



Fifth Sunday of Lent April 7, 2019

I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.

— *Philippians 3:8*

GOD'S ACTIONS NOW

When Jews celebrate the Passover, they always tell the story of the Exodus in present terms, as if they themselves experienced those events: when we were prisoners in Egypt; when God brought us out of slavery and through the waters of the sea. We would do well to follow their example and see the works of Jesus and his sacrifice as being in the present, as happening to us now. We believe that Christ's work, his teachings, and his sacrifice on the cross were not just for his followers in the past, but for all people at all times. When we think of this in our prayers, we become one in faith with that great cloud of witnesses, the saints.

We have been striving through Lent to repent of our sins and failings, and to follow Jesus more closely. Today in the story of the woman caught in adultery, we see Jesus forgiving the woman, saving her from a horrible death, and urging her not to sin any more. This is new, and brings out something for which the law had not allowed—forgiveness. Of course one can sin no more if one is dead, caught in one's sins forever. But Jesus introduces the concepts of forgiveness and reconciliation.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Next weekend, many churches provide palms to be carried in the opening moments of the liturgy, as we gratefully recall Jesus' entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. The children who greeted him on that day used what was both handy and traditional, since palms were carried to inaugurate the joyful harvest feast of Succoth. To this day, faithful Jews are directed to take a beautiful palm branch, green and straight as possible, called a *lulav*, and bind it with three myrtle branches fifteen inches long, and two longer willow branches. At the end of the temple service, everyone carries the *lulav*, circling the sanctuary in a dance called the *Hoshanot*, singing hymns of joy.

In other climates, Jews and Christians alike have had to make accommodations over the years. In Italy, everyone carries olive branches today, often brought from their own garden. In England, forsythia branches are preferred, a relative of the olive, sign of peace. Germans prefer pussywillows, and others look for flowering spring branches. In our part of the world, what do you think would be the best choice to express joy and welcome, and to remind us of the joy of Christ's victory even as we prepare to commemorate his passion? -- Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49]

saint snippets

When I ponder his goodness,
my heart can say nothing —
I can only adore.

St. Teresa of the Andes
20th-century Chilean Carmelite nun
renowned for her spirit of charity

April 12

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Finance Corner:

Christian Giving

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

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

3/31: 1st Collection: \$1499. Rural Food: \$1679.

4/7: Operating Expenses. 4/14: Catholic Relief Services/Home Missions



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

Liturg 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 Tuesday of month)



✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

Sat., April 6, 5pm Mass ✠ Mike Pettibone

Sun., April 7, 8am Mass for all souls

Sun., April 7, 9:30am Mass for the People

Sun., April 7, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

Mon., April 8, 9am Prayer Service

Tues., April 9, NO 9am Mass

Wed., April 10, NO 9am Mass

Thurs., April 11, 9am Mass for the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse

Fri., April 12, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

Sat., April 13, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., April 14, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., April 14, 9:30am Mass ✠ Natalie Gehl

Sun., April 14, 11:15am Mass ✠ Ludo von Rautenstrach

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

Thursday: St. Stanislaus

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: St. Martin I

SURE CURE

The only cure for sorrow is to kill it with patience.

—Irish Proverb

GOOD INFORMATION

Our judgments are only as good as our information.

—Anonymous

Prayer Requests: Call 874-3812 to add names. (Names cycled out periodically) Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Jamie S., 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, David Bettencourt, Gina, Lorri K., Anita C., Steve, Al Bello, Jan, Barry, George H. and Mimi H

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.

POPE FRANCIS QUOTE

"Every human being has the right to life, to dream and to find his or her rightful place in our 'common home'!
Every person has a right to the future."



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BEST INVENTIONS

I am proud of the fact that I never invented weapons to kill.
—Thomas Edison

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for March 2019

On March 12 we welcomed 99 families representing 115 adults, 25 children and 34 seniors for a total of 174 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 paper grocery bags, especially with handles, and egg cartons. We are looking into biodegradable produce bags and recyclable grocery bags for our clients.

(Looking for recipes using Rural Food items. Call office with ideas.)

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, April 6, from 9-10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall

Monday, April 8, from 12:30- 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall

Tuesday, April 9, from 8:30-11:00am to distribute food/assist clients.

Want to get more involved but not sure how? Come see what we do. We need more volunteers on distribution day to help our clients and their loaded grocery carts to their vehicles. We can also use some behind-the-scenes help with paperwork, ordering, etc.

THANK YOU!

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

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

We now have an Automatic Electric Defibrillator (AED) at St. Teresa's to be used in the event of a medical emergency. This AED is on loan to the church, thanks to the generosity of the Bodega Fire Station. It is located on the wall of the church left of the organ and has a sign above it with AED printed in red. For more information, contact Pat Pettibone 875-8826 or Diane Merget 823-6044

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.

Thank you to all who enjoyed the St. Patrick's Dinner prepared by the Boosters Club.

Proceeds of the event covered the cost of designing, crafting, and installing the new signage for St. Philip the Apostle Church.

Huge thanks to our volunteers who cooked a very delicious dinner, and to our very capable bar staff. Our very efficient servers helped to make the event run smoothly. The raffle was a great success thanks to creative and generous donations.

Bravo for another wonderful event!

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE 2019

April 18: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper
7pm at St. Philip Church, Occidental
(No 9am Mass at St. Teresa Church, Bodega)

April 19: Good Friday Solemn Liturgy
12noon at St. Teresa Church, Bodega
(No 9am Mass at St. Philip Church, Occidental)

April 20: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass
8pm at St. Teresa Church, Bodega
(No 5pm Mass)

April 21: Easter Sunday Masses
8am at St. Philip Church, Occidental
and 8am at St. Teresa Church, Bodega
9:30am at St. Teresa Church, Bodega
11:15am at Philip Church, Occidental