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WELCOME!
If you are new in our parish, registration forms can be found on the table in front of the Sacristy when you enter from the outside doors. You may place your completed form in the collection basket at the weekend Masses or drop it off at the Parish Office. Donation envelopes will be left on that same table for the next weekend, if they are requested. Please join us for refreshments after the 8:00 & 10:00 am Sunday morning Masses in St. Joachim’s Room of the Parish Centre. Please notify the Parish Office if you are moving from the parish.

SACRAMENTS
Baptism
Baptisms usually take place on the 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month at 1:15 pm.
A baptism course is required for parents of their first child & Godparents are welcome to attend. Registration required. Teenagers & adults are asked to contact the RCIA coordinator.

Marriage
Please contact one of the priests through the Parish Office before making any plans for your wedding. We require at least 6 months advance notice before your wedding date, since a marriage preparation course & paperwork are required.

Priesthood or Religious Life
Please contact the Vocations Office at: rcav.org/vocations

CONFESSION
Monday - Friday 20 min before Mass
Saturdays 10:00 am - 11:00 am & 4:00 pm - 4:35 pm

MASS TIMES
Weekends
Saturday 5:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 pm

Weekdays
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Fridays 8:00 am
Tuesday Evenings 7:00 pm
(Perpetual Novena to St. Ann)

Other
Spanish Mass - 2nd Sat of mnth 7:00 pm
Korean Mass - Last Sat of mnth 7:00 pm
(served by St. Andrew Kim Parish)
First Fridays 8:00 am & 7:00 pm
Saturdays & Holidays 9:00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
First Fridays 8:30 am - 6:50 pm
Benediction to follow 6:50 pm - 7:00 pm

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

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Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20

**Friday—St. Philip Neri**

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