Community Mission Statement... We, the people of God of Saint Philip the Apostle, in the loving and evangelizing spirit of St. Philip, form a family community that challenges each of us to proclaim and live the gospel messages of Jesus Christ in the world through worship, evangelization, Christian formation and service.

Sunday Eucharist Schedule
Saturday (Vigil of Sunday) ......................................................... 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday ................................................................. 7:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.; 6:00 p.m.

Holy Day and Weekday Schedule
Holy Days ....................................................................................... (check the Bulletin)  
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, First Saturday ....................... 8:00 a.m.  
Wednesday ....................................................................................... 5:30 p.m.  
Friday during School Season ............................................................ 8:15 a.m.  
Wednesday at Nursing home .......................................................... 1:30 p.m.

Perpetual Adoration and Rosary
Perpetual Adoration ................................................................. Monday 8:30 a.m. until Friday 5:00 p.m.  
Rosary ................................................................. 30 minutes before weekday and weekend Masses

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

~ 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 and Homebound: 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.

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.
Prayer Intentions at Mass January 27 – February 2

**MON** 8:00 a.m. + Josephine Nitsche
**TUE** 8:00 a.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory
**WED** 1:30 p.m. + Albert Dornak
5:30 p.m. + Francis Stock
**THU** 8:00 a.m. Priest Intention
**FRI** 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. + Donald McDonald
+ James Bacak
**SAT** 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Parishioners Intentions
+ Oscar Griffin
**SUN** 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m. + Joe and Albina Krutilek
+ Anita Pesek Parishioners Intentions

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEB 1 & FEB 2

**SATURDAY—5:00 p.m.**
**Lectors:** Natalie Irby, Tish McAlister
**Cantor:** Richard Raun
**Altar Servers:** Krista Irby, Kylie Irby, Rylan Staff
**Hospitality:** Larry and Joyce Hensley, Robert and Marie Hrncir
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Bill Goerig, Regina Jank, Carolyn Joines, Sylvia Little, Don McAlister (Need 1 More Minister)

**SUNDAY—7:00 a.m.**
**Lector:** Carol Tomlinson
**Altar Servers:** Konley Socha, Allie Zalman, Jase Zalman
**Hospitality:** Alan Faas, Roy and Janice Smaistrla, Jerry Socha
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Linda Bolcik, Michael Bolcik, Neta Ripple, Jason Zalman

**SUNDAY—10:00 a.m.**
**Lectors:** Judy Barrett, Paul Barrett
**Cantor:** Crystal Roye
**Altar Servers:** Madelyn Glaze, Emily Glaze, Zoe Pavlas
**Hospital/Minister:** Jeff Socha
**Nursing Home Ministers:** Tish McAlister, Neta Ripple
**Hospitality:** Stanley Sellers, Randy Waligura, Jerry and Janice Winter
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Lisa Dannels, Kevin Pavlas, Mary Kay Price, Ron Price, Ceci Triska, Jimmie Triska
**CLOW:** Stacey Amestoy

**SUNDAY—6:00 p.m.**
**Lector:** Haley Burrow
**Cantor:** Jerred Berglund
**Altar Servers:** Abigail Burrow, Blake Korenek, Bradyn Korenek
**Hospitality:**
**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**
Lynn Cox, Betty Reck, Jessica Rodriguez, Theresa Staff, Raymond Viktorin (Need 1 More Minister)

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**
**January 26, 2020**

**A Message From Our Pastor**
**Father’s Formed.org Suggestion of the Week**
**AUDIO—Explore the Catholic Faith**
**The New Conversation: Changing Hearts and Minds on Abortion** by Stephanie Gray

I am extremely grateful to the many who were generous to me this past Christmas, and I was, once again, able to give a sizable donation to the Diocesan Seminary Burse. The diocese depends on the Seminary Burse and the Education of Seminarians Fund to pay the average annual cost of $35,000 per seminarian. Find out more about these funds and our seminarians in the Office of Vocation section at www.victoriadiocese.

Something that is more important than funds that we all can do is to pray for vocations. The Church needs good and holy priests to continue Christ’s mission of shepherding the people of God. We pray for the men whom God is calling to this grace-filled vocation, especially from our parish family.

At our parish, we have a special apostolate to pray for vocations—the Vocation Crucifix. You can take it home for a week as a visible reminder to pray for vocations. Do not worry about how to pray because we offer suggestions of prayers. To sign up for a week, please call Sylvia at the rectory.

Let us all pray for vocations together. Almighty and eternal God, in your unfailing love you provide ministers for your Church. We pray for those whom you call to serve the Diocese of Victoria as priests Inspire in them a generous response. Grant them courage and vision to serve your people. May their lives and service call your people to respond to the presence of your Spirit among us that, faithful to the Gospel and hope of Jesus the Christ, we may: announce glad tidings to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives, set prisoners free, and renew the face of the earth. Amen.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**
**Pray For The Sick...**
FIRST READING - Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord GOD: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; And suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek, And the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner’s fire, or like the fuller’s lye. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi. Refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD. Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the LORD, as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

SECOND READING - Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life. Surely he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.


When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, through a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel. And when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: “Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel.” The child’s father and mother were amazed at what was said about him; and Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted --and you yourself a sword will pierce-- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived seven years with her husband after her marriage, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day with fasting and prayer. And coming forward at that very time, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Key Scriptural Passage:

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

(Matthew 4:23)

Questions for Discussion:

Adult: To whom could you preach the gospel of Jesus Christ this week with actions rather than words?

Child: What could you do for someone this week that would tell them something about Jesus?

Readings For The Week

Monday..............2 Sm 5:1-7,10/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday...............Wis 7:7-10,15-16/Mt 23:8-12
Wednesday..........2 Sm 7:14-17/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday............2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29/Mk 4:21-25
Friday...............Phil 4:4-9/Mt 18:1-5
Saturday...........2 Sm 12:1-7,10-17/Mk 4:35-41

Flowers - Jan 26

Main Altar and Ambo: In honor of Catholic School Week Flowers provided by the faculty, staff, and students of St. Philip Catholic School

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Pray For Our Permanent Diaconate Candidates:

Frank Aguilar, Adrian Canales, Richard Evans, John Glueck, Nazario Hernandez, Kevin Knox, Jerome Kotzur, Tim Kozelsky, Dusty Leopold, Eugene Menchaca, Michael Morkovsky, Andrew Nunnaker, Kevin Petrasch, Terry Robinson, Matthew Schaefer, Rusty Theut, Frank Tilley, and Bruce Turner

Pray For Our Seminarians:

Looking For A Special Way To Rekindle The Spark in Your Marriage? Choosing to L.O.V.E. is a retreat facilitated by 5 married couples and Fr. Michael Rother for couples seeking to enrich their marital commitment, by focusing on what brought their covenant into existence—their marriage vows.

It is not a weekend for couples experiencing serious problems in their relationship, but for couples seeking to be faithful to their marriage vows and in need of strengthening the core of who they are as husband and wife.

The retreat will be held at the Texas Baptist Encampment in Palacios, TX on February 7-9, 2020. The cost for the retreat is $275.00 per couple, which includes lodging, food and materials. Scholarships are available. Applications are available at www.stphilipapostle.org or at the church office.

Pope Francis refers to marriage as a masterpiece of God and reflects on its beauty. He writes: In this journey of love that is Christian Marriage, God blessed the masterpiece of His creation with a blessing that can never be taken away. Not even original sin destroyed it. When one considers this, he quite naturally sees how beautiful love is, how beautiful marriage is, how beautiful the family is, how beautiful this journey is.

Dinners in the Area:

Jan 29 - CDA Court #1108 East Bernard, chicken noodle soup and sandwich supper at the American Legion Hall. Serving at 5:00 p.m.; with raffle and silent auction.

We are needing volunteers to pray the rosary before the 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday and the 7:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Please call Cecilia Polasek at 979-616-0504.

The 2019 financial statements have been mailed. Please call the parish office at 543-3770 if there are any corrections or if you did not receive your end of year statement.

Feast of St. Blaise...On Saturday, Feb.1, and Sunday, Feb 2 we will have the traditional Blessing of the throats, immediately following all the weekend Masses.

2019 Gift To Christ...We would like to thank the following families and individuals who have contributed to the appeal of Gift to Christ: The total thus far is $42,930.00. M/M Steven Socha, Arliss Treybig, Julie Strnad, John Osina, M/M Kevin Green, M/M James Socha, and M/M Trent Tomanek.

Ten Fingers, Ten Toes... The Diocese of Victoria Fundraising Dinner - Benefiting the Houston Coalition for Life on Friday, Jan 31, 2020 at the Cathedral Center in Victoria Texas. $25.00 Admission. Table sponsorships available. The Houston Coalition for Life works hard to end abortion through peaceful prayer outside abortion facilities and by offering practical assistance to women experiencing crisis pregnancies. Over 92% of the women who receive their free help, chose life. In the past 9 years, they have helped save over 8,500 babies and their mothers from abortion.

Keynote Speaker - David Scotton

David was almost aborted, but was saved at the last moment when his mother chose life on the abortion table. The film I Lived on Parker Avenue follows 19 yr old David as he meets his birth parents for the first time.

For more information, contact Wendy at the Diocese of Victoria at 361-573-0828 ext 2232.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 2, 2020 and in parishes on the weekend of February 1-2, 2020. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

THE DIOCESE OF VICTORIA PRESENTS

CATECHIST RALLY - Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020
KC Hall 321 US-77, Hallettsville, Texas

“But they urged Him, saying “Stay with us, for it is getting toward evening, and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them.”

LUKE 24:29

NOON - 5:00 P.M.
OPENING CONCERT WITH CLAY CROCKETT
Closing Liturgy at 5:00 p.m.
Register at www.victoriadiocese.org.
RSVP no later than Thursday, Feb 6, 2020
For more Information:
Christella Alvarez @361-827-7171 or
Brunilda Ortiz @ 361-573-0828.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER
Those Going Home to God…
Julia Baca

“Life has changed, not ended”

Thank you to the following who have contributed to the St. Philip School Annual Campaign: William Rioux, Eleanor Mican, Joseph Liska, Lorraine Kana, Barbara Kainer Green, Bernice Boone, Edmund Weinheimer Jr., M/M Gregory Swoboda, M/M Eugene Socha, M/M Richard Raun, M/M Ron Price, M/M Doug Krenek, M/M Gene Kana, George Mondrik Jr., M/M Leonard Gore, NM/M Phil Dornak, Gary Tupa Plumbing, Caroline Gardner, M/M Dennis Edwards, Annie Drastata, Lorraine Cranek, M/M Leonard Cernoch, Paul Whatley, Julie Strnad, Terry Meuth, M/M Mike Kennedy, M/M David Janik, Barbara Hmcir, Mary Jane Sablatura, Jose F. Gonzalez-Jauregui, M/M Pat Cunningham, M/M Ronny Collins, EC Refrigeration, Josephine Back, M/M Andrew Swoboda.
Calendar of Events...
Monday, January 27
- Men’s bible study at 6:00 a.m. - Meeting House.
- Bible study group session at 10:00 a.m.
- Prayer Cenacle will meet at 4:30 p.m. - Sacred Heart Rm.
Wednesday, January 29
- CCE Grades K-12 at 6:30 p.m.
- Holy Hour at 8:15 p.m.
Thursday, January 30
- Bible study group session at 9:00 a.m.
- Shepherds of the Faith men’s group - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, February 2
- Blessing of the throats after all the Masses.

St. Philip Catholic School Super Prize Drawing Winner for January 17 is Wayne Bard.

Monday, Jan 27: Spirit Day! Wear your favorite college or team shirt. Faculty Breakfast.
Tuesday, Jan 28: Crazy Hair/Hat and Sock Day! Bingo at 9:00 a.m. All grades in the Parish Hall. Faculty Lunch. Book Fair.
Wednesday, Jan 29: Wear a Camo Shirt in Honor of Dad! Dad’s Day For Lunch; Book Fair. Praise and worship music in gym at 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, Jan 30: Wear a Pink Shirt in Honor of Mom! Mom’s Day For Lunch; Book Fair. School-wide Adoration.
Friday, Jan 31: Volunteer Appreciation and Grandparents’ Day! School wide opening prayer at 8:00 a.m. Mass at 10:00 a.m. Book Fair, Photo Booth, Apple Tree.

**ATTN: SPS Class of 1955** We are celebrating 75 years of St. Philip Catholic School! As the FIRST graduating class, we invite you to join us for our Children’s Mass on Friday, January 31 at 10:00 am where you will be recognized, followed by breakfast in the Parish Hall.

St. Philip School Volunteers... If you volunteer in any capacity for St. Philip School, you are cordially invited to join us for an VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST on Friday, January 31 in the Parish Hall. Come and Go following the special 10:00 am Mass.

St. Philip Catholic School will have a Book Fair in the Mikeska Fellowship Hall from Jan 28 to Jan 31. We will offer extended shopping hours for parishioners and friends of St. Philip School on Tuesday, Jan 28 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., and Thursday, Jan 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Please use the entrance on Hoskins Broadway Street.

A Journey into Our Catholic Faith
We are starting a journey into our Catholic Faith. If you have ever wanted to know why we do things a certain way, or what we believe in the Catholic Church, then come to our classes and learn the richness, fullness, and beauty of our Catholic Faith.

Our classes will be held each Thursday evening for 10 weeks starting on February 13. The class will begin at 7:00 pm and last till 8:30 pm in the Mikeska Fellowship Hall at St. Philip Church.

Come and bring a friend and learn more about how much God truly loves us. For more information call Deacon Larry Hoelscher at 578-3934. Light refreshments will be served!

A Blessing of Seed and Soil Mass
Saturday, February 1, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.
(Please bring a lawn chair)
Mass celebration will be at: BH Genetics 5933 FM 1157 Ganado, TX 77962
Bring a sampling of your crop or garden seeds along with a sampling of your soil. Then you can bring God’s blessing home to your field or garden!

Patricia Talbot will also speak on Sunday, February 2 at Parish of the Nativity in Eagle Lake.
Mass will be at 5:30 p.m. and the talk at 6:45 p.m.