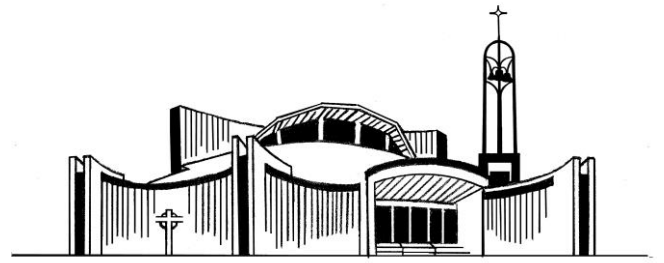


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Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday: 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 and 12 Noon
Monday - Friday: 7:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:30 - 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

Baptism and Marriage
Please call to schedule Pre-Baptism and
Baptism dates. Marriage dates are to
be scheduled one year prior.

Mission Statement

St. Philip Parish, a welcoming Catholic community, strives to love, honor, know, and serve God. As a family, we gather to celebrate liturgy, perform good deeds, share our faith, and bring all to Christ. St. Philip, lead us to Jesus.

Second Sunday of Easter

April 19, 2020

Happy Anniversary Fr. Sudhir D'Souza

Today, April 19, 2020 marks the 15th anniversary of Fr. Sudhir's ordination for the mission diocese of Varanasi located in North India. He has been serving in the diocese of Bridgeport for the past thirteen years. Fr. Sudhir hails from a town named Mangalore in South India. He is the youngest of four siblings – two sisters and a brother.

Fr. Sudhir was born on August 1, 1976 and joined the seminary after his sophomore year in High School. He has a Master's Degree in Philosophy and Divinity, and a Bachelor's Degree in Science. Fr. Sudhir graduated from the School of Business (MBA) from the University of Bridgeport in 2012.

While serving in India Fr. Sudhir had been involved in the ministry of serving poor children with education and in the rehabilitation of the disabled. He continues his mission of serving the poor through his Non-Profit organization, "KAL-PA-VRIKSH, THE GIVING TREE CORPORATION" (www.kal-pa-vriksh.org). The organization is an affiliate of the Diocese of Varanasi to which Fr. Sudhir belongs, and will support the ministry to the disabled and the poor.

Fr. Sudhir was appointed as Associate at St. Philip 2/1/2013 and installed as Pastor 4/30/2017.

In today's Gospel, John 20:19-31, Jesus comes back to visit his disciples after his death. But when this happens, Thomas – one of the disciples – isn't there. When the others tell him what happened, he doesn't believe them. He wants to see Jesus with his very own eyes! Eventually Jesus comes back again – and Thomas does believe. But Jesus reminds him of something very important. Sometimes we just have to believe in things that we can't see. We have a special name for that. We call it "faith."

God's love is sort of like the air. It fills us up – and even though we can't see it – we can feel it in our hearts. Dear God, sometimes it is hard to believe in things we cannot see, but like the air, we know that you surround us with your presence and your love. Help us to live faithful lives, now and forever.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Third Sunday of Easter, April 26, 2020

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel of Luke 24:13-35

Marguerite Bourgeoys

1620 – 1700

A Woman of Dreams and of Action

Marguerite Bourgeoys set off for Canada in 1653. She dreamed of taking part in the founding of a society that embodies the ideals of the first Christians.

Very quickly, God's call for her to serve became clear. Plague broke out on the ship bringing her from France to Canada; she then serves as a nurse with a compassionate heart.

In Montreal, Marguerite entered whole heartedly into the lives of the families she met. She was a social worker, marriage counsellor, mentor, grief counsellor, mother, and friend.

Wanting to pass on the faith to children, she opened the first school in Montreal in an abandoned stable in the spring of 1658. A daring teacher, she created a place where young women could gather to learn new domestic skills to earn a living. In all situations, she sacrificed herself so that the great precept of the love of God and of the neighbor be written in every heart.

Moved by the breath of the Spirit, Marguerite answered, not only to the needs of her time, but opened vast possibilities through which one can commit oneself in the 21st century.

Today the Congregation of Notre Dame continues to respond to the needs of the times. A few places where you will find the Congregation include: with families, with youth, with refugees, in soup kitchens and journeying with people who continue to discover God's place in their lives. Following her example, Congregation of Notre Dame sisters try to respond creatively to the challenges of each moment.

Marguerite's Journey

- April 17, 1620 – Birth and baptism
- October 7, 1640 – A spiritual experience
- November 16, 1653 – Arrival in Canada
- April 30, 1658 – Opens first school in a stable
- 1658-1680 – Three trips to France to invite new members to join her
- January 12, 1700 – Death of Marguerite Bourgeoys
- October 31, 1982 – Her canonization by Pope John Paul II