



It is I; do not be afraid.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 13, 2017

Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven.

— Psalm 85:12

NOTHING TO FEAR

A rabbi was asked why God sends trials and troubles into human lives. "Because God gets lonely for his people" was the reply. There is some resonance with this wisdom in today's Gospel, as Jesus makes his disciples get into a boat without him and goes off alone while they venture into stormy waters. Of course, neither Jews nor Christians believe that the Almighty plays this sort of whimsical game with them, but there is some truth in the statement that we don't turn to God for saving help until we're in a bind. Peter's role today, as it is throughout the New Testament, is to be a sign or to represent each member of the church and the whole church. Our story is the tale told about Peter's faith today. What can bolster our faith is that even when Christ calls us to face bravely the tempests of life, if we are walking through them with our eyes fixed on him in faith, we have nothing to fear. Even when we falter or sink, simply crying "Lord, save me!" is enough to help us know the steady grasp of God's hand. Then, sheltered inside the walls of faith, the storms we endure lose their power over us.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Roman Canon, called Eucharistic Prayer I, is probably seldom heard in your parish. Some priests will choose it for at least one of the Masses of Christmas, or the Easter Vigil. Such sparing use of this prayer seems strange, especially since it was the only Eucharistic Prayer in the Latin Rite for many centuries, from as long ago as 500 right up to 1970.

In 1965, the vernacular language was approved for the canon of the Mass. Almost immediately, some experimental texts began to surface in the Netherlands, and priests began to use new Dutch texts without permission. By 1966, Pope Paul VI had set up a committee to consider whether or not it was time to approve such experimentation and extend it to non-Dutch churches. No sooner had the committee been formed than other individuals copied the Dutch by just plunging on ahead. The Dutch bishops had approved the use of the new prayers nationwide in 1968, and Flemish bishops in Belgium quickly agreed. By then, German translations of the Dutch prayers were in wide use, and before long nearly one hundred Eucharistic Prayers, all unapproved, were in circulation in France. The Vatican heard the widespread desire for more variety in Eucharistic Prayer forms, and, with the pope's approval, the process of creating new official prayers began.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
- Tuesday: 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
- Wednesday: Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
- Friday: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
- Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Prayer Requests: Sergio, Gary, Teresa Kooi, Pat Kampmann, Nino S., 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, Fr. Sergott, Mary Anne Parque, Dorothy Komarek Denton, Steve, Sr. Marjorie Krusky, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Sheila & Art Hansen, Dennis Mitchell, Jim Pearson

Finance Corner:

Weekly Offering



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Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **August** offerings:

8/6: 1st Collection: \$2335. Operating Expenses: \$2067.
8/13: Capital Expenditures. 8/15: Assumption.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Thurs., 8/17/17, at 6:30-8:00PM in Hall

Finance Council: Thurs., 9/7/17, at 1:00PM 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., August 12, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
- Sun., August 13, 8am Mass ✠ Joyceda Bode Francis
- Sun., August 13, 9:30am Mass for the People
- Sun., August 13, 11:15am Mass ✠ Jessica Chavez
- Mon., August 14, 9am Mass for the Poor Souls
- Mon., August 14, 5pm Vigil Mass of the Assumption, Occidental
- Tues., August 15, 9am Mass of the Assumption, Bodega
- Tues., August 15, 12noon Mass of the Assumption, Occidental
- Wed., August 16, 9am Mass Anniversary of Tom & Elaine Joyce
- Thurs., August 17, 9am Communion Service
- Fri., August 18, 9am Mass
- Sat., August 19, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
- Sun., August 20, 8am Mass ✠ Raymond Barnhart
- Sun., August 20, 9:30am Mass for the People
- Sun., August 20, 11:15am Mass ✠ Susan Davis

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Monday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
- Tuesday: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Wednesday: St. Stephen of Hungary
- Saturday: St. John Eudes; Blessed Virgin Mary

BIBLE TRUTH

Each person marvels to find in the divine scriptures truths which they themselves have thought out.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

FROLICSOME

Anyone who wishes to frolic with the devil cannot rejoice with Christ.

—St. Peter Chrysologus

WHAT I KNOW

As for me, all I know is that I know nothing.

—Socrates

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for JULY 2017

On July 11 we welcomed 96 families representing 140 adults, 45 children and 31 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.

URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH SET UP.

This year five long-serving volunteers have retired for health reasons. This has particularly impacted us on Mondays in which we set up the facility for Rural Food distribution on the second Tuesday of the month. The tasks of sorting and bagging fresh produce, off-loading pallets of food products that we distribute and setting up the distribution tables are among the tasks. Please contact Rod DeMartini (roddemar@comcast.net) if you need any additional information. Thank You!

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

Saturday, August 5, from 9-10:00 am repackaging -- Parish Hall
Monday, August 7, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall
Tuesday, August 8, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients.

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.

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 restoration committee members for your limited print: Peg at 707-867-6073 or Bob at 707-875-9148.

St Philip and St Teresa CAREGIVING MINISTRY:

Ministering to the sick, elderly and needy of the parish by...

- Visiting, shopping
- Transportation (to support groups, doctor appointments, religious functions, etc)
- Socializing and companionship
- Providing specialized information.

Program is available to people in the area in need of our support. Contact: Dolores Novello (707-874-6072) or the office (707-874-3812)

"Many thanks to our parishioners and to members of Saint Teresa's Guild for their support of the Apple Tree Project.

Due to your generosity, we were able to provide new backpacks and grade-appropriate school supplies to the 66 children in our Rural Food Program, getting them off to a great start for the new school year. Thank you again." -- Diane Schwab-Merget

Pope Francis Tweet

"Hope is a virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness, that doesn't dwell on the past but is able to see a tomorrow."

Holy Day Vigil Mass and Volunteers Reception

This Monday, August 14th, at St. Philip Church, there will be a 5PM Vigil Mass of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, followed by a light dinner at the parish hall to celebrate our volunteers and to meet our new pastor, Fr. Fergal McGuinness.

Mass Intentions: *There is no better way to celebrate life's occasions or memorialize a loved one 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.*

Cemetery News

Our Calvary Cemetery at Bodega was inadvertently left off the recent Volunteer Interest Survey. Please consider becoming a volunteer at this beautiful setting that belongs to our parish. For information, call Art Hansen at 874-3681.

Fr. Loren Allen writes from retirement: *"My appreciation to all who made my going away party a most memorable occasion. Thanks to those whose planning and work made the event possible and a great success. Special thanks to all of you who took time to write notes with memories and well wishes. Please keep me in your prayers as I begin a new chapter in my life."*

Funeral Arrangements for Father Thomas Devereaux

The funeral arrangements for Father Thomas Devereaux, who passed away on August 6, 2017, are as follows:

Vigil Service: Tuesday, August 15 at 4:00 pm at St Rose of Lima Church, 398 Tenth Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Funeral Mass: Wednesday, August 16 at 6:30 pm at St Rose of Lima Church, 398 Tenth Street, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Burial: Thursday, August 17 at Noon at St. Bernard's Cemetery, 3975 Broadway Street, Eureka, CA 95503

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Father Devereaux's sister, Mary, at the following address:

Mrs. Mary Terhune
3930 River Road, Unit #53
East China, MI 48054

Angela Center 535 Angela Drive, SR 707-528-8578

"A Quiet Day Away" Retreat

Hosted by Ruah Bull

Wednesday, August 23

10AM – 3:30PM

Cost: \$35

Lunch, snacks, and a private room provided