

### Third Sunday of Easter April 30, 2017

You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will fill me with joy  
in your presence.  
— Acts 2:28

#### ON THE ROAD

One central metaphor employed to describe the Christian life is a journey. In today's second reading, Peter addresses the early Christian community: "Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning" (1 Peter 1:17). When we think of a journey, we normally think of some kind of movement from point A to point B. The Christian journey, begun in the waters of baptism (point A) has as its ultimate destination eternal life with God in heaven (point B). Unfortunately we find ourselves on all kinds of detours along the way. Because of sin, we make foolish turns and sometimes seem unable to detect the presence of the Lord. Today's story of the two disciples on their way to Emmaus illustrates for us the fact that, even when we are dejected or on one of our many detours, the Lord is there, walking right beside us.

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#### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Some monks and nuns trace their community origins back a thousand years or so, before it became customary to reserve the Blessed Sacrament in tabernacles. In their rules of life, which evolved from the lifestyle and prayer of their predecessors, the core experience of Christ's presence is at the altar itself, and in the symbol of assembly for prayer. To this day, when the monks or nuns file into their church in procession, they march two by two, and then bow profoundly to the altar before turning and bowing in reverence toward the brother or sister at their side. It is probably more difficult, in practice, to revere the presence of Christ in a person who irks you by taking the car keys, shirking a work duty, or burning the toast!

We can trace in these religious orders' enduring customs the ancient appreciation for the altar as the center of the church building, and of the community of the faithful as the Body of Christ. Usually, a monastery today will reserve the Blessed Sacrament in some quiet corner of the monastic church, in a fairly small space, more suitable for private prayer than for the gathering of the whole community. In a cloister, the architecture may allow the public limited access to this space. Liturgical law tells us, in both monasteries and parish churches, that there is no need for more than a few hosts in the place of reservation, just enough for viaticum, the "food for the journey" that is the final sacramental celebration for a dying Christian.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

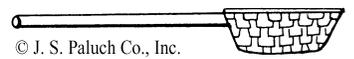
#### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-5; Jn 14:6-14  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69  
 Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

**Prayer Requests:** Nina Mikolasko, Sergio, Gary, Teresa Kooi, Pat Kampmann, 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, Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Fr. Sergott, Mary Anne Parque, Dorothy Komarek Denton, Jennifer Trentham, Sr. Marjorie Krusky, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Sheila Hansen



## Christian Giving



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### Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

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

4/23: 1<sup>st</sup> [only] Collection: \$2244.

4/30: Rural Food. 5/7: Operating Expenses.

### 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 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  
 Mon., May 1, 9am Mass  
 Tues., May 2, 9am Mass  
 Wed., May 3, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Simpson  
 Thurs., May 4, 9am Mass  
 Fri., May 5, 9am Communion Service  
 Sat., May 6, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith  
 Sun., May 7, 8am Mass ✠ Joe Novello, Jr.  
 Sun., May 7, 9:30am Mass for the People  
 Sun., May 7, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter  
 Monday: St. Joseph the Worker  
 Tuesday: St. Athanasius  
 Wednesday: Ss. Philip and James  
 Thursday: National Day of Prayer  
 Friday: First Friday  
 Saturday: First Saturday

### EFFECTS

The effect of our sharing in the body and blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive.

—Pope Saint Leo the Great

### WORTHY WORK

I must believe no work beneath me, since Jesus was a carpenter for thirty years, and Joseph all his life.

—Charles de Foucauld

**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.

## CASINO NIGHT

**Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM at Parish Hall**

**More information coming soon!**

**REMINDER:** Please do not remove items from the hall without first contacting the office for permission, availability, and the necessary sign-out process. 874-3812.

#### **Pope Francis Tweet**

"Let's promote friendship and respect between men and women of different religious traditions in order to build a world of peace."

**PSALMS CLASS:** Pat Griffith will offer a class on the Psalms, discussing their Types, Historical relevancy, Structure and Purpose. The objective is to enrich understanding of the Psalms in both formal settings, e.g. Mass, and for personal reading and meditation. The class will survey Psalms of David, Psalms outside the Book of Psalms and Psalms relating to the Messianic History of Israel. The class will be offered twice, from 9:30 to noon on Saturday, May 13th, and Tuesday, May 16th. Reference materials will be provided. Please sign up by emailing Pat at Patrick@fairhill.com or texting him at 707.477.2971. Bring your Bibles!

#### **Upcoming Bay Area Religious Events:**

**Saturday, May 13, CHURCH TOUR:** In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary (on the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima), the docents of **St. Dominic Church**, located at 2390 Bush St. at Steiner in San Francisco, will lead a 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; call (415) 567-7824.

**Sunday, May 21:** Franciscan Day of Reflection with Sr. Margie Wills, OSF, a member of Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity. Information on day/time/place soon.

**Mass Intentions:** Anniversary? Confirmation? First Communion? Graduation? Marriage? Memorial? These are key events in our spiritual life. There is no better way to celebrate these occasions than to have Mass offered for those who are important to us. A call to the parish office will set a date for the Mass. Most persons choose to offer a "stipend" of \$10, but this is always optional.