



**Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2018**

See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God.

— 1 John 3:1

SAVED BY THE ONE WHO WAS REJECTED

Some city teenagers often scorn and reject farm kids. Yet it's no exaggeration to say that humanity owes its life to farmers who care for the world's crops and livestock. This week's scriptures remind us that Jesus was as rejected as a shepherd, a farm boy, yet we owe our very lives to him.

In this Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles Peter tells the people that salvation comes through Jesus Christ, the one who was rejected. In John's letter we hear that we have become God's beloved children through Jesus, whom the world did not know. Lastly, in the Gospel Jesus describes himself as the Good Shepherd who "lays down his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). Will you join Jesus in laying down your life for God's beloved flock?
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Most languages take the name for this fifty-day season from the Lord's Passover: *Pasqua* in Italian, *Pâques* in French, *Paach* in Dutch, *Pascha* in Greek and Russian. English has a much newer name, the name of a pagan goddess, Eoster. For centuries before Christianity took hold, in both Germany and Britain the spring equinox was dedicated to her and the concepts of fertility and rebirth. She was said to be a playful spirit, following the Sun King's chariot, and ending the reign of winter. She had a magical companion, a rabbit who hid eggs in the fields to coax plants and animals to rebirth. It was believed that Eoster once came across a bird with broken wings and saved it by turning it into a rabbit—an egg-laying rabbit at that! Although they were baptized, most people didn't take to the new Latin name (*Pascha Domini*) too easily, and kept calling the spring equinox by the old accustomed name. For good measure, they kept a pagan name for Christmas, too: Yule.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

Monday:	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday:	Acts 9:26-31; Ps 22:26-28, 30-32; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8

"Remember Lord, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith." These beautiful words at Mass recall our beloved dead. A Mass intention is a way to remember a beloved friend or family member, whether in death, for healing, in celebration of a special day, or simply for prayer and guidance. Come by the office (or call 707-874-3812) to arrange the Mass. A customary donation of \$10 is appreciated.

Prayer Requests: Call 874-3812 to add/remove names.
Teresa Kooi, Pat Kampmann, Pete, Thomas Tolar, Susan Brown, Felicia Gonzalez, Holly White, Kathleen, Jamie Silva, Lorri McCamen, Sarah, Clifford James, Terri Andrews, Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Mary Anne Parque, Steve, Sr. Marjorie, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Jim Pearson, Ronald Porter, Annie Tobin, William, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O'Donnell, Bill Zandoski, Daniel, Papke family, Mary Karp, Randy Tonelli, Scott, Fr. Gary Logan, Columbina Albini Michael Dan

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **April** offerings:

4/15: 1st Collection: \$2519. Capital Expenditures: \$1351.
4/22: No 2nd collection. 4/29: Rural Food.



Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Tues., 5/15/18, at 10:00AM in Hall
Finance Council: Mon., 4/23/18, at 11:00AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: Fri., 5/4/18, at 9:30AM in Hall

St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044

St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Susan, 829-1189

Every Friday, Centering Prayer: 9:30AM at St Philip

Coffee & Goodies: Following 8AM Sunday Mass and Monday/Wednesday after 9AM Mass, at St Philip Hall

Mondays & Wednesdays-Seniors Lunch at 12noon:

All seniors welcome! (No lunch Monday before 2nd Tuesday of month)



✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

- Sat., April 21, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
- Sun., April 22, 8am Mass ✠ Charles Papke
- Sun., April 22, 9:30am Mass for the People
- Sun., April 22, 11:15am Mass ✠ Al Gerhardt
- Mon., April 23, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
- Tues., April 24, 9am Mass
- Wed., April 25, 9am Mass Karen Spitznogle
- Thurs., April 26, 9am Mass
- Fri., April 27, 9am Communion Service
- Sat., April 28, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer
- Sun., April 29, 8am Mass for the People
- Sun., April 29, 9:30am Mass
- Sun., April 29, 11:15am Mass ✠ Betty Rice
- Mon., April 30, 9am Communion Service

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Earth Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Monday: St. George; St. Adalbert
- Tuesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen
- Wednesday: St. Mark
- Saturday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort



Flowers for the Altar during the Year



Flowers for the altar are a spiritual investment for a loved one, to celebrate any occasion, or just to express gratitude for your blessings. Flowers are also a gift to all of us as we enter and see the glorious display around the altar and experience the liturgy framed by such exquisite beauty. We appreciate your donations! To contribute for St. Philip Church flowers, please call 874-6072.

Pope Francis Tweet

"Don't be afraid to set your sights higher. Let yourself be guided by the Holy Spirit."

SILENCE

Silence is a gift of God, to let us speak
more intimately with God.

—St. Vincent Pallotti

AT WORK

Christianity is the spirit of Jesus Christ
at work in the world.

—Anonymous

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for April 2018

On April 10th we welcomed 86 families- representing 112 adults, 38 children and 28 seniors- for a total of 178 people receiving nutritional support. This program is funded through the Rural Food Collection on the last Sunday of each month as well as through private donations and the generous support of our volunteers.

Results from the 2018 Rural Food Client Survey are being displayed at both St. Philip and St. Teresa churches during the month of April. Please look at the information provided so that you can appreciate how the generous support of our parish community affects the lives of those we serve. We will be making adjustments to our program to continue to provide groceries and produce that are healthy and nutritious.

Please continue to collect paper grocery bags, especially with handles, and egg cartons. We are looking into biodegradable produce bags and recyclable grocery bags for our clients.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(Please consider joining our ministry to people in need)

Saturday, May 5, from 9:00-10:00am for repackaging in Parish Hall

Monday, May 7, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 8, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients.

Exclusive Limited Print of Ansel Adam's original picture of St. Teresa Church from 1953: All proceeds will support needed restoration of St. Teresa of Avila Mission. A limited number of prints have been printed from Ansel's original negative. Each reprint is individually numbered. Prints are available for a tax deductible donation of \$175. Please contact restoration committee members for your own limited print: Peg 707-867-6073 or Bob 707-875-9148.

St. Teresa Restoration's Pancake Breakfast

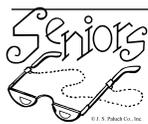
This Sunday, April 22, at Bodega Fire Hall

St Philip and St Teresa CAREGIVING MINISTRY:

Ministering to the sick, elderly and needy of the parish by...

- Visiting, shopping
- Transportation (to support groups, doctor appointments, religious functions, etc)
- Socializing and companionship
- Providing specialized information.

Program is available to people in the area in need of our support. Contact: Dolores Novello (707-874-6072) or the office (707-874-3812)

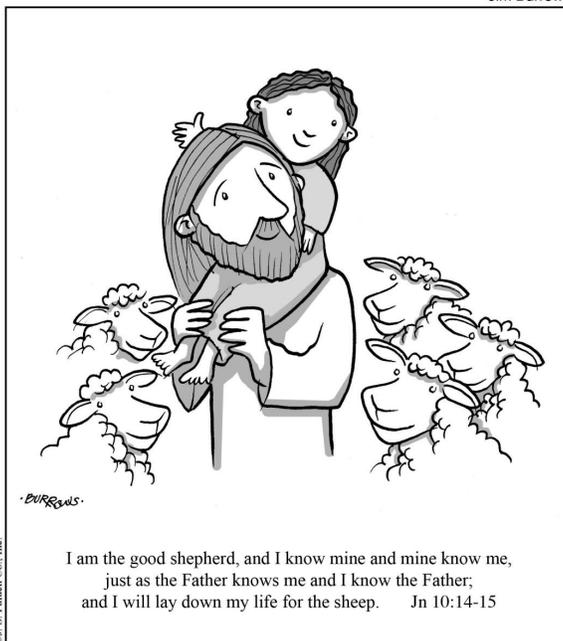


Our lovely senior lunch program serves meals on Mondays & Wednesdays to a group of fun and dedicated diners in St Philip Hall at noon. We are extending an invitation to all seniors to attend any time you would like to join us. (Monthly menu available online at www.stphilipstteresa.org)

Please note: Beginning on Monday, April 30, 2018, Fr. Fergal will be switching his day off from Friday to Monday. That means that there will be a Liturgy of the Word and Communion on Mondays at 9am and Mass on Fridays at 9am (both at St. Philip's).

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



SPECIAL THANKS to those who decorate and clean St Teresa & St Philip churches, and to the choir, ushers, lectors, altar servers, Eucharistic ministers, and all who share their time & talent to make our weekly liturgies special.

If you are the last to leave the parish hall or the church, please be sure that windows and doors are locked. Thanks for your kind help!

Cell Phones Ringing During Mass

Please be mindful with your cell phones and turn them off before attending Mass to avoid seriously distracting others. We appreciate your consideration for all.

Are you, (or do you know someone) interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? In becoming a Catholic? Talk to Fr. Fergal or email fmcguinness@srdioocese.org to make an appointment. He'll be happy to meet with you and answer your questions.

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