



**Second Sunday of Easter  
(or Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
April 8, 2018**

Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?  
— 1 John 5:5

**SO THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE**

It is not often that the author of one of the books of the Bible comes right out and tells us directly why he is writing what he is writing. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, taken from the conclusion of John's Gospel, the author tells us that he has chosen to record these events so "that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name" (20:31).

The letter of John echoes this idea by saying that "[e]veryone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God" (5:1)—what we might refer to as being "born again." Our reading from the Acts of the Apostles for this Second Sunday of Easter shows us exactly what it looks like when believers are born again through faith.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Sometimes children acquire nicknames in childhood that stalk them through adulthood: "Pinky," "Boo-boo," and the like. This Sunday was once called "Low Sunday," a step down from Easter glory, and an unfortunate nickname since Easter rejoicing goes on for fifty days. Traditionally this is the day when the newly baptized put away their white baptismal robes and returned to their everyday life after a week of intense celebration. Of course, the goal was to take up everyday duties with a very new point of view.

A long title for the day was *Dominica in albis deposita*, or "The Lord's Day for Putting Away the Albs," so no wonder the nickname "Low Sunday" arose. In the old calendar it was also called "Quasimodo Sunday," after the first word of the opening chant, *Quasimodo geniti infantes*, or "As newborn infants," a reference to the newly baptized taken from the Epistle of Peter. Victor Hugo's bell-ringing hero in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* was abandoned as an infant on the threshold of the cathedral of Paris on Low Sunday, 1467, and named "Quasimodo" for the feast.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

Monday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
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
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 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

**"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:** 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 Pforich, 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:

4/1: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection (Easter): \$4190. Operating Expenses: \$1165.  
4/8: Catholic Relief Services/Home Missions. 4/15: Capital Expenditures.

**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 7, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith  
Sun., April 8, 8am Mass ✠ Dorothy Komarek Fenton  
Sun., April 8, 9:30am Mass for the People  
Sun., April 8, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer  
Mon., April 9, 9am Mass ✠ Tom Joyce  
Tues., April 10, 9am Mass  
Wed., April 11, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo  
Thurs., April 12, 9am Mass Michael Dan  
Fri., April 13, 9am Communion Service  
Sat., April 14, 5pm Mass ✠ Michael Pettibone  
Sun., April 15, 8am Mass  
Sun., April 15, 9:30am Mass for the People  
Sun., April 15, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Second Sunday of Easter (or Sunday of Divine Mercy)  
Monday: The Annunciation of the Lord  
Wednesday: St. Stanislaus  
Thursday: Yom Ha-Shoa (Holocaust Remembrance Day)  
Friday: St. Martin I

**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*

"May Christ who conquered the darkness of sin and death, grant us peace in our days."

**NO THEORY**  
Let your religion so be  
less of a theory  
and more of a love affair.  
—G. K. Chesterton



**EVERYTHING**  
God, of your goodness give  
me yourself, for you are  
enough for me. And only in you do I have everything.  
—St. Julian of Norwich

**RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for MARCH 2018**

On March 13 we welcomed 89 families representing 187 adults, 32 children and 33 seniors for a total of 220 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.

The 2018 Client Survey contained many expressions of gratitude including this heartfelt note: "Thank you for your generosity in helping me and my family. My husband, while working, hurt his hand and could not work for the rest of the year. Thanks to all of you, we had food for my daughters. Thanks from the bottom of my heart."

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**

- Sat., April 7 from 9-10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall
- Mon., April 9, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall
- Tues., April 10, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute food & 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.*

Young Adults! Are you discerning a Call to be a Sister or a Priest?  
What does your heart desire? The National Religious Vocation Conference is hosting a Young Adult "Encounter" Retreat on April 14, 2018 from 2:00 - 8:00pm at the Dominican Sisters Center in San Rafael. The day will consist of Prayer, Adoration, Reflection Walks, Circle Conversations, Journaling, Vocation Stories by Priests and Sisters and a Vigil Mass. Questions? Contact Sister Carla, carlaop@gmail.com or call 415-686-4183. Registration is online at <http://bit.ly/Encounter2018> for young adult men and women ages 18-35.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**St. Teresa Restoration's**  
**Pancake Breakfast**  
**Sunday, April 22, at Bodega Fire Hall**

*The May-June packet of Sunday envelopes 2018 is mailed to registered parishioners. You will receive a packet every two months. Do 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.)*

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Dear friends, through the paschal mystery we have been buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to newness of life.  
—Sprinkling Rite, Roman Missal

**Please note:** Beginning on 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).

**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 then let the office know, too.

**~DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY~**

When Pope St. John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina, he also, on the same day, surprised the entire world by establishing Divine Mercy Sunday as a feast day for the entire Church. According to the Pope, all Masses said on this day, the Sunday after Easter, were to be in honor of the Divine Mercy. Our Lord told St. Faustina, "I desire that the Feast of Mercy...be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter...The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion (in a state of grace on this day) shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment." For many years, St. Eugene's has offered a special Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday at 3:00 pm. Due to several factors, we are discontinuing this Mass: First, as Pope John Paul noted, all of the Masses offered on this feast day are offered for the Divine Mercy, thus, there is no need for a "special" Mass. Secondly, due to the shortage of priests, it has become increasingly difficult to find priests who, after a long day of offering Masses at their own parishes, can come here to either help hear confessions or offer Mass. It makes for a very long day. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be recited at the Cathedral at 3:00 pm. (Notice per Fr. Fergal's request)

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