SAINT PHILIP THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
FOUNDED 1909
DIOCESE OF VICTORIA IN TEXAS

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Parochial Vicar: Rev. Peter Oscar Kofi-Amo
Deacons: Deacon Jerome Grahmann
Deacon Larry Hoelscher

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.

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
Thursday 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.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.
A Message From Our Parochial Vicar

Exactly three years ago when I heard the sound of my phone ringing, it was such a beautiful afternoon when I noticed it was a call from Bishop Cahill who among the numerous conversations we had, then asked me if I was willing to be assigned to St. Philip’s. How hurriedly I responded YES made him ask again why I gave him a quick response ...YES. But my explanation to the swift yes was because I had been there before as a Seminarian. That in itself made him feel that I knew the environment of the place and the people. I was happily ready to come and continue with my ministry here because I LOVE St. Philip’s and the people. I feel loved and cherished here. I’m very much honored to EVERYONE of you to allow me to serve you as your Parochial Vicar with Fr. Michael.

It was a wonderful time for me to help build the Kingdom of God here in St. Philip’s together with you. Over the years I’m blessed to have beautiful people in my life and I’m grateful to serve you.

As we celebrate the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus mentions that Whoever does not take up his cross is not worthy of Him and went on to say to his Apostles that whoever receives them receives Jesus himself. What a coincidence that this Gospel passage fits in here in the lives of St. Philip’s Catholic Community in El Campo. You faithfully and lovingly received me from the very first day I began my ministry here.

As I render my sincerest appreciation to all of you, I also want to say thank you to my Pastor, Very Rev. Fr. Michael Rother for his love and support for me all these years. We worked together beautifully from our hearts and I’m very grateful to him. Nobody is perfect and we strive in our daily Christian Journey to be perfect as Christ and therefore I like to also use this platform to ask for your forgiveness if I offended any of you and I ask for your forgiveness.

I love St. Philip’s. YES I do love St. Philip’s, I truly do from the bottom of my heart. You have shaped my Priesthood. It’s hard to leave you but I will always remember you in my prayers. Please pray for me as well in my new Pastoral Ministry.

My wish is that as Jesus left his friends for His Heavenly Father, his last words were LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I HAVE LOVED YOU. These are my last words to you as well that you will love one another.

Thank you again and may God bless you and your families.

Rev. Peter Oscar Kofi-Amo

Remember In Prayer

Pray For The Sick...

FIRST READING - Zechariah 9:9-10
Thus says the LORD: Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior’s bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

SECOND READING - Romans 8:9, 11-13
Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

From Scripture...Matthew 10:37-42, Discipleship: challenging but rewarding.
In this Gospel passage, Jesus outlines the demands of discipleship in stark terms. First, there’s the question of priorities. For the early Christians, it was illegal to be Christian and the penalty was prison, or worse. To be a follower of Jesus literally meant risking everything. Since he is God, only his is worthy to have first claim on our hearts and lives.

Being a faithful Catholic today has its challenges too. Much of what Christ and the Church ask of us goes against much of what secular culture approves. Even without worldly temptations, we have crosses to carry. Following Christ includes taking up our crosses-never alone, but always with him.

The good news is that Jesus did what he did so we can do it too. He passed through death to eternal life, from suffering to glory, from sorrow to joy. We will too, if we stay close to him. Each day, with his grace, we can choose to keep his commandments and remain in his love. In Heaven, we’ll see clearly that it was all worth it.

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Pray For Those Serving In The Military and Law Enforcement

Life Corner...
There is no greater injustice in the world today than the shedding of the innocent blood of unborn children. We will never be able to build a culture of life if we do not respect the dignity of the human person at all stages of life. We must build our society as it once was, founded upon respect for life and the right to life and the pursuit of happiness.
The Gospel of Matthew

The first gospel starts with “a genealogy of Jesus Christ, son of David, son of Abraham.” With this opening the evangelist prepares us for this Jesus who will be the fulfillment of major figures of the Hebrew scriptures.

Archeologists and textual experts usually date the writing of the Gospel of Matthew to around 80 CE. One piece of evidence for the dating of this gospel is that it contains nearly all of the Gospel of Mark. From this we know that it was composed after 70 CE (near the time when Mark was written). In addition to having Mark as a source, the Gospel of Matthew shares a large chunk of material with Luke, material that appears neither in Mark or in John. From this we assume that there was another source for Matthew, one that he and the writer of Luke used. Matthew also had his own information about Jesus that the other evangelists did not.

The Gospel of Matthew is unique in its five-part structure: after the introduction (which contains the stories of the annunciation to Joseph (not Mary, as in Luke) of Jesus’ birth, his birth and manifestation to the magi (not shepherds, as in Luke), each part contains a long speech by Jesus followed by actions that Jesus performs. Part one is the Sermon on the Mount (chapters 5-7); part two prepares the disciples for their missionary journeys (10); part three is filled with parables (13); part four deals with church order (18); and the fifth part concerns the end of the world (24-25). Scholars assume that the evangelist adopted this structure from the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. This is a big clue about the portrait of Jesus in this gospel.

Many of the people in the church for which the Gospel of Matthew was written were Jews. One of the main purposes of this gospel was to provide consolation to those who wrestled with the compatibility of the Jewish heritage and their faith in Jesus. For this reason, we find references to patriarchs of ancient Israel from the very first verse. A genealogy filled with Jewish ancestors begins the text, and the evangelist fills the narrative with quotations from the Hebrew scriptures. All of this seems to reassure the hearers that Jesus of Nazareth was indeed the Messiah anticipated in the older faith.


In art, the evangelist Matthew is portrayed with an angel by his side. The feast of St. Matthew is September 21.
**Calendar of Events…**

**Monday, June 29**
- Men’s bible study at 6:00 a.m. - Meeting House.
- Prayer Cenacle will meet at 4:30 p.m. - Sacred Heart Rm

**Thursday, July 2**
- Reconciliation from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Friday, July 3**
- Patriotic rosary at 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, July 4**
- Reconciliation from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, July 5**
- Blessing of expectant parents after all the Masses.

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We anticipate the arrival of Fr. Chase Goodman to our parish. Fr. Chase, ordained a priest on May 30, 2020, was assigned by Bishop Brendan Cahill to St. Philip parish. He will be joining Fr. Michael in ministering to the parish on July 1. Let us prepare our hearts to welcome Fr. Chase as he ministers to the people of St. Philip the Apostle Church.

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The following First Communion pictures may be picked up at the church office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Channing Bacak, Kinley Bubela, Jessa Chanek, Brynn Charbula, Keith Cox, Conley Cranek, Macy Ellis, Evelyn Harris, Camille Hlavaty, Bennet Key, Kason Kocurek, Addison and Alli Koudela, Elizabeth Leopold, Whitley Mican

Also Katelyn Netardus, Reed Orozco, Harrison Porter, Piersdon and Wyatt Prasek, Bree Ramos, Michael Rodriguez, Luke Savino, Jade Thibeaux, and Makenzie Trevino.

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2020 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) - Our parish received the following information, from the Chancery Office, regarding our 2020 DSA Goal: $93,628.00. Please consider making a donation toward our parish goal. Any amount would greatly assist us.

The funds collected from the Diocesan Services Appeal enables our Bishop to operate the diocese, including the many programs for parishes, the Spiritual Renewal Center, the retired and infirm priests and, of course, the education and formation of our seminarians. Therefore, let us do our part in supporting the Bishop and the operation of the Diocese of Victoria.

**Thank you to the following who have most recently contributed:**

- M/M Gene Kana, Lorraine Kana, M/M Mike Kennedy, M/M Lawrence Knebel, Bettie Konvicka, Melody Kopecky, M/M Dennis Korenek, M/M Stephen Korenek, M/M Clarence Kovar, Cecilia Krenk, M/M Lawrence Krenk, Mary Ann Kruppa, M/M Bruce Labay, M/M Stan Labay, M/M Greg Leopold, M/M Robert Leopold, M/M James Leslie, M/M Doug Lezak, Joseph Liska, Frances Livance, M/M Michael Mach, M/M Leon Macha, Charles Maerz, M/M August Malik, Daniel & Roxane Marek, Daniel & Martha Marek, Alvin Merta, Eleanor Mican, M/M Johnnie Mican, Georgia Mikeska, Nick Mikeska, Patricia Miller
- M/M Randy Mitchell, Mildred Naiser, M/M Darrell Nohavitz, M/M Michael Nordin, M/M Mike Orsak, John Osina, M/M Richard Otts, M/B G. Parma, M/M Daniel Pasak, M/M Kevin Pavlas, Theresa Payne, M/M Norman Peter, M/M Calvin Pfiehl, Cecilia Polasek, M/M Ron Price, M/M Arthur Priesmeyer, M/M Terry Priesmeyer, M/M Fred Prihoda, M/M Bryan Rasmussen, M/M Richard Raun, M/M Tim Raun, M/M Robert Reck, Dr. John & Susan Richards, M/M Gerald Ripple, M/M Elmer Rod, M/M Glenn Rod, Janie Roehl, Barbara Roy, M/M Richard Schmidt, M/M Bill Schmidt. Will continue next week.

**St. Philip Catholic School** Super Prize Drawing Winner for June 19 is Ryan Blaha.

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**Flowers - June 28**

**Main Altar:** Joe Kocurek, M/M Pinchback

**Ambo:** Dennis and Mary Skow, Arliss Treybig

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**Sacrificial Giving:**

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**A Prayer For Our Nation…**

Gracious and loving God, we come to you in humble prayer for the United States of America.

Bless our President. Give him wisdom and strength to serve the American people and lead our country in ways that are pleasing to you.

Bless our Congress. Instill in them knowledge and understanding to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life—from the unborn to the elderly; and promote the good of all people.

Bless the people of the United States. Make us aware of our responsibility as citizens to uphold the principles of life, liberty, justice and equality.

Send your Holy Spirit upon our beloved country. Make us people of faith in time of uncertainty. Make us people of hope in time of trouble. Make us people of compassion with those who are less fortunate. Make us people of peace in our homes, our communities, our country, and our world. We ask this through Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior.
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