team—more details will soon be in our Spirit and Truth newsletter.

“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” [2Tim 3: 16-17]

Please note that Eucharistic Ministers (EOM) will also be added this Fall. We anticipate this return to our vibrant Sunday liturgy.

Safe Environment training is required for all Lay Ministers. See p. 2.

Primetimers: Museum of Natural Science Visit



The Primetimers have a bus trip scheduled for **Wednesday, August 25**, to the Museum of Natural Science to view the POMPEII Exhibition.

The exhibition examines the lives of Pompeii residents before and after the catastrophic eruption of Mount Vesuvius and August 24, 79 AD. The sudden disaster that destroyed Pompeii also preserved it and over time, archaeologists have recorded a unique visual record of its daily life.

Tickets are only \$20.00 per person.

Our bus will leave St. Philip's parking lot at 9 am on Wednesday morning. There is a voluntary \$3.00 per person fee for the bus. We will return around 4 pm that afternoon. There is a McDonalds on site for lunch.

You can purchase your tickets at the door or online on the museum website, www.hmns.org.

Safe Environment training is required for participation in Primetimers. See p. 2.

Catechist openings for 2021-2022



What is being a CCE teacher all about?

It's loving God and our beautiful Catholic faith enough to want to share it with our children.

When I first began teaching CCE 21 years ago, I had no training and no experience, but as the saying goes, "God does not call the prepared, He prepares the called." We have resources to assist you, and your fellow teachers are happy to help in any way they can. You will always be part of a team and not left on your own.

Over the years, being involved in CCE has given me more joy and blessings than I could ever give back. Won't you please consider joining us in the CCE ministry?

We are especially in need on Wednesday evenings as this is the year we have a separate 9th grade class. For more information, or to volunteer, please call me, Becky Pursell, at 713-516-7376 or email me at bpursell@stphilip.cc



CCE Class Times:

Sunday Mornings: 9:45 – 10:45
Wednesday Evenings: 7:00 – 8:30

Catechists Needed:

1st Grade: Co-Teacher
9th Grade: Lead and Co-Teacher
Confirmation: Co-Teacher



Start Dates: Wednesday, Sept. 8; 6-12 grades and Sunday, September 12; K-5 grades

Online Registration is open! We will have limited forms available the weekend of Aug. 21-22.

Safe Environment training is required for Catechists and Co-Catechist 18 years and older. See p. 2.

Children's Liturgy



St. Philip cannot wait to start our Children's Liturgy program again this Fall. We had a very successful first year, thanks to our dedicated volunteers.

We will celebrate Children's Liturgy every Sunday at the 8:30 am Mass, beginning **September 12!**

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Jessica Schneider at jmarrs7@hotmail.com. Training, lessons, and materials will all be provided.

This program has been such a vital and lively addition to our parish. Our volunteers have learned and enjoyed just as much as our kids.



Safe Environment training is required for volunteers 18 years and older. See p. 2.

CATHOLIC RADIO BREAKFASTS



Hi! I'm Tim Maris, General Manager of KSHJ AM 1500 Catholic radio and publisher of Our Lady of Woodstock, inviting you to join other Catholic professionals in your area for breakfast at any of our quarterly inspirational networking events across Florida. It's more than a meal - it's a "bite" of inspiration, too!



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Women's Guild News



Members of the Women's Guild met for their monthly lunch social on July 28, 2021 at El Jimador restaurant in Atascocita. There were 13 members present. The Women's Guild will meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month at different local restaurants. The luncheon is a great time to get acquainted with members of the Guild. Anyone interested in joining the group for the luncheon may contact Kathy O'Donnell at 832-276-3830. The luncheons are a great time to meet members of the Guild in a relaxed setting. Many have made close friends at these luncheons and you get a chance to visit casually while enjoying a good meal.

The Woman's Guild meets on the second Tuesday of every month from September thru May in a classroom at St. Philip's Catholic Church. **Our first meeting for the fall is September 14, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.** The time of the meeting makes it convenient for those wishing to attend the 11:00 a.m. mass after the meeting. If you work and cannot attend the meetings, we ask you to consider joining because you would have other opportunities to enjoy spending time with other catholic women. We have opportunities where you can help with activities about the parish while enjoying each other's company and making new friends This year we are planning to have more activities which should not conflict with working hours. The Guild will have a Membership Drive on Sept. 18 & 19 and Sept. 25 & 26 after all Masses. Membership dues are \$20 a year. Stop by the registration table after mass to meet members of the

Safe Environment training is required for participation in the Women's Guild. See p. 2.

Parking Lot Improvements!

Thank you so much for your patience as we gave our parking lot some much needed maintenance.



Flood Recovery Fund

Looking at our beautiful church now, as it begins to fill with people returning to celebrate Mass, it is hard to believe that just 2 years ago, we were left with the task of rebuilding our parish once again due to tropical storm Imelda.

Thanks to support from our parishioners, we can see everything we have to be grateful for. Our flood recovery fund has been the main source for this. All money donated to this, still active fund, goes directly to the recover and rebuilding of St. Philip.



SAVE THE DATE

21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Atascocita Golf Club

Saturday, October 16, 2021



Proceeds from this event benefit the St. Philip Knights, pro-life charities, youth charities, and more.



Striving for the Good

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Believing on the one hand that human beings are birthed into opportunity -- "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" etc. (*Declaration of Independence*) -- we esteem people who strive to attain the good and true as these are universally appreciated. Such esteem is based in no small part on common agreement that flawed humanity must strive for perfection. To the point, talking about perfection is meaningless if otherwise thoughtful people deny the obvious: all human beings are simultaneously birthed into inadequacy, failure and suffering in this world. Disobedience to God, mutual aggression and self-corruption and worse come to mind. We Christians call these things sin and what is more, we know wickedness to be deeply embedded in human nature.

What follows is inescapable. Human beings are radically *in need of redemption* by someone we recognize 1) to be human like ourselves, 2) absolutely pure and innocent, and 3) who is himself

perfect love, and 4) willing to defend fair love to the death, laying down his life to rescue us from every trace of evil. We Christians know this someone to be fully human and fully divine, the Son of God and Son of Mary, born in Bethlehem, raised in Nazareth, and who grew to manhood "in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man." [Lk 2:52] School your spirit in what is good and true and serene -- things possessing value both on earth and in heaven -- and it will thrive. Remember, the Holy Spirit of Truth will teach you. "Do not fear, only believe," says Jesus. [Mk 5:36]

Sincerely in the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Your pastor,

Reverend Richard
Barker.

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Mass Intentions

Sunday Masses

Saturday, August 7

4:00 pm - June Cipriano

Sunday, August 8

8:30 am - People of the Parish

11:00 am - Gilbert Rodriguez

Daily Masses

Monday, August 9

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 10

Noon - + Diane Walton +

Wednesday, August 11

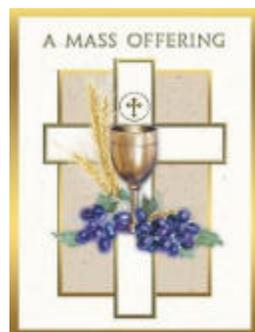
9:00 am - Kathy Stolz

Thursday, August 12

Noon - + Joan Cass +

Friday, August 13

9:00 am - Justin Fernandez



Sunday Masses

Saturday, August 14

4:00 pm - + Ed Cleary +

Sunday, August 15

8:30 am - People of the Parish

11:00am - + Margaret Ihrig Chenoweth +

Daily Masses

Monday, August 16

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, August 17

Noon - Maria Burnatowski

Wednesday, August 18

9:00 am - + Mary and William K. Miller +

Thursday, August 19

Noon - No Daily Mass

Friday, August 20

9:00 am - + Robert and Connie Fina +

Sunday Masses

Saturday, August 21

4:00 pm - + Marguerite and Genevieve Fina +

Sunday, August 22

8:30 am - + Deacon Norbert Luke +

11:00am - People of the Parish

To have a Mass offered, please call our St. Philip parish office at (281) 324-1478. We will let you know what Masses are available in the liturgical calendar. Mass intentions may be requested for most weekday and weekend Masses.



Graces, Strength and Healing

David Pena Villalón, Thomas Towns,
Walter Corrigan, Jr.,
St. Philip Parishioners
For the repose of the soul of
+ Janet Erebia +

Altar Flowers Given

August 8, 2021

By Ed and Janice Marfield



August 15, 2021

By Ronnie and Maureen Rode
In memory of Mildred Janssens

All are invited to sponsor a bouquet in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a joyous occasion. The donation for a bouquet is \$50.

The "Altar Flowers" binder is on the display case next to the main front doors. Select a date, write your name, and who or what the flowers are for. Bring the envelope to the sacristy or mail to the office.



Request a Prayer

Use our parish app to request prayers for a loved one or for any special intention!

Simply open the myParish app and choose the **PRAYERS** button. At the bottom of the screen, choose **PRAYER REQUEST**.

Fill out the form and your prayer request will be sent to our Prayer Warriors group.

We will also add your loved one to our prayer list which is found on p. 6 of our Spirit and Truth Newsletter.

Position Available

Music Director

This paid faith-based position requires 20 hours weekly. A resume and two interviews with audition are required.

Sample of Responsibilities and Requirements:

- Skilled keyboardist to develop a strong teaching-based Catholic music program
- Lead adult choir practice, 3 weekend liturgies and special Church occasions.
- St. Philip provides a state of the art sound system, grand piano, electronic keyboard, pipe organ, office and practice area.

Ways to Give to St. Philip

Traditional:

- ◊ Place in the collection basket at Mass
- ◊ Mail your check to St. Philip (see p1)
(Please call the parish office to receive envelopes.)

Online:

- ◊ Set St. Philip as your Church on the My Parish app
- ◊ Tap the "Giving" button
- ◊ Scan the QR Code with your Smartphone camera



Parish Office Hours

We have resumed our regular office hours. The office is open Monday - Friday from 9 am - 1 pm. We will follow state and Archdiocese holidays. Those will be published in the bulletin and communicated through our various media.

The office will be closed on Monday, August 16, in Observance of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



**Do you need more information on any of our Spirit and Truth articles?
Did you miss any of our fun pictures?**

Our parish website is a valuable resource regarding all the happenings in the parish. It includes additional information on most articles in our Spirit and Truth newsletter. We regularly update our ministry pages to reflect current information and upcoming events.

Parish Ministries Contact Information

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A flyer with basic information about these Sacraments is available on the information table near the entrance doors.

Please call our **Church office at (281) 324-1478** if you are in need of these sacraments.

SOCIAL OUTREACH/CONCERN

Mary's Blessings Team

*For financial assistance
please call (832)-764-9814*

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Rosemont Assisted Living

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Disciples of Jesus and Mary

Laity Spiritual Formation

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Women's Guild

Kathy O'Donnell
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Prayer Ministry

MyParish App - Prayers
Or email prayer requests to
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