Help My Unbelief by Deacon John Sarabia

Dear families of St. Philip parish, Easter Sunday has come and gone. The Lord Jesus has risen, Alleluia!! We commemorate the day of Jesus’ resurrection and give glory to God as Our Lord makes good on his promise to rise from the dead. He defeated death, his own death and ours. Certainly Good News for all. But for some, the “veil” still exists, the veil of life and doubts that keep the human soul from truly seeing the Lord. Why is this?

Being able to see God is dependent on being open to his grace. For those who don’t know God, life is an extra heavy burden. People who are far from God bear life’s trials and challenges all alone. Somehow they don’t know or remember that Jesus had said, ”Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” (Matthew 11: 29-30)

Then there are those who do come to Mass, listen to the lay readers and clergy proclaiming the Word of God but are still uninspired or indifferent. St. Paul tells us, “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we preach). Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.” (Rom. 10:8,17) So, ask the Lord for his grace that you may “hear his Word.”

Finally, there are Christians in the Church who want to see and touch Jesus, but they doubt. As Catholic Christians we may “see” and “touch” Jesus every time we go to Mass. Jesus is made present as the presiding priest prays the words of consecration over the gifts of bread and wine. You see Jesus, you touch him when you receive Holy Communion. TheSon of God, the source and summit of our worship and devotion (Vatican Council II), becomes present every time we gather at the altar to celebrate Mass. But at Church, Jesus is also present in his Word, in the hearts of his people and in the presence of the priest who shares in the Lord’s own priesthood.

The Easter Triduum was such a beautiful occasion with all the music, the altar servers, the people and the liturgy. You could feel Jesus’ presence as we all came together to worship and thank him. One of my neighbors decided to attend our Church and told me later that she couldn’t get over how friendly and inviting the people were, how the Mass was so beautiful and the music was so inspiring. Hopefully, many of those who were visiting our parish will come back to worship with us regularly.

But don’t despair if you didn’t ”experience” Easter in a moving way. Pray for the desire to be touched by Jesus. Remember, Our Lord is just a prayer away. Jesus teaches us to be confident and not doubt his presence or his power to act. To a man who said “if”, Jesus replied,” “If you can! Everything is possible to one who has faith.” Then the man cried out, “I do believe, help my unbelief!” And Jesus cured his son. (Mark 9:23-24)

Sincerely yours in Christ, Deacon John Sarabia.
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**Daily Masses**
*Monday, April 11 (St. Stanislaus)*
NO DAILY MASS

**Tuesday, April 12**
8:30am - NO DAILY MASS

**Wednesday, April 13 (St. Martin I)**
8:30 am - +Repose of the soul of Felix Zaunbrecher+

**Thursday, April 14**
8:30 am - For the Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Friday, April 15**
8:30 am - Special intentions of Father Barker
Readings: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:22-29

**Saturday, April 16**
8:30 am - Special intentions of Lynette Zaunbrecher
Readings: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday Masses**
*Saturday, April 16*
5:00 pm - Special intentions of Windy McMichael

*Sunday, April 17*
8:30 am - For the Families of Our Parish
11:00 am - Special intentions of Frank and Diana Campisi
Readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

**Dress 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.

*Please do not bring bottled water, soda, food, candy or gum into the Sanctuary and Day Chapel of the Church.*
*Please honor the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and wear modest clothing.*

**Welcome to our Visitors**
We welcome you to our parish. If you would like to become a member please fill out a registration form located on the counter underneath the glass display case or visit our website: www.stphiliphuffman.org.

**Celebrating Parish Life**
We welcome our newest parishioners:
- **Adan and Maria Rodriguez**
- **Raymond and Mary Ann Schaefer**
- **Mark and Catherine Faucheux**

We celebrate the recent baptism of:
- **John Thomas Wiggins**
  Son of Emily and Jeremy Wiggins
  And Grandson of Kathy Pilgreen

We celebrate the recent marriage of:
- **Karina Garduno and Colton Llenos**
  Karina is the daughter of Guillermo and Karina Garduno

We pray for God’s blessings in your lives!

**Youth Group BBQ Sack Lunch Fundraiser**
You’ll get a Chopped Brisket Sandwich (cooked by our own Knights), a bag of chips and a brownie.

**Prime Timers (50+)**
**Potluck Luncheon and Planning Meeting**
Our Primer Timer’s ministry is for all parishioners aged 50 and over. They will have their next event, “A Welcome to Spring”, a potluck luncheon, on April 20th at Claudia and Buddy Herron’s home. The luncheon begins at 11:00 am and will continue into the afternoon. Please bring your favorite dish or dessert to the gathering.

It will be a fun time of fellowship as well as sharing about upcoming events. Mark your calendars for June 8th which will be their next bus trip. More to be announced after the meeting. Please call Claudia for address and information at 281-324-1101.
Third Sunday of Easter — Cycle C; Jubilee Year of Mercy

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

Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, April 24th, 1:00-4:00 pm

Fun for all parishioners!

Food
Hamburgers & Hotdogs
Drinks
Dessert Bar

Games
Basketball & Volleyball
Bouncy House
Obstacle Course with Slide
Trivia Games

This is a free family event for all our parishioners to join in fellowship!

CCE Spring Early Registration

Register your in-coming Kindergartener through in-coming 12th grader for the 2016-2017 CCE school year. Payment may be made now or in the Fall.

- Fall Class Schedule: K – 5th Grade meets on Sundays, 9:45am – 10:45am; 6th – 12th Grade meets on Wednesdays 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- Current 8th and 9th graders will begin Confirmation preparation in 2016-2017 with reception of the Sacrament in 2018.
- NEW: We are very excited to offer a brand new class for our 11th and 12th grade students. This class will also meet on Wednesday evenings in the new Little Flower Family Room. This is a one year class for all students who have already received Confirmation.
- Students wishing to receive Sacramental Preparation must have attended CCE, Catholic School or an approved Home School program for one full year before enrolling in the class.

I cannot encourage you enough to ensure your children are enrolled and attending CCE. CCE allows your child to form friendships with other Catholic children; learn the beautiful truth of our Faith and develop their own personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Sports, dance and other activities are all wonderful for children and have an important part in their lives, but their faith life should always have priority. Most of our kids will never put on a uniform or a tutu again after high school graduation. Their Catholic Faith will be with them always as long as it is nurtured and allowed to grow.

For more information please contact our CCE office at 281-324-1934

Parish Rosary and Potluck

We invite parishioners to pray the rosary with us. We will pray and enjoy a time of fellowship with a potluck dinner on Monday, April 11th, 7:00 pm.

Please join us as we pray for all the sick, the parishioners of our church, for our servicemen and women and for all your personal intentions.

Youth Group Meeting

Youth Group Meeting to follow VBS Planning meeting on Sunday, April 23rd from 1:00 – 2:00

We’ll be getting ready for the parish picnic the following Sunday, April 24. For more information please contact Miss Becky at 713-516-7376.
A gentle reminder for female parishioners
from the Women’s Guild and our Pastor

Have you looked at our website lately?
You can access it at www.stphiliphuffmanx.org.

When wearing lipstick, keep in mind the practical and hygienic needs of parishioners and our Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion. Heavy lipstick strongly adheres to the gold chalices and linen purifiers. This makes it very hard for us to purify the chalices for the next persons in the communion line during Mass. And it’s especially difficult to clean the linen purifiers after Mass.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

A Special Mother-Daughter Tea Party
Ages 13 and Under

A Special Mother-Daughter Children’s Tea Party will be held on Sunday, May 1st from 12:30-2:30 pm in Parish Hall. This event is for our younger girls, ages 13 and under.

We invite mothers, grandmothers, and godmothers to enjoy a lovely tea party and make memories with their special girl(s). We will have kid friendly sandwiches, cookies and tea will be served.

Tea Party activities include:

• Children’s pray and reflections of Our Blessed Mother Mary
• Arts and Crafts
• Fashion show and more for our sweet girls.

RSVP to Lupe Cupples at lcupples@stphilip.cc or call her at 281-414-3705.

Pro-Life Piece

Dear fellow parishioners,

You may have noticed the large box in the narthex labeled “Baby Items Collection”. Beginning today through the end of April, our parish is hosting this drive in honor of Mother’s Day to assist women in crisis pregnancy. All items will be donated to the Houston Coalition for Life for their Crisis Pregnancy Center. Many times, women considering abortion lack the resources and support they need to have the courage and confidence to choose life for their baby. These donations are a tangible sign of our support for them as they prepare to welcome their baby.

Please drop off the following baby items into the box: baby clothing (sizes newborn through six months), diapers, formula, new cribs, car seats, and strollers.

Thank you for your generosity!

Gratefully,
Christine Kasper

St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church is proud to be pro-life!

VBS Planning Meeting

VBS Planning Meeting
Sunday April 23, 12:00 – 1:00

Adults and high school students interested in volunteering for this year’s Vacation Bible School are encouraged to attend. Find out all about our new program, ‘Birthday Blast’. We will brainstorm ideas for decorating in a birthday theme, and incorporating Pro-Life themes and the saints of the day: Our Lady of Guadalupe, St. Anthony, St. Gabriel the Archangel, Sts. Louis and Zellie and St. Damien among other things.

Adult volunteers must be Virtus trained or receive training and approval prior. Pizza will be provided for lunch.

Serra Club

You are invited to the Serra Club Northeast Meeting on Monday, April 25th at Italiano’s Restaurant, in Humble. They start with a 6:30 pm social, 7:00-8:30 pm dinner and program.

This month their speaker is Joe McClane, general manager of Guadalupe Radio. He will be speaking about “Changing Tomorrow’s World by Working for Vocations Today!”. Serra Clubs foster and promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life; encourage and affirm vocations to the consecrated life and nurture the spiritual growth and formation of its lay members. The cost for dinner is $10.00.

Please rsvp to Diddy Muck at 281-615-2015 or muck@kingwoodcable.net.

Mark Your Calendars!
Coming 2017
our parish
40th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration!
Dear St. Philip’s family,

This weekend the Confrimandi will be attending their second year retreat at Camp Cho Yeh in Livingston. The concept of taking the Confrimandi on a retreat is an old one based on the idea of “becoming one” in Christ while away from all distractions. The kids are not allowed to take their phones, IPads, laptop computers or anything that needs electricity or batteries! Could you spend a weekend unplugged from the world but plugged into your faith? It is a beautiful thing to witness.

Deacon Preston Quintella is joining us for the retreat. He is a Transitional Deacon with the Archdiocese of Galveston/Houston. This means he is preparing to take his vows of the Priesthood in June. Dc Preston will give the main faith talk and also the Homilies at both Masses. Deacon Preston has a love of our parish and a true interest in our children. Deacon Preston is a gifted speaker and a wonderful role model for our young church.

Jacob and Christine Kasper will be speaking at the retreat. The Kasper’s are parishioners and Christine is Minister of the Pro Life Ministry here at St. Philip’s. They bring with them many years of retreat experience and a deep faith lived as a family. We are so thankful they willingly share their time and talents with our kids.

The second year retreat is an intense time for our Confrimandi. This is when the understanding of the Sacrament of Confirmation starts to “gel” and the importance of discipleship becomes personal. They begin to understand their own worth and that God has given them gifts to use to help others know Jesus. It is a time of self-discovery and self-introspection.

One of the most important aspects of the retreat is the “love” letters they receive from family, friends and their Confirmation Sponsor. These letters reaffirm the importance and significance of these young people in all of our lives. They have a mission and a purpose. These letters remind them of their value, gifts and place in our hearts. We all need to know we matter. These letters are a valuable gift for the Confrimandi.

Fr. Brady Williams, SOLT will be celebrating the Masses this weekend while Fr. Barker is attending the retreat with us. Fr. Brady is a true “son of the parish” as he is the son of teaching team members Ron and Jan Williams. Fr. Brady grew up in the parish and loves to come home to say Mass for us. Please extend your warmest St. Philip’s welcome to him. Thank you Fr. Brady!

Please pray for all of us this weekend that the Holy Spirit will open our hearts to a more faith filled relationship with Jesus and our Blessed Mother.

Sincerely in the Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Lynette Zaunbrecher, Confirmation Coordinator

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Good Standing In Ministry

All lay ministers of the Mass are obliged to observe the following diocesan requirements for “good standing” in ministry:

1.) Love and support of the Church
2.) Active membership at St Philip
3.) Sacramental marriage or celibate living
4.) Faithful to the Sunday commandment
5.) Able to receive the Eucharist at Mass
6.) Respectful of the parish dress code
7.) Virtus approval

Please call your ministry leader or the parish office (281) 324-1478 immediately if you are unable to fulfill what is required.

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Giving Altar Flowers

If you have someone you would like to honor with a Mass bouquet we have openings during April and May as well as the rest of the year.

It’s very easy; in the green flower folder on the counter under the glass case fill in the day you would like with a description of your intention. Instructions are in the folder.
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.

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. We would not think to pass a friend on the street without some acknowledgement. Our Lord Jesus Christ deserves no less, and most assuredly, a great deal more.

Please pray for our fellow parishioners and loved ones as they face illness and recuperation:
Jackie Clark, Rosalee Frantz, Teresa DeMary, Sherry Hilton, Joe Anselmo, Susan Dunlap, Janie Jaramillo, Rev. Simon Herbers and Family, Roy Lovely, Genevieve Schmidt, Joe Buchanan, Ben Jaramillo, Gloria Pulido, Selma Pantalion, Mary Lensing, Lillie Navarre, Ken and Mary Lou Becker, Nancy Kehrer, Fr. Lawrence Jozwiak, Larry Keller, Pat Arnold, Larry Williams, Rose Bradley, Margie Gant, Barbara Ann Colburn, Tanya King, Rachel Honza, Jackie Clark, Daniel Yarbrough, Robert Murray, David Walts, Rita Long, Thelma Carrier, Mary Zycha, Jeanette Malburg, Maria Crowley, Charles Jenny, Barbara Glenn, Jake Guerrero, Sue Pantalion, Lera Cordova, Joe Lumbreraz, Fritz Kemper, Juanita Acosta, Shirley Sims, Preston Fann, Rosie Collette

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
+Deacon Bob Keller, Kathleen Corrigan, Jessica Alaine Harris, Colleen Schmith, Marcella Fuchser, Steve McMichael, Ray Normand, Pete Dunlap, George Baker, Noma Sughrue, Frank and Minnie Zycha, Alice Angell, Pat Davidson, Msgr. Paul Procello, Mary James, Margaret McNevich, Ann Allison, Slayton Smith, Maria Bixio, Marie Seitz +

Disciples of Jesus and Mary (DJM)
Fr. Santan Pinto SOLT
Disciples of Jesus and Mary Founder

He called a child over, placed it in their midst, and said, Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven”
– Mt 18:2-3

Steps in Littleness

“There are 50 simple steps in littleness. Try them one step at a time. Look at your struggles and temptations. You will find one step that will suit you the most at that stage in your life. Do not hurry – remember you’re little!”

Step 19

BE GENEROUS TO THOSE THAT THE WORLD REJECTS OR CONSIDERS USELESS
Give like God – give generously without measure or any consideration!

The little ones of the world will never demand anything from you.
The little and the poor will always teach you how to give and to be happy in giving.
Consider how God rewards the widow’s mite – He is pleased when His child offers Him all that it has.
In your littleness, the poor, rejected, and neglected will find confidence to approach you and seek your assistance.

“May the little child Jesus bless you and accompany you on your journey”
-Fr. Santan Pinto SOLT (2011+)

For more information about DJM Spiritual Formation contact Jan Williams: ronjanwilliams@msn.com/

A PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son’s Kingdom as priests, deacons, religious, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help us respond generously and courageously to your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God for ever and ever. Amen.
LITURGICAL/OFFICE SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses: Saturday Vigil: 5:00 pm; Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 am
Daily Masses: Tuesday - Saturday: 8:30 am
Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm (Please call the office prior to visits to ensure it’s open.)

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

SACRAMENTS

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.; (After 8:30 am Mass by appt.)

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.

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. Children age 6 or younger; documents are required before baptism date may be scheduled: parish & baptismal registrations, birth certificate, and baptism class certifications.

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 Tuesday after the 8:30 am 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. PHILIP

Pastor - Rev. Richard E. Barker
Deacon - John Sarabia (281) 923-9659
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