

# 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](http://www.stphilipcs.com/parish-registration). For further information please contact our pastoral associate, Amy Viertel, at [amy@stphilipcs.com](mailto:amy@stphilipcs.com).

## January 3, 2021 The Epiphany of the Lord



As we continue the Christmas season this feast helps us to understand that Jesus is the Light of the whole world and his salvation is given to all people. The magi from afar trusted that God would lead them to the new King, whom they found in very humble, non-royal circumstances. Do we allow God to help us to recognize Christ in the face of the migrant women and children crossing our borders? In the lives of the poor? In the tiny unborn child? In the prisoner on death row? Where can we look for Jesus this week?

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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](mailto:fr-greg-gerhart@austindiocese.org)

### ST. PHILIP CATHOLIC MISSION

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday | Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-13/Eph 3:2-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday | 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7-12/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday | 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-8/Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday | 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10-13/Mk 6:45-52

Thursday | 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14-17/Lk 4:14-22

Friday | 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16

Saturday | 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-9/Jn 3:22-30

## 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

Over the past few weeks, Fr. Saenz and I have been abundantly blessed by so many of you. Both of us have been filled with a deep sense of gratitude and awe at the expression of your care for us in the form of Christmas cards, well wishes, baked goods, greetings, and gifts. Each was thoughtful, given with care, and became, in their own way, a revelation of charity itself. We have attempted to write as many thank you notes as possible but we also wanted to offer a public thank you in case we somehow missed something. Please know that we're deeply grateful and, to paraphrase a eucharistic prayer from Mass, we have humbled to serve in your presence. You and this parish are God's gift to us.

With deepest gratitude and profound thanks,

*Fr. Ryan*

## CCE

CCE will resume on Jan 13, 2021 with a parent meeting @ 6:00pm at the church.

## YEAR END CONTRIBUTION LETTERS

The 2020 letters will be mailed out automatically for contributions of \$250 or more by the end of January. Letter for amounts less than \$250 will need to be requested.

## 2021 COLLECTION ENVELOPE BOXES

Tables will be stationed at the entry of the church with your collection boxes starting December 6<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://stlouiswaco.com/st-louis-youth).

# INDOOR PROTOCOLS

## ST. PHILIP CATHOLIC MISSION

### PRECAUTIONS



Masks are encouraged. Hand sanitizer will be available at the church entrance. Self screening protocols will be enforced for all ministers.

### SEATING



Each person is asked to grab a chair and a kneeling pad from the hallway and walk into the sanctuary. Ushers will assist in the placement of chairs. Please observe 6 ft. social distancing rules.



### SECTION FOR AT-RISK PARISHIONERS

The kitchen will be reserved for at-risk parishioners.



### DISTRUBITION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The priest and ministers will make their way through the church to administer the Eucharist.



### AFTER MASS

Leave your chairs where they are so that they can be properly cleaned after Mass.

### OVERFLOW



In the event that the church is full, classrooms and Facebook live will be utilized to accommodate parishioners in attendance.

## HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR SACRAMENTS?

If you or your children have not made all your sacraments and are interested in completing them, please contact Amy Viertel, Director of Religious Education at St. Philip at [amy@stphilipcs.com](mailto:amy@stphilipcs.com).

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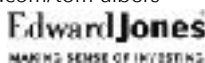


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our wounds,  
and grants us the grace we need.

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

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Deadline for bulletin items is  
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