



**Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)**

April 23, 2017

“Blessed are those who have not
seen and have believed.”

— John 20:29b

A SEASON OF JOY

“They devoted themselves to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers” (Acts 2:42). This first line of today’s first reading sets the tone as this fifty-day celebration of Easter opens before us. Today we listen to the teachings of three apostles—Luke, Peter, and John—who remind us that even though we have not seen Christ, we nonetheless are filled with joy as we place our belief in his saving death and resurrection. Each week during the Easter season we will gather as a community of faith to find strength and support from our God and from one another. Each week we will gather to break bread and offer the great prayer of thanksgiving, actions that will manifest the very presence of the risen Christ in our midst. Let us be open to the wonders of this season of joy.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The origins of the custom of burning a lamp before the tabernacle are in Jewish worship, where a lamp called *ner tamid* or “eternal flame” burns before the ark in every synagogue. The ark contains the sacred scrolls of the Torah. The flame represents the menorah in the Temple, and therefore is never extinguished. In fact, the word “tabernacle” itself is derived from Hebrew, as *taber* is the Hebrew word for “tent,” and hearkens back to the forty years of wandering in the desert. The pilgrim people were sustained in hope by an awareness that God was not only in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night, but had quite literally “pitched his tent with them” in the shelter for the Ark of the Covenant. Some artisans have used this theme of “ark” or “tent” to design a tabernacle for the Blessed Sacrament.

In Christian practice, Anglicans and Catholics use a sanctuary lamp to point toward the presence of the reserved sacrament, and Lutherans use it as a sign of God’s presence in the house of worship, but not necessarily as a clue that the Eucharist is reserved. Why, even in an age of electric light, is the sanctuary lamp an oil light or candle? Perhaps not only to point to Christ, the light of the world, but also to point to sacrifice. For the light to exist, there must be sacrifice. The oil or wax is transformed into light, just as those who pray here, or who will receive viaticum from here, are called

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-9; Jn 3:1-8
- Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21
- Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5-11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

Prayer Requests: Nina Mikolasko, Sergio, Gary, Teresa Kooi, Pat Kamppmann, Nino S., Maureen Shaw, Pete, Thomas Tolar, Susan Brown, Felicia Gonzalez, Holly White, Don Collins, Kathleen, Jamie Silva, Lorri McCamen, Sarah, Clifford James, Terri Andrews, Michael & Sherry Smith, Sheila Hansen, Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Fr. Sergott, Barbara, Mary Anne Parque, Dorothy Komarek Denton, Jennifer Trentham, Sr. Marjorie Krusky, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth

Finance Corner:



Your generosity is greatly
needed and appreciated!

For the month of **April** offerings:

- 4/14: Good Friday: \$475.
- 4/16: 1st Collection: \$5849. 2nd Collection: \$1831.
- 4/23: No 2nd collection. 4/30: Rural Food.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Wed., 5/10/17, at 10:30AM in Hall

Finance Council: Mon., 6/5/17, at 1:30PM in Hall

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

St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Dolores, 874-6072

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

Coffee & Goodies: Following 8 AM Sunday Mass and Monday/Wednesday after 9 AM 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 22, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer
- Sun., April 23, 8am Mass ✠ Charles R. Papke
- Sun., April 23, 9:30am Mass for the People
- Sun., April 23, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
- Mon., April 24, 9am Mass
- Tues., April 25, 9am Mass
- Wed., April 26, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Simpson
- Thurs., April 27, 9am Mass
- Fri., April 28, 9am Communion Service
- Sat., April 29, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
- Sun., April 30, 8am Mass ✠ Timothy Twohill
- Sun., April 30, 9:30am Mass for the People
- Sun., April 30, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sun: 2nd Sunday of Easter (or of Divine Mercy)
- Tues: St. Mark
- Fri: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort; Arbor Day
- Sat: St. Catherine of Siena



DOUBT

There lives more faith in honest doubt,
Believe me, than in half the creeds.

—Alfred, Lord Tennyson

SAVE UP

When saving for old age, be sure to
lay up a few pleasant thoughts.

—Anonymous

Exclusive Limited Print of Ansel Adams' original photograph of St. Teresa Church from 1953: All proceeds will support needed restoration of St. Teresa of Avila Mission. Only 500 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 a restoration committee member for your limited print: Peg at 707-867-6073 or Bob at 707-875-9148.

Looking for a special gift in honor or in memory of a loved one? The Rural Food program has a beautifully designed card that is sent to the recipient indicating that you made a gift to the program. The cards are available on pamphlet tables at both St. Philip & St. Teresa Churches or by contacting Rod DeMartini, Program Coordinator, at roddemar@comcast.net.

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for April 2017

On 4/11/17 we welcomed 107 families representing 149 adults, 33 children and 34 seniors for a total of 216 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.

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

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Mon., May 8, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall
Tues., May 9, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients. **We need more volunteers on Tuesday to help our clients and their loaded grocery carts to their vehicles.**

Catholic Charities TOUR DATES

Join us for a tour of programs, meet some of the people we serve, and learn about all the ways Catholic Charities serves our diocese.

Tours last only an hour... the experience lasts a lifetime.

Please call 707-528-8712 x161 to reserve your spot.
Tours are held at the Family Support Center, SR

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.



Our lovely senior lunch program serves meals on Mondays and Wednesdays to a group of fun and dedicated diners in St Philip Hall at 12noon. We are extending an invitation

to all seniors to attend any time you would like to come. Menu available in office and online.

SAVE THE DATE!

CASINO NIGHT

Saturday, May 20th, 6:30PM at the Parish Hall

The May-June packet of Sunday envelopes 2017 was mailed to registered parishioners. You will receive a packet every two months. Did you not receive envelopes? Would you like to? Contact the Parish Office 874-3812 to start. (Please remember that for tax records purposes, our bookkeeper needs you to use the envelope system.)

Parish Kitchen and Hall Use: Our Hall Coordinator, Hal McGuirk, is in charge of scheduling all kitchen and hall requests. Please contact Hal at 874-3304 in advance to get necessary information about availability and regulations.

Tables/Chairs Use: Reserve ahead; call Hal and the Office.

Empowering Justice in a Divided World

Speaker/Writer from Ireland: Diarmuid O'Murchu

Tuesday, April 25, 2017

7-9pm Cost: \$10

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

10am-3pm

Cost: \$30 for both Tuesday & Wednesday

Please bring your own bag lunch

Angela Center

535 Angela Drive, SR

www.angelacenter.com

RSVP: 707-528-8578

05-13-2017 CHURCH TOUR: In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the docents of St. Dominic Church, 2390 Bush St. at Steiner in San Francisco, will lead tour at 10 a.m. highlighting the virtues and beauty of Our Lady in the altar and windows of the Lady Chapel. Meet outside in the parking lot by the Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto. Everyone is welcome, (415) 567-7824.

Pope Francis Tweet

"Today is the celebration of our hope, the celebration of this truth: nothing and no one will ever be able to separate us from God's love."

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, April 23, 8:00-11:30AM

Bodega Fire Hall

Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$5



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