

The following introduction was taken from the St. Philip Silver Jubilee Souvenir Booklet of 1935. We can be thankful that the spiritual sentiments expressed in this introductory so long ago still hold true today.

WHY WE CELEBRATE

It is not so much because a church building has been erected by a handful of brave pioneers under many sacrifices. Nor is it simply because this parish has been established and a school built. It is that Christ the King of Kings, Who has come down from heaven, on account of us and our salvation, has come here in person and taken possession of this church and extended His Kingdom hither. The Emmanuel, the God with us, lives and dwells among us. There was gladness and joy twenty-five years ago on the day of the dedication of the church, when He was solemnly enthroned on His tabernacle throne and ever since His people have paid homage to Him, Whom the three kings adored in the stable of Bethlehem, ever since has resounded here the hymn of praise: "Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar."

Let us today thank Him for His continual abidance with us these many years and for all the blessings He has poured out upon us. Let us pledge our loyalty to Him anew for all time to come. May Christ the King continue to live and reign here and of his kingdom there shall be no end. To Him alone be the honor and glory of this jubilee celebration.

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE

St. Philip the Apostle was chosen as the patron of the church. He was a native of Bethsaida like the brothers Peter and Andrew. He was among those surrounding the Baptist, when the latter first pointed out Jesus as the Lamb of God. On the day after Peter's call, when about to set out for Galilee, Jesus met Philip and called him to the apostolate with the words, "Follow Me". On the occasion of the selection and sending out of the twelve, Philip is included among the Apostles proper. His feast is celebrated on May 3. St. Philip, pray for us.