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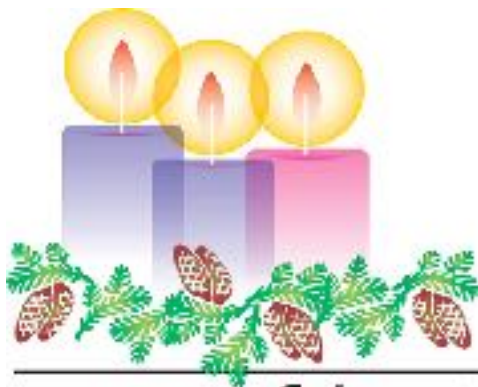
Thank you for spending time with us today!

We know that these are unprecedented times and many of you are looking for a measure of spiritual comfort and peace. We are encouraged that you are here and are praying for you. Please feel free to look around our website, follow us on social media, and join our Masses and programs.

New Parishioners

Welcome home!

If you are ready to register, you may at www.stphilipcs.com/parish-registration. For further information please contact our pastoral associate, Amy Viertel, at amy@stphilipcs.com.



THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 13, 2020; 3rd Sunday of Advent

You might notice that John does not use Jesus' name in this Gospel, but only refers to him as "one whom you do not recognize." Although they knew the text of Isaiah the Pharisees were not really prepared to find the promised Messiah among the broken-hearted, the lonely, those held in captivity or those lacking justice and peace. Do we know where to look for Jesus? Will we recognize him among those most ignored and forgotten in our world?

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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 Rev. Greg Gerhart at (512) 949-2430 or: fr-greg-gerhart@austindiocese.org

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday |Is61:1-2,10-11/Lk1:46-54/1Thes5:16-24/Jn1:6-8,19-28

Monday | Nm 24:2-7, 15-17/Ps 25:4-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday | Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday |Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21-25/Ps 85:9-14/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday |Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-4, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Friday |Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Saturday | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25/Ps 71:3-6, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

TV MASSES

6:00am, KWTX - *REBROADCAST*
of last week's Mass

9:30am, CW - *LIVE BROADCASTS*

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This Sunday we conclude our final Sunday in the Advent Homily series on Promises. In our first week we heard of our need for God and in the second, God's desire and promises to meet that need. We have, in Jesus Christ, the answer to God's promise to not abandon us in our brokenness. This weekend the focus returns, for a moment, back to us. What will be your response? How will you respond to God's gift and what sort of promises will you make back to God? As you'll hear in today's homily, our souls are precious and made for him - how will you treat your soul differently this next week? Will you let God help you with those very promises you've made to him?

Fr. Ryan



ST. NICHOLAS SHOP

Our St. Nicholas Shop is now open for parishioners to purchase Christmas gifts.

We have beautiful gift wrapping supplies, arts & crafts items, and home decor.

Both today and next Sunday, before and after Mass



CONFIRMATION REMINDER

In the coming months, we will begin more intensive formation for high school students preparing to receive the sacrament of confirmation. In this sacrament, the Holy Spirit enriches the graces the person received during baptism and strengthens the relationship the person has with Christ and the Church. Therefore, to receive confirmation, a person must be baptized and should be living in relationship with God by receiving the Eucharist at Mass on Sundays, praying daily, going often to the sacrament of reconciliation, and growing in their knowledge of the Lord through faith formation. Please keep these things in mind as you or your child prepares to receive this sacrament. For more information about confirmation and specific requirements for eligibility, please visit stlouiswaco.com/st-louis-youth.

Church Office Holiday Hours

The church office will be closed Wednesday, December 23rd. Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, December 30th. Thank You!

2021 COLLECTION ENVELOPE BOXES

Tables will be stationed at the entry of the church with your collection boxes starting December 6th. Please stop to pick up your box. If you are new to the church and would like more information on donating please stop and speak with one of the parish staff members.

Remember, you can always donate electronically at the following website: <https://stphilipcs.com/give>.

WHY GIVE ELECTRONICALLY?

Electronic giving has benefits both for you and for the church. For you it is a safe, easy, and effective way for you to give - no checks to write or remember, no cash to keep on hand, and you can set up to give on your own schedule. The benefits to our church are wonderful as well - the cost in time, energy, and finances required to process other forms of payments are a drain on our churches resources, especially smaller churches like our own St. Philip Catholic Mission. So, in a way, when you give online you are giving twice!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND

We are now accepting Christmas Flower Fund donations for the altar. If you wish to donate to this fund, please make checks payable to St. Philip Catholic Mission, note "Flower Fund" on the check, and drop it in the collection basket or return it to the church office. - **Thank you!** -

gather

THIS MONTH'S GATHER
will be hosted by MELISSA VINCELETTE
AT ST. PHILIP CATHOLIC MISSION
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH AT 5PM

Please bring a side dish to share
and a gift to exchange (\$20 and under)

For any questions email Melissa at:
MTYE9799@GMAIL.COM

Gather is open to ALL the women of St. Philip.
It is a monthly get-together that provides us
with an opportunity to visit, laugh, pray, & eat!

CONFESSIONS

During Advent St. Louis will be offering confessions every day except Sunday. Confessions will be held Mondays and Tuesdays at 7:20 am before the 8:00 am Mass and Wednesdays and Fridays at 11:30 am before the 12:05 pm Mass. Thursday and Saturday confessions will have the current schedule. Please call the church office if you have any questions.

REPORT ABUSE

It is up to us to keep all our parishes safe. Please report the abuse of minors, elderly adults or adults with a disabilities to local law enforcement or to the Texas Abuse Hotline at www.txabusehotline.org or (800) 252-5400 and to the diocese at (512) 949-2447 or www.austindiocese.org/report-abuse.

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our wounds,
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*in memory of
Henry, Agnes, &
Clara Veselka*

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