

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time August 26, 2018

As for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD.

— Joshua 24:15b

HOUSEHOLDS IN GOD'S SERVICE

In the ancient world, "household" was a wide-reaching concept. When Joshua today speaks of his household serving the Lord, he meant not just those people who lived inside his walls or those related to him by blood or marriage; he meant slaves or servants and their families, and anyone indebted to him in any way. Even his livestock and other possessions would be consecrated to service of God. In our world, we value allowing individuals their freedom to choose how they live, and wouldn't think of offering our pets to the service of God. But, as we discern our vocation as disciples baptized into Christ, we can come to realize how far-ranging the "households" of our lives still are: how we act toward our spouses, children, roommates or anyone we live with; our behavior with neighbors; or in public as we encounter many "strangers" every day in stores or traffic who suddenly are "next door" to us. How can we use our time, our resources, or gifts for selfless reasons rather than personal gain? No matter what life our witness to the Good News calls us to, we all have a "household" that must be consecrated to service of the Lord our God.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the height of vacation season, but as anyone who has ever been to Rome in the summer knows, no time to visit there! The city is sweltering, and in a pre-air-conditioned world long ago, Romans figured out that they needed a break in the surrounding hills. Even the pope clears out. His destination is usually Castelgandolfo, a lovely little hill town southeast of Rome, overlooking a tranquil lake. It has been a papal possession since about 1600, and in 1929, when most of the papal states were finally lost, the papal dwelling was given "extraterritorial rights," meaning that it is an extension of Vatican City and not under Italian rule. The Vatican observatory maintained telescopes here for decades, far from the glare of the city lights of Rome, but although the observatory offices remain here year round, the telescopes are in Arizona. Pope Francis spends less time here than his predecessors, though he still slows down the pace of his work in Rome.

Vacations can help us visit friends and relatives, and revive those human contacts that the pace of our lives keeps us from cultivating. The pope needs a break, and so do you. Vacation comes from a word meaning to empty oneself. There's still time to clear the calendar for at least one golden summer day even if you don't have a personal castle in the hills!

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mk 6:17-29
Thursday:	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday:	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday:	Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15:2-5; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

TRUST

I may trust Jesus too little,
but I can never trust him too much.
—Anonymous

REMINDER: Please do not remove items from the hall without first contacting us for permission, availability, and the necessary sign-out process: 874-3304 or 874-3812

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

Weekly Offering



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For the month of **August/September** offerings:

8/19: 1st Collection: \$1214. Annual Mission Appeal: \$2477.
8/26: Rural Food. 9/2: Operating Expenses.

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

Liturgy Committee: Fri., 10/12/18, 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 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. 25, 5pm Mass † Marcella & Joseph Kiefer

Sun., Aug. 26, 8am Mass † Patricia Kenny

Sun., Aug. 26, 9:30am Mass for the People

Sun., Aug. 26, 11:15am Mass † Jim & Eileen Maguire

Mon., Aug. 27, 9am Mass

Tues., Aug. 28, 9am Mass Emma Wallace

Wed., Aug. 29, 9am Mass Paul Wallace

Thurs., Aug. 30, NO Mass

Fri., Aug. 31, NO Mass

Sat., Sept. 1, 5pm Mass † Brendan Smith

Sun., Sept. 2, 8am Mass † Ed Duffy

Sun., Sept. 2, 9:30am Mass Joyce Special Intention

Sun., Sept. 2, 11:15am Mass † Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

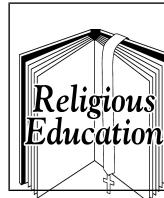
Monday: St. Monica

Tuesday: St. Augustine

Wednesday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday; World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

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., William, Annie Tobin, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally Tillsbury, Mary Karp, Fr. Logan, Columbina A., Michael Dan, Greg M., Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa Santos, Zeidan family, Papke family, Margaret Peterson, Jacob Velazquez



Parish Religious Education Program [CCD]

Religious Education classes, K-12, start on September 9 but there is still time to enroll the children. You can register now by going online to www.stphilipsteresa.org or by calling Religious Education Director Ella Rozett at 707-874-3397.

"The Fraternal Order of St. Michael has recently formed for Catholics within our diocese who serve their communities through law enforcement. This is a profession most often encountered by the public when they are simply upholding and maintaining societal law and order. However, on a daily basis they are directly intervening in the more extreme influences of Satan; the sometimes reprehensible actions of people and subsequent tragic consequences. They meet once a month with a diocesan priest, serving as their spiritual director, to help them don the "Armor of God" as is written in both Old and New Testament. This effort has been approved by His Excellency, Bishop Robert Vasa. Please keep their efforts to reinforce their Catholic identity in your prayer intentions. Law enforcement officers in our parish wanting to more information, or to contact us, can speak with the pastor who can pass on contact information."

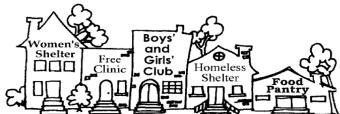
Flowers for the Altar throughout the Year

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.

OCCUPANCY

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that place.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux



RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for AUGUST 2018

On August 14 we welcomed 89 families representing 141 adults, 40 children and 37 seniors for a total of 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.

During the months of September and October many of our regular volunteers are away. Please consider joining our volunteer team!!!!

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

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



Coming soon! Our famous "Ravioli Luncheon with Entertainment" on Sept. 22

POPE FRANCIS QUOTE:
"The Family is where hope is forged."

"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.

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LOST AND FOUND

Please call the office (874-3812) about the following "found" items:

- Glasses, Jackets
- Hat, Watch

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?"
Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." Jn 6:67-69

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