

## Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 12, 2018

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever.

— John 6:51

### STRENGTHENED BY THE BREAD OF LIFE

Today we resume the “Bread of Life” discourse from John’s Gospel that began two weeks ago. He makes reference to the Jews’ ancestors who ate manna in the desert. These days we would think primarily of Israel wandering in the desert, but faithful Jews would also have known the story of Elijah that we hear today. Strengthened by food and drink in the desert, the angel of the Lord sends him on his forty-day and forty-night journey (the biblical number for a preparation time). Like the food given to Elijah in the desert, Jesus tells his listeners that he is bread for the life of the world. It is very important that we not stop listening to Jesus after his promise of eternal life—a marvelous promise, but this “reward” is not the only reason we feast on the Bread of Life. We also come to the table to be made strong for the journey of mission, that the whole world might have life in the fullness of Christ. We are compelled, if we have eaten of the bread of life, to go forth in service to all.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Careful readers of the “Treasures” will have noticed that the two columns about the oldest monastic communities in the United States refer to the colonial states. The Louisiana Purchase gained a great treasure for our nation, the Ursuline monastery of New Orleans. Among the greatest pioneers of that city were nuns who came from France on a perilous voyage in 1727, pestered by pirates and tossed by fearsome storms. These were genteel, well-educated Ursulines, yet their first task was to roll up their sleeves and open a hospital to care for the pestilence-ridden colony. Next, they opened a school for girls and launched a plan to educate the women being shipped over from France to marry settlers. In this way, they had enormous influence in molding patterns of family and domestic life.

At Christmastime in 1814, the threat of a British assault on the city was growing. On the terrifying night of January 7, 1815, the women of New Orleans gathered in the monastery chapel to pray that the city be spared from destruction in battle. The mother superior made a vow to have a Mass of Thanksgiving on that date every year should the Americans win. That night, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, to whom the nuns had great devotion, became the protector and patron of this great city. The convent in the French Quarter is the oldest standing building in the Mississippi valley, and the only surviving building of the French colonial period. The nuns relocated in 1824, but their old monastery is preserved as a museum and archives for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The school the nuns began, Ursuline Academy, is the oldest continuously operating Catholic school, and school for women, in the United States.

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27  
Tues: Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wed: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28  
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56  
Thurs: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1  
Fri: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12  
Sat: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15  
Sun: Prv 9:1-6; Ps 34:2-7; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

### Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

## Weekly Offering



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For the month of **August** offerings:

8/5: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$2879. Operating Expenses: \$1524.  
8/12: Capital Expenditures. 8/19: Annual Mission Appeal.

### Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

**Parish Council:** Wed., 9/12/18, at 11AM in Hall

**Finance Council:** Wed., 9/12/18, at 11AM in Hall

**Liturg Committee:** TBA

**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., Aug. 11, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., Aug. 12, 8am Mass ✠ Randy Tonelli

Sun., Aug. 12, 9:30am Mass for the People

Sun., Aug. 12, 11:15am Mass Tom & Brida O'Shea

Mon., Aug. 13, 9am Prayer Service

Tues., Aug. 14, 9am Mass at St. Teresa

**Tues., Aug. 14, 5pm Vigil of Assumption at St. Philip** Margaret Peterson

**Wed., Aug. 15, 9am Assumption Mass at St. Teresa** for the People

**Wed., Aug. 15, 12noon Assumption Mass at St. Philip** Margaret Peterson

Thurs., Aug. 16, NO Mass

Fri., Aug. 17, NO Mass

Sat., Aug. 18, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., Aug. 19, 8am Mass

Sun., Aug. 19, 9:30am Mass ✠ Tom Joyce

Sun., Aug. 19, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus

Tuesday: St. Maximilian Kolbe

Wednesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Stephen of Hungary

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**Prayer Requests:** Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Holly White, Jamie Silva, Lorri McCamen, Sarah, Clifford J., Terri Andrews, Bea, Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Mary Anne Parque, Steve, Sr. Marjorie, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Jim P., Carlos, William, Annie Tobin, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O., Bill Zandoski, Daniel, Sally Tillsbury, Mary Karp, Fr. Logan, Columбина A., Michael Dan, Greg M., Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa Santos, Zeidan family, Papke family, Margaret Peterson, as well as all wildfire victims



**Apple Tree Project:** “Many thanks to the parishioners and visitors from St. Philip’s and St. Teresa’s who contributed backpacks, school supplies, and cash donations to this project. We are able to provide backpacks and needed supplies to 78 children in our food support programs. We truly appreciate your generosity.”

--Peg Duffy, Colette Raya, Marilyn Collins and Diane Merget



Visit our parish website: [www.stphilipsteresa.org](http://www.stphilipsteresa.org)

**"I'm Home Alone"** is a free daily telephone check-in service by volunteers to elders, disabled, and housebound individuals throughout Sonoma County. Registered clients receive a telephone call once a day, Monday through Friday (Saturday, Sunday, and holidays can be arranged), within a four hour time frame. If you would like to register for the program, please see information below. If you are interested in volunteering as a caller, Catholic Charities could use another friendly voice. To register for the program or as a volunteer caller, please call 707-528-8712 ext. 185

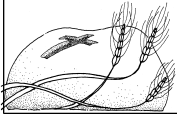
**Flowers for the Altar throughout the Year**

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.

**ANGER'S OFFSPRING**

As long as anger lives, she continues to be the fruitful mother of many unhappy children.

—St. John Climacus



**RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for JULY 2018**

On July 10 we welcomed 100 families representing 179 adults, 34 children and 42 seniors for a total of 255 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.

**Summer months at Rural Food provide an opportunity for students, visiting grandchildren and families to join us for set up and distribution. We welcome the extra help!**

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**

(Please consider joining our ministry to people in need)

Saturday, August 11 from 9-10:00 am repackaging in Parish Hall

Monday, August 13, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall

Tuesday, August 14, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients.

**SHARES ESCRIP UPDATE**

Enroll for free to earn money for our parish. Go to this website, [escrip.com/shares](http://escrip.com/shares) and follow the basic steps to enroll. You only need to input your name, zip code, email, and phone number to enroll. Then select up to 3 charities to receive your shares escrip (each will earn up to 3% per Lucky or FoodMaxx receipt). One charity of course is our own parish: **St Philip Church Group ID # 500043872**

After you've enrolled online, everytime you shop at Lucky's or FoodMaxx, just input your phone number at the checkout when you start to pay for your groceries.

If you need help enrolling, contact Fran at the parish office (874-3812). She can do the process for you with your permission.

**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 tax-deductible donation of \$175. Please contact a restoration committee member for your own limited print: Peg at 707-867-6073 or Bob at 707-875-9148.

**Pope Francis Quote**

*"Try reading the Gospel for at least five minutes every day. You will see how it changes your life."*

**"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.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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**Parish Religious Education Program [CCD]**

Religious Education classes, K-12, start on September 9 so it's time to enroll the children. You can register now by going online to [www.stphilipsteresa.org](http://www.stphilipsteresa.org) or by calling Religious Education Director Ella Rozett at 707-874-3397.



**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary:**

*Holy Day of Obligation Schedule of Masses*

Tues., August 14: 5pm Vigil Mass at St. Philip

Wed., August 15: 9am Mass at St. Teresa

12noon Mass at St. Philip

**Next weekend (Aug. 18-19), Fr. Francis Gayam (formerly Chaplain at Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital) will be coming to our parish to celebrate the Masses and make an appeal for his diocese in India.** Fr. Francis is a priest of the Diocese of Nalgonda in the State of Telangana (not far from Hyderabad) in east-central India. About 1.1% of the 6.5 million people living in the diocese are Catholic. Geographically, the diocese is slightly larger than the Diocese of Santa Rosa and has 65 parishes served by 134 priests, as well as about 400 religious (mostly sisters). Purple envelopes for the collection will be available the weekends before & during Fr. Francis' visit, and we ask you to be as generous as possible for this, our parish's Annual Mission Appeal.