

St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston

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SPIRIT and TRUTH

"Lord, Help Me!" by Rev. Richard Barker

August 14, 2011

My dear parishioners, Matthew's gospel offers us the unusual story of Our Lord's encounter with a stranger in the region of Tyre and Sidon, a foreign territory to the north of Israel. [Mt 15:21-28]

A Canaanite woman approached him. That Matthew identifies her as a Canaanite is his way of telling us that she was not Jewish. She lived on the periphery of the Jewish religion and culture. In other words, she was a gentile, a pagan. The Canaanite woman is a mother overwrought and desperate. She cries out to Jesus, even shouting after him, "Lord, help me!"

Jesus, keeping his distance, reminds his disciples that he has been sent only to the "lost sheep of the house of Israel". The gentile woman presses her petition by appealing to the severe nature of her daughter's illness: "My daughter is severely possessed by a demon." Jesus acknowledges her but is clearly reluctant to respond to her need. He declares, "It is not fair to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." What an astonishing reply to her simple, heartfelt petition!

Side-stepping her personal need, at least for the moment, Jesus focuses instead on the primacy and exclusivity of Israel in God's plan of salvation. The woman, not to be dismissed, responds to Jesus with admirable courage: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." [Mt 15:27] For an instant, for a few moments, perhaps longer, the Canaanite woman looked into the heart of Jesus and saw clearly his limitless love.

For his part, Jesus witnesses the mother's striking act of faith expressed as fervent prayer. The Christ of faith is astonished and delighted upon hearing her wisdom. Exclaiming, "O woman, great is your faith!" [Mt 15:28], and healing her daughter, Jesus acknowledges how close the woman has come to understanding him fully even as she has been fully understood by her Lord.

The meaning of Matthew's story extends beyond the Canaanite woman's particular sorrow and the words she used to express it. What was she really saying to Jesus? Is her message really meant for *our ears*? The Canaanite woman, interceding on behalf of her stricken daughter, speaks for *all persons whom the world ignores and despises*.

The mother's appeal to Jesus and his apostles transcends time and space. The gospel writer gives her to the Church as an archetype of universality: *My daughter is one of those who needs to be fed from those twelve baskets of bread fragments left over from feeding the 5,000 people on the hillside. They are Eucharist for the world's people and you, O Lord, are that Eucharist. Your fragments are my daughter's only hope.*

Jesus' heart goes out to her. His reply becomes transfigured into a full response. He declares, "Be it done for you as you desire!" Won over by her unshakable persistence, Jesus cured her daughter.

The exchange between Jesus and the Canaanite woman is an intimate dialogue, emblematic of prayer, and the fruit of a deep and meaningful encounter between Christ and the ardent believer. The Canaanite mother is an example of the praying Church. Lest there be any mistake or ambiguity, her gentile background erases all doubt regarding the cosmic reach of the eternal *Logos* (Gr. word). When Our Lord was lifted up on the cross, Jesus became the Savior of the world, the salvation of gentiles. Through the *parousia*, his second coming, Jesus Christ will prove himself also to be Israel's Messiah. Sincerely in the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Your pastor, Reverend Richard Barker.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the people of St. Philip the Apostle, are actively striving to be a holy and loving family of faith as we eagerly seek to live the Gospel, being watchful of all the opportunities set before us to love and serve God and our neighbor.

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 am

Daily Masses

Monday: 7:00 pm; Tuesday-Saturday: 8:30 am

Devotions (following the 8:30 am Mass)

First Friday: Chaplet of Divine Mercy
First Saturday: Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:30-4:30 pm (or by appointment)



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Cycle A



When entering and departing the Church, please guard the silent prayer of others.

Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings

Monday, August 15 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

8:30 am - For the People of our Parish
7:00 pm - +Repose of the soul of Janet Lapeyre+
Readings: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Psalm 45;
1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

Tuesday, August 16 (St. Stephen of Hungary)

8:30 am - +Repose of the soul of Calixto Del Corral+
Readings: Judges 6:11-24a; Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 17

8:30 am - +Repose of the soul of Julian Zientek+
Readings: Judges 9:6-15; Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday, August 18

8:30 am - Special intentions of Father Barker
Readings: Judges 11:29-39a; Matthew 22:1-14

Friday, August 19 (St. John Eudes)

8:30 am - +Repose of the soul of Elise Marie Kocian+
Readings: Ruth 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday, August 20 (St. Bernard)

8:30 am - +Repose of the souls of Lawrence & Burta Fanestiel+
Readings: Ruth 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Matthew 23:1-12

Sunday Masses

Saturday, August 20

5:00 pm - +Repose of the soul of Eric Bollman+

Sunday, August 21

8:30 am - For the People of Our Parish
11:00 am - +Repose of the soul of Carrie Daigre+
Readings: Isaiah 22:19-23; Ps 138; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



*Our Altar Flowers are given
By John and Nancy Frank
in Celebration of our
40th Wedding Anniversary*



Sunday - August 7, 2011

Sunday Collection:	\$6,681.00
Children's Collection:	60.85
Total:	\$6,741.85



Dress Standard for All Masses/Adoration

Men/Young Men/Boys (who have made First Communion):

Shirts and pants.

Women/Young Women/Girls (who have made their First

Communion): Modest Dresses, Coordinated Ensembles, or
Shirt/Blouses with Pants.

Clothing Items not proper: flip-flops, shorts, cutoffs,
t-shirts, body shirts, sloppy jeans, tank tops, and revealing
clothing.

Please respect the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
and wear modest clothing.

Please adhere to these guidelines for
Eucharistic Adoration and all Sacramental gatherings.

Welcome to Our New Parishioners

We welcome all new individuals and families to our parish! If you would like to become a member of St. Philip's, please fill out a registration form located in the foyer. Return the form either in the offering collection or bring to the parish office. Offering envelopes are available in the vestibule for your use.

Thank you and Welcome!

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Monday, August 15



Mass Times:
8:30 am and 7:00 pm

Please join us as we celebrate Mass in honor of our Blessed Mother. Indeed many graces have been bestowed on us through her maternal care.

"Hail Mary, Full of Grace, the Lord is with thee, Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus, Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen"

Knights of Columbus Brisket Sale



The Knights of Columbus will be selling briskets for the Labor Day weekend. The cost is \$40.00 per brisket and \$20.00 per half brisket. Presales begin this weekend and continue next weekend, August 20th and 21st. Briskets will be available for pickup the weekend of **August 27th and 28th, after the Saturday Vigil and two Sunday morning Masses**. If you would like to purchase briskets outside of the Sunday sales times, please contact the parish office at 281-324-1478.

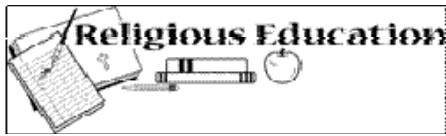
The purchase of the brisket will help the Knights fund their many charities. What a great way to enjoy delicious barbeque and also help a worthy cause!

Lector (Lay Reader) Training

Have you ever wanted to proclaim God's word at the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass? If so, we will be having lector training on **Saturday, September 17th, 9:30 am**. If you would like to become a lector, *or would like a refresher*, please come to this informative session. All potential lectors must be in full communion with the Catholic Church and able to receive all the sacraments.

To register you must contact Sylvester Leonards at 832-423-9646 or the parish office at 281-324-1478. Pre-registering will be the only way to register for this training session.





CCE NEWS IMPORTANT FALL DATES

CCE Volunteer Opportunities: Volunteer forms are in the pews this weekend. Please take a look at the different CCE volunteer opportunities available and decide how you can help! Fill out and return volunteer forms to Fr. Barker, Lisa Griffin or drop off at the CCE display table. You can also drop them off at the parish office during the week.

Virtus Training at St. Philip's: Sunday, August 14th from 3pm-6pm. If you would like to volunteer and have not been Virtus trained, please attend this training!! It is mandatory for all CCE volunteers.

CCE Registrations: CCE class registrations will be held in the vestibule, after Sunday Masses on August 21st, 28th, and September 4th. Get signed-up early!



MANDATORY Catechist Training: Saturday, September 10th at 9am in the Parish hall, Pre-K-9th grades.

Catechetical Sunday, September 18th: Blessing of all Catechists and Co-teachers during 11:00 Mass. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. This year's theme: 'Do this in memory of Me.'

CCE Schedule Changes: Please make note of NEW CCE Class Schedule! 5th grade is moving to Wednesday evening and Sunday evening catechesis will begin this fall for all high school youth, grades 9th-12th grade.

Classes Begin: CCE classes are set to begin at St. Philips on Sunday, September 25th and Wednesday, September 28th.

Back to School Help for the Needy



The Prime Timers are putting together back packs with school supplies for area children that are in need. They are asking for *gently used backpacks and school supplies* to put in them. They will be putting together the backpacks this Wednesday morning, August 17th, at 9:30 am and ask that all donations be brought to the parish office prior to that. For more information please call Claudia Herron at 281-324-1101.

New Parish Members

We welcome our newest families to join St. Philip the Apostle and rejoice in the baptism of one of our littlest parishioners!

New Parish Families

Thomas and Catharine Kader, Anna Piper, Benjamin and Linda Rillera, and Jeremy and Emily Wiggins.



Baptism

Ryan Matthew Smith son of Stephen and Jennifer Smith



St. Philip's Heavenly Chorus "Noteworthy News"



The St Philip's Heavenly Chorus will be rehearsing on Thursday, August 18th from 7:00-8:00 pm as we introduce the New Roman Missal Mass parts that the choir will sing. Also, beginning at 9:30 am that morning we will have a day long volunteer file workshop to get music organized.

We invite all choir members and parishioners who are interested in being a part of our choir, to join us for practice that evening. For more information please call Jeanne Fuchser, Music Director, at 281-354-8550.

RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)



*Are you looking for Jesus?
He is looking for you!*

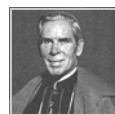
Let us help you with your spiritual walk back to our Lord and His Church.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults was created for people who are inquiring about matters of God and Faith, and think that the Catholic Church might have the answers to their questions.

If you are interested in learning more about the Catholic Church, with the possible intent of becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office or call John Sarabia at (281) 852-6010.

The RCIA program will begin in September.

Ave Maria University Founders Club



Please join the Ave Maria University Founder's Club monthly meeting on **Tuesday, August 23rd**, at Crowne Plaza Hotel, in downtown Houston.

Social and check-in at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:00 pm.

The guest speaker this month will be Sr. Madeleine Grace presenting the life of Fulton J. Sheen: America's Bishop. For years Fulton J. Sheen was a major force in the Church in the U.S. and one of the first American born bishop on the road to sainthood..

The cost is \$25.00 pre-paid or \$30.00 at the door, which includes a dinner. Please consider sponsoring a priest, religious or student. To register call Karen Davis at 713-448-5591 or e-mail at rsvp.ave.maria@sbcglobal.net.

Protecting God's Children/Virtus Training being held at St. Philip's



We will be offering the Protecting God's Children/Virtus training at St. Philip's on **Sunday, August 14th from 3:00 - 6:00 pm**. We ask that all participants arrive at 2:45 as the class will begin promptly at 3:00. Please bring a photo ID to the class which will be needed for registration. *We will be accepting a limited number of walk-ins if you are unable to sign-up via e-mail.*

As we enter our new school year, we encourage parishioners to become CCE teachers, co-teachers or volunteer as lectors and eucharistic ministers. The Virtus training is required so now is a good time to get your training.

The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston maintains this mandatory program of protection for our children. It consists of going to this informational class and completing required forms. All volunteers, ages 18 and over, who have any consistent and ongoing contact with our children and youth *must* take the Virtus training program. *This includes the choir, ushers, lectors, eucharistic ministers, CCE teachers and nursery volunteers.*

You must register on-line for this class. Please go on the internet and log onto www.virtus.org or www.diogh.org. When registering please enter your name as it appears on your photo ID (driver's license) as this will be matched up on the day of the class. If you do not have access to a computer please contact the parish office at 281-324-1478. We will be happy to register you.

MASS ETIQUETTE

If you are late to Mass, please wait reverently for a few moments with the ushers in front of the glass doors leading into the worship area until the congregation starts singing the "Gloria".

Please refrain from leaving Mass until the closing hymn is finished. When it is finished Mass has come to a close.

Thank you, Father Barker

Prayers Recited after Sunday Mass

O Sacrament Most Holy, O Sacrament Divine,
All Praise and All Thanksgiving, be every moment thine".
(Recite three times.)

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, Defend us in battle,
Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray
And do thou, O Prince, of the heavenly host
By the Power of God,
Cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who
prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of
souls.
Amen.
(Recite once)



Receiving Holy Communion

When you receive Communion during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, it is the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ that you are receiving. Holy Communion, in the Catholic Church, is reserved for those who have received the sacrament of First Holy Communion, have been catechized (taught) in our Catholic faith and have made a profession of faith. One should abstain from Holy Communion if they are in mortal sin and have not received the sacrament of reconciliation. *If you are not Roman Catholic or are in need of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we ask that you refrain from receiving Holy Communion in the Mass. However, you may go up to one of the ministers for a blessing when Holy Communion is being offered. By crossing your hands over your heart, the Priest or Eucharistic minister will know to give you the blessing.*

A reminder for those receiving the Blessed Sacrament in the hand, please place the consecrated Host on your tongue while you are standing in front of the minister of the Eucharist. This instruction is from the Vatican and was implemented in 2004.



Also, if you choose to receive only the Blessed Sacrament and not from the Chalice, it is fitting nevertheless to pause for a moment to honor Christ's presence in the Precious Blood—with an appropriate sign of devotion. As you are passing by the Precious Blood, *I encourage you to offer a simple sign of devotion—perhaps a slight bow of the head or the Sign of the Cross.* Then continue on to your pew to offer your silent Prayer of Thanksgiving to Christ for the gift of his Eucharist. In this way, we can all offer a strong visible witness that the Real Presence of Christ—his Body *and* Blood—is being welcomed into our lives at St. Philip's with all due respect, reverence and awe.

Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament



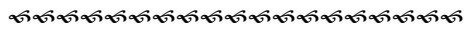
We are so pleased to offer 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration every week at St. Philip's in the Day Chapel. It begins at 9:00 am on Thursday mornings and ends on Friday's with benediction at 4:45 pm.

We invite all parishioners to visit our Lord visibly present in adoration. There you will find refreshment for your soul and, more importantly, give honor to our Lord Jesus Christ. You can either sign up to visit regularly with an assigned hour or your may just drop by.

As you visit, remember to keep reverence paramount with our dress code of modest attire and attentive prayer. We ask that all remain silent in the day chapel outside of prayers being said; remember to silence your cell phones and refrain from having common conversation on it. Please read holy books and the Bible and refrain from bringing secular reading material into adoration. Stay present with the Lord until the next adorer arrives, remember to never leave Christ alone in the chapel. It is Christ we are meeting there. Our attention and adoration is for Him alone.

Please Pray

Please remember our fellow parishioners and loved ones as they face illness and recuperation: *Jacel Morgan, Zeke Zycha, Loretta Kirkpatrick, Joan Pierce, Gean Rowan, Wilsey Vincent, Joe Sarabia, L.J. Aspinall, Leah Dyess, Jeanne Fuchser, Carl Lee, Alan Baumann, Joan Pierce, Virginia Wight, Sandra Bracken, Wayne Hurt, Barbara Scruggins, Judy Bruner, Mary Bernhard, David Delgado, Ramona Romo, Joan Gunderman, Kristin Seitz, Maureen Mellon, Aaron Morgan, Fritz Kemper, Angela Maxwell, David Glenn, Dcn Bob Keller, Shirley Sims, Daniel Yarbrough, Brenda Yarbrough, Suzie Bryant, Preston Fann and Rosie Collette.*



Please pray for the repose of the souls of: *+Joe Paul Montalvo, Lil Copeland, Matt Finn, Evelyn Walters, Milton Sarabia, Ted Bernhard, Jo Ann Lucchesi, Ann Comeaux, Virginia Carr, Carrie Daigre, Allen Lammers, Sally Baker, Carlos Soto, Greg Manuel, Leon Reece, Mabel Garcia and Crispin Garcia, Jr. +*

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENTS are reserved for St. Philip parishioners who actively participate in the sacramental life of the Church. All scheduling must be arranged through the parish office at (281) 324-1478.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Weekdays: after 8:30 a.m. daily Mass.
Thursdays in Advent and Lent: 7:00 p.m.
By appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

If you have been participating actively at least six months after registration in the parish, you may call the parish office to begin baptismal preparation.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

If you have been participating actively at least six months after registration in the parish, you may ask for an appointment with the pastor to begin marriage preparation. Marriage preparation requires six months.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION (40 Hours)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place following the Thursday morning 8:30 a.m. Mass in the main Church. Eucharistic Adoration begins at 9:00 a.m. in the Adoration Chapel. Adoration concludes with benediction on Friday at 4:45 p.m.

FUNERAL SERVICES

To ensure that parish ministers can assist you, please call the parish office *before* setting dates and times for funeral services. Regarding personal spoken remembrances at funeral liturgies, St. Philip parish adheres to the policies of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Holy Anointing is offered on the first Monday evening of each month after the 7:00 p.m. daily Mass for the healing and spiritual strengthening of those who are seriously ill, impaired by advancing age or in danger of death.

Ministries at St. Philips

Pastor - Rev. Richard E. Barker
Acolyte/Sacristan - John Comeaux
Secretary - Windy McMichael
Parish Phone - 281-324-1478
Parish E-Mail - stphilipoffice@verizon.net
Parish Website - www.stphiliphuffmantx.org

Spiritual Development

Disciples of Jesus and Mary - Spiritual Formation
Jan Williams (281) 852-4389
Third Order Secular Carmelites (OCDS)
Parish Office (281) 324-1478
Knights of Columbus
Kurtiss Fontenot (281) 324-3221
Women's Guild
Jeanne McMahon (281) 570-4498
Familia for Families
Jim and Margarita Rath (281) 324-5393
Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Face Prayer Group
Janet Hays (281) 852-3444
St. Philip's Prayer Line,
Homebound: Eucharist to those Sick
John & Mary Comeaux (281) 324-2044
King's Children Catholic Homeschool - Parish
Diane Sparks (281) 324-6011
St. Angela Merici Catholic Homeschool - Local
Kerri Jenkins (281) 639-8917

Social Outreach / Concern

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Marie Hohmann (281) 360-9032
Prime Timers (50+)
Claudia Herron (281) 324-1101
Rosemont Assisted Living
Judy Abdelnoor (281) 360-9728
Prison Ministry
Josie Angell (281) 324-1747
Respect Life
Jean Nietubicz (281) 852-7461
Serra Club
Rick Nietubicz (281) 852-7461

Education

Director of Religious Education; Youth
Lisa Griffin (281) 324-1934
RCIA; Adult Formation
John & Daneé Sarabia (281) 852-6010
Middle School Youth Director
Becky Pursell (832) 445-0176
Parish Nursery Coordinator
Debra Burgower (281) 682-7825

Liturgical

Altar Servers
Father Barker (281) 324-1478
Eucharistic Ministers
Kathy O'Donnell (281) 852-5112
Sacristan Assistant
Lilia Lee (281) 852-2035
Lectors
Sylvester Leonards (281) 852-2975
Adornment of the Sanctuary
Jan Williams (281) 852-4389
Music Ministry
Jeanne Fuchser, *Director*, 8:30 AM (281) 354-8550
Valerie Sivil, 11:00 AM (281) 324-6625
Windy McMichael, 5:00 PM (281) 324-1478
Usher Ministry
Michael Reding, *Director* (713) 385-4985