



May 20, 2012

*“Actively striving to be a holy and loving Family of Faith, serving God and neighbor.”*

**SPIRIT AND TRUTH**

**Guiding Hand of Christ - by Rev. Richard Barker**

My dear parishioners, our Savior, who ascended to heaven in the days before Pentecost, remains with us in a real and substantial manner in the *mysterium* of consecrated bread and wine. Of the innumerable aspects of the mystery of the Mass, one reality supersedes all others. The Holy Eucharist is a sacrifice of the body and blood of the Lord effected by the Holy Spirit invoked through the consecration of the bread and wine by the ordained priest and the eucharistic prayer he offers.



Christ is fully and truly present to us in the Holy Eucharist. We know what the Holy Spirit accomplishes. As surely as Our Lord ascended from this world to heaven, the substances of wheat and grape are transubstantiated—changed, “crossing over”—into his Body, Blood, Soul and

Divinity. How the Holy Spirit transubstantiates the bread and wine into the flesh and blood of Christ we cannot master.

We bow before the mystery of faith. The Holy Spirit, leaving the external characteristics of bread and wine untouched, confers upon them a provocative, yet immutable and timeless essence. Bread becomes flesh, our real food. Wine becomes blood, our real drink. [cf. Jn 6:55]

The unbloody sacrifice of the Mass, offered by the Church until Christ returns in glory, complements and completes Christ's saving activity in the world. Of all the dimensions that make up this singular, unchanging cosmic mystery, the sacrificial character of the Mass is sovereign.

Blessings are an offering of mercy and a sharing of the life within the Holy Trinity. They are a proof of God's love

which gives us confidence to live in freedom—God's freedom—which the world cannot give:

AND WE all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being changed into his likeness from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit. [2 Cor 3:18-4:1]

Walk side-by-side with Jesus then, holding on to his mantle. Permit him to place his hand on your shoulder.

"We walk in the light" [1 Jn 1:7] by reflecting the Lord's glory. We hold fast to Jesus' robe by following faithfully God's commandment of worship on the Lord's Day, by seeking absolution in the sacrament of confession when we sin, by offering prayers of petition, praise and thanksgiving throughout the work of each day, and by remaining faithful to His Bride, the Church.

The mission of God's Church—the justification for religion and the life of faith—is directed wholly to teaching Jesus' disciples how to remain at his side throughout life. As long as we cling to his robe, to the hem of his radiant garment, Jesus will walk beside us with his hand on our shoulder.



Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, where are you going?" Jesus answered, "Where I am going you cannot follow me now; but you shall follow afterward." [Jn 13:36] Contemplate the ascension of Our Lord to the right hand of the God the Father! Drawing near to Christ that he may lead us to the Father, we journey with the Good Shepherd to heaven, to "springs of living water". [Rev 7:17]

I give you the joy of Our Lord's ascension.

Sincerely in the hearts of Jesus and Mary.  
Your pastor,  
Reverend Richard Barker.

## Mass Intentions and Scripture Readings

### Monday, May 21 (St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions)

7:00 pm - +Repose of the soul of Juanita B. Gonzales+

Readings: Acts 19: 1-8; John 16:29-33

### Tuesday, May 22 (St. Rita of Cascia)

8:30 am - Special intentions of the Garsee Family

Readings: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a

### Wednesday, May 23

8:30 am - For our Service Men and Women

Readings: Acts 20:28-38; John 17: 11b-19

### Thursday, May 24

8:30 am - For Our First Holy Communion Students

Readings: Acts 22:30. 23:6-11; John 17:20-26

### Friday, May 25 (St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;

St. Mary Magdalene de'Passi)

8:30 am - Special intentions of Father Barker

Readings: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19

### Saturday, May 26

8:30 am - +Repose of the soul of Richard Haaf+

Readings: Acts 28: 16-20, 30-331; John 21:20-25

## Sunday Masses

### Saturday, May 26

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

### Sunday, May 27

8:30 am - For the People of Our Parish

11:00 am - For Fr. Barker on the Anniversary of His Ordination into the Diaconate

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

**The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 28th**

**The Flower Bouquets on the Altar are given by**

**Elinor Sharon**

**In Memory of Maria H. Sharon**

## Collections - Sunday, May 13, 2012

Sunday Collection:	\$7669.10
Children's Collection:	14.00
Second Collection: Mother's Day	1,516.50
Total:	\$9,199.60

## Standard for All Masses/Adoration

Men/Young Men/Boys (who have made 1st Communion):

Shirts and pants.

Women/Young Women/Girls (who have made their 1st

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

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

Do not bring bottled water, soda, food, candy or gum into the Sanctuary and Day Chapel of the Church.

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

**These guidelines are for Eucharistic Adoration and all Sacramental gatherings.**

## Welcome to Our Parish

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. They are adjacent to the front entrance next to the bulletins. Please return the form either in the offering collection or bring to the parish office.

*Thank you and Welcome!*

## Welcome to Our Newest Family

We welcome **Larry and Karen Pfeifer** to our parish.

God bless you and we pray God's richest blessings for you.

## Reception for Lisa Griffin, DRE



Please join us as we thank Lisa Griffin for her tireless work on behalf of our children. She has served as DRE for the past six years and is retiring from her duties as Director of Religious Education. Her reception will be **Sunday, May 27th immediately following the 11:00 am Mass.** We will be serving light finger foods and desserts.

Lisa has laid a foundation of solid Catholic catechesis and our families have all been enriched by the religious education our children have received. We thank Lisa for her servant leadership to our parish and wish her well as the Lord leads and guides her.

## Knights of Columbus Brisket Sale

The Knights of Columbus are selling briskets this weekend in honor of all service men and women. The cost is **\$45.00 per brisket and \$25.00 for a half brisket.** They will be available after the Saturday Vigil and two Sunday morning Masses. You can still buy briskets if you did not preorder; please remember there are limited briskets and they will sell out. All proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus charities and the youth of our parish.



## Women's Guild Luncheon

Please join the Women's Guild for their monthly luncheon at Zammitti's Italian Restaurant, Kingwood, on **Tuesday, May 22nd, 11:30 am.** The restaurant is located just past the bridge going into Kingwood on the right. It is adjacent to Raffa's.

## Prime Timers (50+) Potluck



Our Prime Timers group will have a potluck dinner on **Saturday, May 26th** immediately following the 5:00 pm Mass. In addition to the food, they will have board games and will also go over the final arrangements for their trip to Moody Gardens. We invite all current Prime Timers members and new members to attend the potluck dinner. Bring your favorite dish and join in the fun! For more information please contact Claudia Herron at 281-324-1101.

## Ascension of the Lord — Cycle B

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

### Congratulations to our Seniors

We congratulate all our Seniors, both in High School and College, including:

Brittany Bardwell  
Stephanie Barker  
Mitchell Blackburn  
Joey Garcia  
Karina Garduno  
Alex Jameson



Megan Jenkins  
Matias McCloskey  
Andrew Petrov  
Jack Pursell  
Kaitlin Stein

May you follow God's holy will for your life and may you be blessed in all your endeavors. As our prayers accompany you on your journey in life, we pray God blesses each of you and keeps you every step of the way.

### Vocations - Life Awareness Weekend

Come to the Life Awareness weekend to discern about a religious vocation. The program is open to single Catholics, men and women, ages 18-45. It will be held at Holy Name Retreat Center, Friday evening through Sunday brunch, **July 27-28th**. There is no fee to attend. You will receive outstanding accommodations, great food and ample time for spiritual reflection. Registration forms are located on the counter by the bulletins. We also have forms in the parish office.



This event is sponsored by the Serra Club of NW Houston, the Vocations Office of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and the Holy Name Retreat Center. For more info please contact Denny Matranga at 713-462-0136 or Jim Kelly at 713-681-6360.



## St. Philip the Apostle Vacation Bible School Summer 2012

### Get Registered for..... 'THE VATICAN EXPRESS'

**Mark Your Calendars!!**

VBS Dates: June 11th-15th    Time: M-F 9:30 am - 12:30 pm    Who: Preschool - 5th grade

# VBS REGISTRATION THIS WEEKEND



**Get Signed-Up TODAY!!**  
Visit the VBS table after Mass and pick up your registration forms. Scholarships available for those in need.



For more information contact Becky Pursell at 832-445-0176 or the Parish Office at 281-324-1478



VBS Registrations will be held after Masses this weekend and on June 2/3 and June 9/10



## 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

## Ministries Schedule

**Women's Guild** - 2nd Tuesday, 9:30 am  
**St. Vincent de Paul** - 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 am;  
**Knights of Columbus** - 3rd Thursday, 7:30 pm

## 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 am daily Mass.  
**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.

### **EUCHARISTIC 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](http://www.stphiliphuffmantx.org)

### **Spiritual Development**

**Disciples of Jesus and Mary - Laity 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**  
Margarita Rath (281) 677-8184

**Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Face Prayer Group**  
Janet Hays (281) 852-3444

**St. Philip's Prayer Line, Homebound**  
John & Mary Comeaux (281) 324-2044

**King's Children Catholic Homeschool - Parish**  
Diane Sparks (281) 324-6011

**St. Angela Merici Catholic Homeschool - Local Area**  
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

**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**  
Valerie Sivil (281) 324-6625  
Windy McMichael (281) 324-1478

**Usher Ministry**  
Michael Reding, *Director* (713) 385-4985