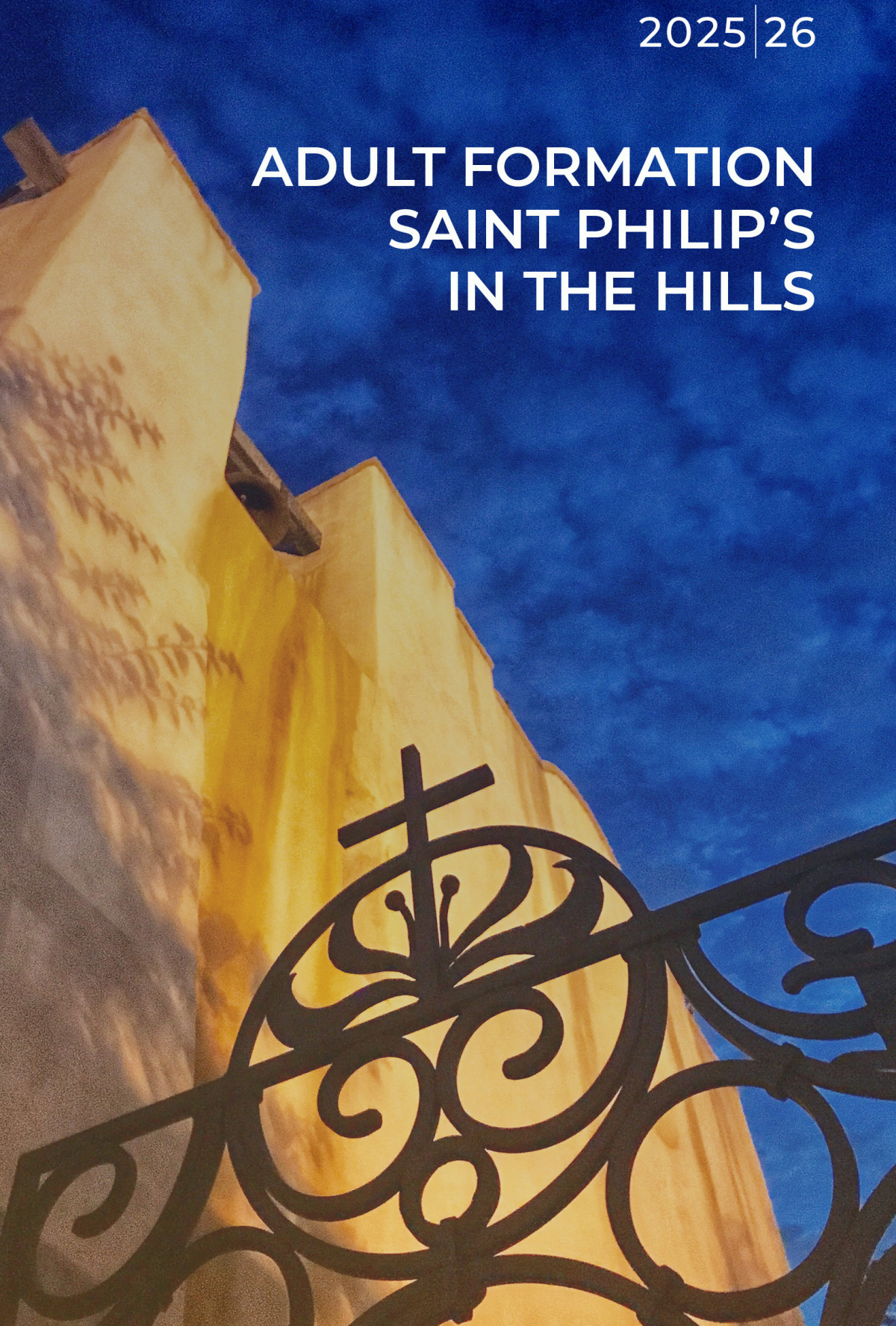


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**ADULT FORMATION
SAINT PHILIP'S
IN THE HILLS**



Dear Friends in Christ,



In all the busyness of life at Saint Philip’s—worship, music, outreach, lectures, small groups, pastoral care—one of the questions I am often asked is “what kind of Christian formation do you have here?” And a close second is “what on earth is Christian formation?”

The phrase—though ubiquitous in parish life—can be a little hard to grasp. After all, no one comes to our shared work here as totally un-formed. We all bring our own questions, experiences, and personal relationships with God.

What we mean by formation is a building up of our own spiritual resources, a building up of our common life as part of the Body of Christ. Through reading, discussing, praying, working in community, we come nearer to some true sense of the Triune God, we come nearer to the truths of this ancient faith that we confess.

And in that greater nearness to Christian truth—that greater nearness to God Himself—we are transformed in the ways that we worship, the ways that we serve, and the ways that we live out God’s love in the world.

In his wonderful Wartime lectures on “Mere Christianity,” the Anglican apologist C. S. Lewis wrote,

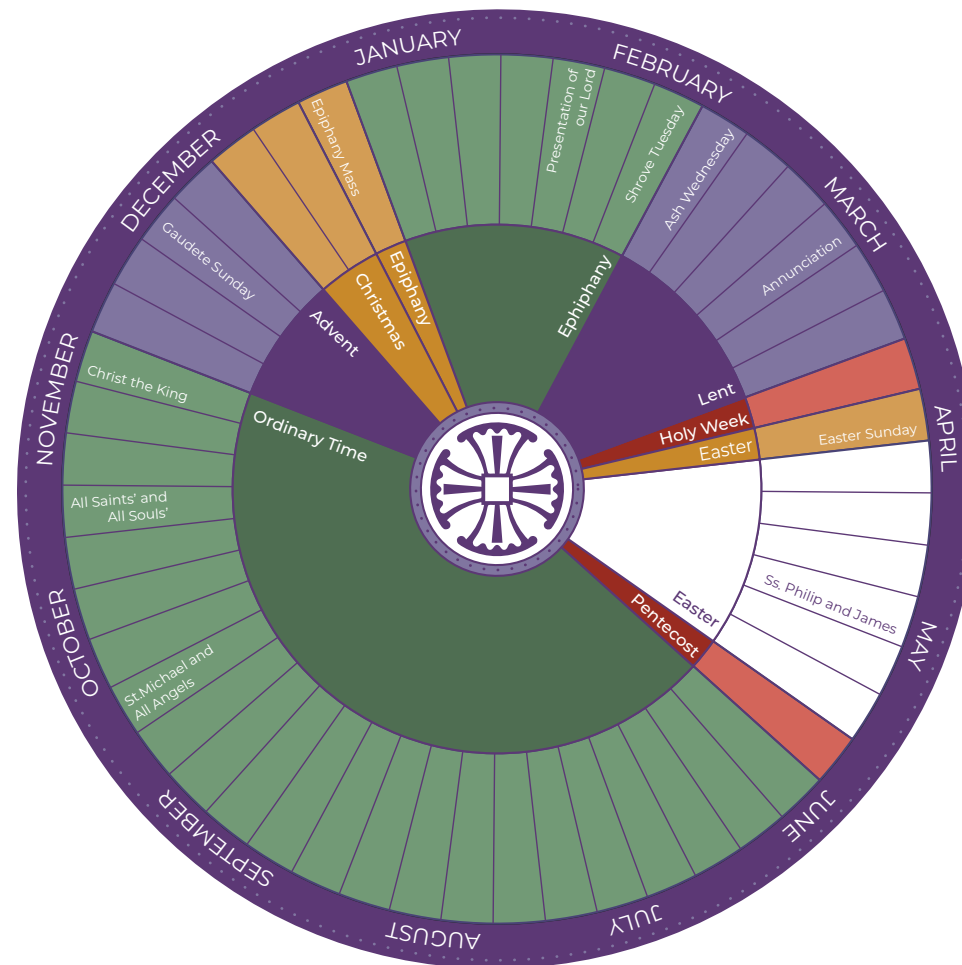
“Everyone has warned me not to tell you what I am going to tell you [...] They all say ‘the ordinary reader does not want Theology; give him plain practical religion.’ I have rejected their advice. I do not think the ordinary reader is such a fool. Theology means ‘the science of God,’ and I think [anyone] who wants to think about God at all would like to have the clearest and most accurate ideas about Him which are available.”

I certainly cannot claim to offer anything approaching Lewis’s brilliance and wit—though I know some of our speakers this year might well come close—but we are certainly about the same project: studying the science of God so that we might better know and better serve Him.

There are so many avenues for this fruitful spiritual work at Saint Philip’s. I hope this booklet will help to introduce them. And please know that to all of these programs and offerings you are warmly welcome.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Matthew

Liturgical Calendar of the Church Year



Liturgical Colors

GREEN—the color of growth. It is used during Epiphany and Ordinary Time.

PURPLE—the color of preparation and repentance. It is used during Advent and Lent.

RED—the color of God’s love and sacrifice. It is used during Holy Week and Pentecost.

GOLD/WHITE—the colors of light, triumph, and glory. It is used during Christmas and Easter seasons.

Worship at Saint Philip's

From **Tuesday, September 2, 2025** through **Sunday, May 24, 2026** (The Feast of Pentecost). Please note, there are no midweek services in the week after Christmas and the week after Easter. Sunday's Choral Evensong is not sung in the summer months. For a complete list of special services, please consult the calendar at <http://stphilipstucson.org/news-events/calendar/>



SUNDAY

- 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
- 4:30 PM Choral Evensong
(or Evening Prayer, as announced)

MONDAY

- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I
- 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

TUESDAY

- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I
- 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Healing Service)

WEDNESDAY

- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I
- 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite I
- 5:30 PM Evening Prayer
(or *Missa Cantata*, as announced)

THURSDAY

- 8:30 AM Morning Prayer, Rite I
- 12:15 PM Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Christian Formation Throughout the Year

The program year at Saint Philip's in the Hills begins **Tuesday, September 2, 2025** and ends **Sunday, May 24, 2026** (The Feast of Pentecost). For more information about programming at Saint Philip's, please also consult our booklets on *Music* and the *Children, Youth, & Family Ministry*. Contact cyfm@stphilipstucson.org or subscribe to the Faithful Families newsletter for the most up-to-date information.

PARISH FORUM FOURTH SUNDAYS

Beginning **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025 11:30 AM**

The Parish Forum is offered on **fourth Sundays** during the program year, with presentations by members of the clergy, lay leadership, and the wider Tucson community. These talks range from issues of theology and spirituality, to parish outreach and governance. The Forum series begins Sunday September 28 with Prof. Courtney Friesen on "Apocalypse Now...or Then? The Book of Revelation and the Signs of the Times." **Please note that the Forum on Sunday, January 25 is the Annual Meeting.** Forums begin after the 10:00am Eucharist.
Murphey Gallery

READING BETWEEN THE LINES: Where Biblical Scholarship Meets Depth Psychology MONDAYS

Beginning **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025 5:30 PM**

Reading Between The Lines was created by the late Fr William Dols, an Episcopal priest who brought insights from the Guild for Psychological Studies of San Francisco to bear on Biblical Studies. The study guides for this approach blend Biblical scholarship with depth psychology. This is an opportunity to stretch one's personal awareness, along with gaining intellectual insights on the Scriptures. One of the Lectionary texts for the following Sunday will be the focus.

Led by Fr Richard Mallory, Interim Rector
Saint Anne's Family Center

MEDITATIVE LISTENING: A Spiritual Discussion Group TUESDAYS

Beginning **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 6:00 PM**

This new reading and meditation group began this past summer, focusing on Fr Richard Rohr's book *The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for an Age of Outrage* (2025). The group reconvenes this autumn for—at least initially—a series of seven discussions with meditative listening. The new book will be selected in the first meeting.

Led by Mtr Margaret Babcock, Priest Associate
Saint Anne's Family Center

Mosaic

Beginning WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2025 5:30 PM

Mosaic is the principal formation offering at Saint Philip's, a weekly gathering on Wednesdays for fellowship, formation, and prayer. You are invited to participate in all events or just one:

EVENING PRAYER 5:30 PM (Chapel of the Nativity)
TEA, COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP 6:00 PM (Saint Anne's Family Center)
DISCUSSION 6:30-7:30 PM (Saint Anne's Family Center)

This year, rather than one overarching theme, we will split the program year into four courses on different topics relevant to our life in Christ and in Christian community. Some evenings will feature a presentation, while others will be more discussion-based. This is not a series of lectures, but a series of experiences. Saint Philip's clergy, affiliate clergy, laity, and the occasional special guest will lead.

SESSION ONE

Revelation: How to Read It and How Not to Read It

The first session, "Revelation: How to Read It and How Not to Read It" will look at the historical background of, and main topics in, Revelation—as well as common misreadings of this most mysterious of books of the Bible.

SESSION TWO

Christian Ethics

The second session, "Christian Ethics" will investigate whether there is a Christian way of living or a set of Christian values.

SESSION THREE

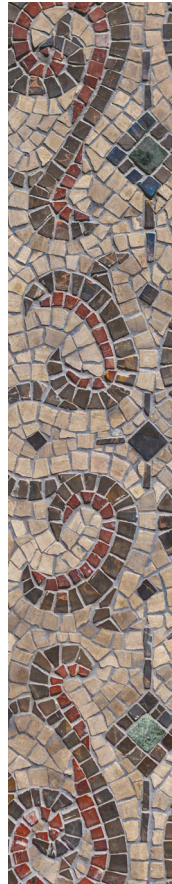
Difficult Doctrines

After a break for Christmas, we return with the third session, "Difficult Doctrines." This session takes us into some of the harder Scriptures to read and the more difficult ideas to believe—and how we balance these challenges.

SESSION FOUR

Sacred Arts

There will be a brief interlude during Lent, with Confirmation classes as well as other options, such as contemplative prayer practices. Our final session is on "Sacred Arts," and how works of art can draw us deeper into devotion.



Mosaic Session One

Revelation: How to Read it and How Not to Read it

THE LAST JUDGEMENT, THE LAMB OF GOD
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

The Book of Revelation has been the source of inspiration for endless musical, poetic, and artistic representations. Join art historian Kevin Justus, as he introduces our text through visual representations of the Last Judgement and the Lamb of God.
Leader: Kevin Justus

WARNINGS TO THE CHURCHES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Who is this author who rebukes the seven churches? What do we know about him and the churches he criticizes? Do any of the criticisms still strike home?
Leader: Courtney Friesen

PROPHECIES OF THE END TIMES?
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

Revelation has been read as predicting the end of the world. However, there is no Rapture or Antichrist in Revelation. What is "apocalyptic" prophecy, if not prediction? How are we to read it?
Leaders: Kelsi Vanada and Julia Annas

READING REVELATION RESPONSIBLY TODAY
OCTOBER 1, 2025

Revelation nearly didn't make it into the New Testament. Many church leaders were against it. Were they right? Would we have been better off without Revelation in our scriptures? How can we read it responsibly today?
Leader: Fr Richard Mallory

THE SEVEN SEALS
OCTOBER 8, 2025

The many plagues and disasters in Revelation suggest that it was written in a time of upheaval and suffering for Christians. Does this make it relevant, or irrelevant, for us today?
Leader: Fr Matthew Reese

JUDGEMENT
OCTOBER 15, 2025

Revelation has inspired many traditions of a "last judgement" where the good go to heaven and the bad to everlasting torture. Can we be "scared into heaven"? Can we get anything out of this tradition, which has influenced so much Christian teaching and Christian art in the West?
Leader: Julia Annas

Mosaic Session Two

Christian Ethics

RULES: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

NOVEMBER 5, 2025

The Ten Commandments get promoted in two different ways: as a basis for law and as a basis for personal ethics. But they are problematic in both roles. As a basis for living, in Judaism they are supplemented by the prescriptions which structure daily life, but Christians don't follow these—so why the importance to us of the Ten Commandments?

Leader: Julia Annas

WHAT IS ETHICS, ANYWAY?

NOVEMBER 12, 2025

We are sometimes told that certain actions or behavior are “not Christian.” Why? Is it because it's breaking a rule? Or is it because the action reveals a pursuit of the wrong values? Are there specifically “Christian” rules or values? If there are, which are they?

Leader: Julia Annas

TRANSFORMING YOUR LIFE

NOVEMBER 19, 2025

One way of living as an ethical Christian is to live your life (as a teacher, firefighter, nurse, and so on) in a way which is transformed by your acceptance of Christian values. Christianity is involved with your whole life, not just some rules. Which values are Christian, though?

Leader: Jordan Paul

NO MOSAIC

NOVEMBER 26, 2025

HAPPINESS IN THE SCRIPTURES

DECEMBER 3, 2025

We don't associate the Scriptures with happiness, but this is because we too often think of happiness as having a good time or getting the things we want. A deeper understanding of happiness as flourishing—the life well lived—can be found both in the Hebrew scriptures, where we find the joyful nature of the life lived by Jewish values, and in the New Testament, where the Beatitudes give us an unexpected account of who is “blessed” (a more elevated word for happiness).

Leader: Julia Annas

IS THERE A CHRISTIAN POLITICS?

DECEMBER 10, 2025

This has always been a fraught issue, even in Jesus' own lifetime. Does living by Christian values require us to withdraw from contemporary political conflicts, or to weigh in on one side? If so, when?

Leader: Jordan Paul

Mosaic Session Three

Difficult Doctrines

ORIGINAL SIN

JANUARY 7, 2026

For centuries, the Church has taught that every human baby is born with a sinful nature. Why did this doctrine come about? Why does it matter theologically? What meaning can we find in it to encourage us in our lives today?

Leader: Mtr Paula Datsko

TEXTS OF TERROR: VIOLENT SCRIPTURES

JANUARY 14, 2026

Some Scriptures are hard to read for their violence, such as the jarring “Happy shall they be who take your little one and dash them against the rock” (Psalm 137:9). What are we to do with such verses?

Leader: Dcn Susan Erickson

TEXTS OF TERROR: THE “CLOBBER PASSAGES”

JANUARY 21, 2026

There are a handful of Bible verses that are sometimes deployed in ways that exclude and condemn Queer people. How are we to read these verses as we seek to welcome all in love?

Leader: Fr Alex Swain

WHY DO BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE?

JANUARY 28, 2026

It's an oft-cited barrier to belief in God: if God is love, and if God desires our good, why is the world so full of pain and strife? Few questions have drawn so many people to answer it, and few questions have seemed so unanswerable.

Leader: Julia Annas

RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

FEBRUARY 4, 2026

After death, will we be raised to new life in a physical body? Or is it only our spirits that live on? What can we learn from the historical contexts of Scripture and theological tradition to clarify our own beliefs about resurrected life?

Leader: Mtr Paula Datsko

IS ANY AMONG YOU SICK?

FEBRUARY 11, 2026

Our tradition calls God the giver of life and health. But why are some healed and not others? Healing services are a big part of some traditions—what does this say about us, and about God?

Leader: Mtr Joanna Satorius

Lenten Sessions

Catechism or Practices of Prayer & Contemplation

During Lent, Fr Matthew Reese prepares candidates for Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception in a series of catechism classes. A Practice of Prayer and Contemplation series runs concurrently as an alternate option.

	CATECHISM	PRACTICES OF PRAYER & CONTEMPLATION
MARCH 4, 2026	Catechism (Introduction)	Lectio Divina
MARCH 11, 2026	Catechism (Part II)	Rosaries and Embodied Prayer
MARCH 18, 2026	Catechism (Part III)	Personal Devotions with the Prayer Book
MARCH 25, 2026	Catechism (Part IV)	Walking the Labyrinth



Mosaic Session Four

Sacred Arts

A JOYFUL NOISE (PART I)

APRIL 15, 2026

“Sing unto the Lord a new song,” the Psalmist exhorts us. Music forms an integral part of our liturgical expression, and in this session, Fr Matthew talks about some of our musical heritage and structure.

Leader: Fr Matthew Reese

A JOYFUL NOISE (PART II)

APRIL 22, 2026

In this second session on music, we join the Choristers, Dr Justin Appel and Dr Jeffrey Campbell, for a masterclass and public rehearsal. Join us as we get a window into their technical—and devotional—practice as singers.

Leader: Justin Appel

SACRED MOVEMENT

APRIL 29, 2026

The Bible is alive with movement, and movement is sacred. This session will invite attendees into exploring how everyday movement can be a bridge into a moment of sacred worship.

Leader: Angelina Hannum

SACRED SPACES: CHURCH ARCHITECTURE

MAY 6, 2026

What is significant about the layouts and features of our churches? While the church is not a building, how does physical space play into our worship?

Leader: Fr Matthew Reese

DIVINE LANGUAGE: SPIRITUAL POETRY

MAY 13, 2026

“Religion and poetry, can they ever be divided?” asks poet and priest Fr Spencer Reese. Poet and parishioner Kelsi Vanada will talk about the interplay of faith and poetry in her work and that of other writers.

Leader: Kelsi Vanada

MUTE OBJECTS THAT SING: VISUAL ART

MAY 20, 2026

In this final session, we explore some of the extraordinary artistic heritage at Saint Philip’s, meditating on both the craft and spiritual depth of these works by Dosso Dossi, Giovanni di Pietro, Giovanni Antonio Amadeo, and others.

Leaders: TBA

Other Societies and Discussion Groups



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

3rd Sundays, after the 10:00am
Eucharist, in the West Transept.

THE SOWING CIRCLE

(a women's book club)

2nd Mondays, 11:30am to 1:00pm,
in the St James' Room

LITERATI BOOK CLUB

2nd Mondays (September through
May), 7:30pm, in the St Anne's
Family Center

MEET GOD AT THE MOVIES

3rd Mondays, 6:30pm, via Zoom

CO-ED BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays, 10:00 to 11:00am via Zoom

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, 6:30pm, in the St Anne's
Family Center

MEN'S GROUP

Fridays, 8:00am, in La Parroquia

SOCIETY OF THE COMPANIONS OF THE HOLY CROSS

Meetings at various intervals

20's & 30's GATHERINGS

This group gathers weekly for
fellowship, friendship, and outreach
opportunities throughout the year.

First & Second Sunday

Small group gathering

Third Sunday

Evensong meetup

Fourth Weekend

Saturday—Service with the
Community Food Bank at the
El Rio at Grant and Dodge
Sunday—Parish Forum meetup

Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception

Adult Baptism, Confirmation, and Reception is generally offered after the five-week Lenten Catechism class. Baptism of children occurs regularly at the other dates.

BAPTISMAL DATES FOR 2025-2026

The Sunday after All Saints Day, Sunday, November 9, 2025 at 10:00am
The First Sunday after the Epiphany, Sunday, January 11, 2026 at 10:00am
The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, April 4, 2026 at 8:00pm
Saint Philip's Day, Sunday, May 3, 2026 at 10:00am
The Feast of Pentecost, Sunday, May 24, 2026 at 10:00am

Liturgical Ministries

If you would like to become further involved in the liturgical ministries of the parish as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, Acolyte, Lector, Usher, or member of the Altar Guild, please contact Fr Matthew Reese.

MORE INFORMATION

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