

St. Philip Catholic Mission

China



Spring

Visitors

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.



Our Advent time is almost over. We have watched in hope for the coming of Christ at the end of time. We have seen the presence of Christ and God's Kingdom among us wherever justice and peace triumph over violence and alienation. Now we focus on Mary and the intimacy of birth. Carrying any child requires courage, faith and trust. Every mother wonders about the future of her child. God transforms all of human history by becoming human through Mary's "Yes!" Like her, will we allow the very fullness of God's love to fill us and our world this year? Do we have her faith, her courage and her trust?

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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 | 2Sm 7:1-5, 8-16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Monday | Sg 2:8-14/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday | 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday | Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5, 8-14/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday | 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27-29/Lk 1:67-79

Friday | Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-29/Acts 13:16-25/Mt 1:1-25

Saturday | Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 16-17/Mt 10:17-2

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

As we finish the season of Advent, lean into the season of Christmas, and near the end of the calendar year, I think it might be important for us to take a moment and remember what God promised us. He promises something simple and yet worth-while for us to sit with - he promised to satisfy our deepest desire not with the wave of a wand or a magic word, but with the indescribable mystery of the Word itself made flesh. The joy of Christmas is that right in the midst of our ache, he gives himself and not distance. Where everywhere else this year distance is asked or demanded, God allows for none, save that space you place, and instead waits for permission. As with the Archangel Gabriel, God waits for permission to come again, in this year of social distances, and enter within your heart where the term "distance" carries little meaning. God always makes these promises and is waiting for you to give him ever greater permission to enter deep within. But this year, more than any, I think it might be good to pause and to take stock of who asks and remember that he is trustworthy.

Fr. Ryan

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!** -

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>.

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.



December 24th - Christmas Eve
St. Philip, China Spring
6:00 PM

December 24th - Christmas Eve
St. Louis, Waco
4:00 PM

(preferably this mass will be for large groups & families)

4:15 PM
(overflow mass in the Bishop Louis Reicher High School Gym)

6:00 PM
(preferably this mass will be for smaller groups)

8:00 PM
Spanish Mass

December 25th - Christmas Day
12:00 PM - Midnight Mass
9:00 AM

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.

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When we pray, God opens our eyes,
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our wounds,
and grants us the grace we need.

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

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