



**Second Sunday of Easter
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)
April 28, 2019**

Once I was dead,
but now I am alive forever
and ever.
— Revelation 1:18a

SEEING IS BELIEVING

Seeing is believing! Since cellphone screens connect us instantly to social media, live TV, and loved ones' faces near and far, "Doubting Thomas" could be our patron saint: "Unless I see, I will not believe!" But how comforting for any of us who share Thomas's doubt, or love "doubters" who do, to see how kindly Jesus responds. By offering the very evidence that Thomas demanded, Jesus doesn't scold Thomas, but seems to understand such skepticism. Could Jesus have been thinking of us, who long to believe that "Jesus is risen!" but see so much suffering, and perhaps even cause some, that we wonder, how could something so wonderful be true? In today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the risen Jesus' healing love comforts through disciples who love others. In Revelation, "our brother John" doesn't just claim he saw Jesus alive, but passes on Jesus' life-giving words, "Do not be afraid." Seeing Jesus in others is believing!

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

An ancient title for this Sunday is *Dominica in Albis*, or "Sunday in White." During the Easter Vigil, the newly baptized are invested with a white garment, a sign that they have put on Christ. At one time, the garments were worn for a full week of celebration and reflection, and on this Sunday the newly baptized would appear in their robes again in their new place among the faithful for Eucharist.

In later centuries, the energy of new life at Easter was largely forgotten, and this Sunday was renamed "Quasimodo Sunday," or "Low Sunday." In recent years, with the recovery of the insight that Easter is the privileged time for celebrating and renewing baptism, there is nothing "Low" about this Sunday. At a week's distance, the beauty and grace of our Easter celebration is sustained by joyful alleluias, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water, and the comfort of the Lord's presence to us. He is risen, and he summons us together, opening up the scriptures for us, breaking the bread, filling us with new life.

-- Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 4:23-31-37; Ps 2:1-4, 7-9; Jn 3:1-8
 Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15
 Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-9; Jn 3:16-21 or (for the memorial) Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
 Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20; Jn 3:31-36
 Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14
 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
 Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rev 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19 [1-14]

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)

DON'T SAY TOO MUCH

One is almost bound to fall into error
if one tries to say a great deal.

—Erasmus

Finance Corner:

Weekly Offering



Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **April/May** offerings:

4/21: 1st Collection: \$7525. 2nd Collection: \$2235.
4/28: Rural Food. May 5: Operating Expenses.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Wed., 6/5/19, at 10:00AM in Hall

Finance Council: Tues., 6/25/19, at 11:00AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: Fri., 5/3/19, 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 Wednesday/Friday after 9AM Mass, at St Philip Hall



Mondays & Wednesdays-Seniors Lunch at 12noon:

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

✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

Sat., April 27, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer

Sun., April 28, 8am Mass for the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse

Sun., April 28, 9:30am Mass for the People

Sun., April 28, 11:15am Mass Sr. Marjorie Krusky (healing)

Mon., April 29, 9am Prayer Service

Tues., April 30, 9am Mass ✠ Linda Anne Smith

Wed., May 1, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

Thurs., May 2, 9am Mass

Fri., May 3, 9am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

Sat., May 4, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., May 5, 8am Mass ✠ Joe Novello

Sun., May 5, 9:30am Mass for the People

Sun., May 5, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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

Monday: St. Catherine of Siena

Tuesday: St. Pius V

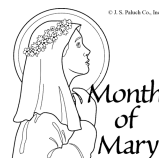
Wednesday: St. Joseph the Worker

Thursday: St. Athanasius; National Day of Prayer;

Friday: Ss. Philip and James; First Friday

Saturday: First Saturday

Upcoming Spiritual Events:

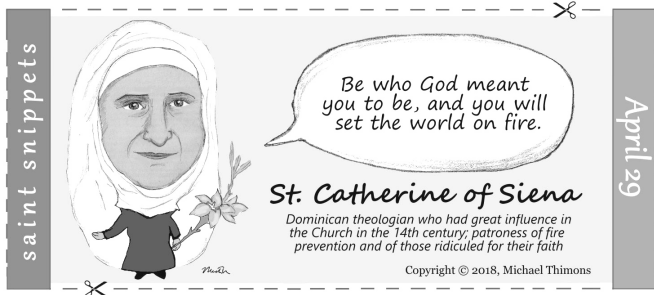


May 5: Mary, Queen of May Procession

June 2: First Communion



First Communion
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A BETTER USE OF YOUR TIME

Learn to give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you'll have no time for criticism of others.

—Anonymous

Prayer Requests: Call 874-3812 to add names. (Names cycled out periodically) Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Lorri McC., Sarah, Clifford J., Terri A., Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Mary Anne P., Barbara, Dave Creeth, Jim P., William, Parson Pforich, Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Mary K., Columбина A., Michael Dan, Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa S., Susan B., Zeidan family, Joyce Doughty, Lorrin K., Anita C., George H. and Mimi H, Steve, Barry

POPE FRANCIS QUOTE

"May the proclamation of the Lord's Resurrection sustain our hope and transform it into concrete acts of charity."

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for April 2019

On April 9th we welcomed 95 families representing 126 adults, 31 children and 33 seniors for a total of 190 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.

We welcomed several new volunteers who joined us to set up for and distribute food on Monday and Tuesday. It was great to get to know and work together with them to provide food for our neighbors in need. Thank you to those who helped transport produce and offered valuable suggestions while we adjust to our new delivery and distribution plans.

Please continue to collect paper grocery bags, especially with handles, and egg cartons. These items can be dropped off in the parish hall.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Saturday, May 11**, from 9-10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall
- Monday, May 13**, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall
- Tuesday, May 14**, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients.

Flowers for the Altar during the Year 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.



**Pancake Breakfast
This Sunday, April 28, 2019**

8:00AM -- 11:30 AM
Bodega Fire Hall (17184 Bodega Hwy, Bodega, CA)

Sponsored by the St. Teresa Restoration Committee
Benefits Historic Bodega Church
Adults: \$10 Children under 12: \$5
Please come join us! Tickets sold at the door

Exclusive Limited Print of Ansel Adam's original picture of St. Teresa Church from 1953: All proceeds 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 donation of \$175. Please contact restoration committee member Peg for a limited print: 707-867-6073.

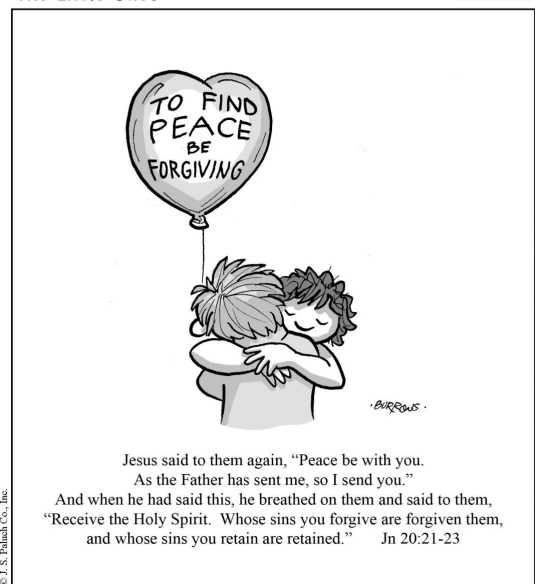
**Congratulations & Blessings
to Our 2019 Confirmation**

families and everyone involved in teaching, supporting, and attending the April 23 event at St. Philip the Apostle Church. Here listed are the students with their Confirmation names:

- Luis Alberto "Thomas" Carmona
- Gino "Daniel" Gibbs
- Giovanni "John Paul" Gibbs
- Giulianna "Faustina" Gibbs
- Willa "Abigail" Heacock
- Fatima "Philomena" Velazquez Huerta
- Jaime "Joseph" Velazquez Huerta
- Buster "Laurence" Maruca
- Catalina "Katherine" Maruca
- Magnus "Nicholas" Niedermair
- Chloe "Francis" Sierra

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



We pray in solidarity for all those suffering in the wake of the destruction of their church and other communal buildings by natural disaster or human aggression.

Parish Endowment Update: As of March 31, the Endowment Account balance was \$148,316.