

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 5, 2018**

Do not work for food that perishes
but for the food that endures
for eternal life.

— John 6:27a

GOD'S WORK

We are so busy! Most of us have more than one job to do, and we never seem to have enough time. We are workers, volunteers, parents, friends, and most of us are more than one thing at a time. But which of these is the work of God?

We seldom view our ordinary work as being the work of God. We may think that we have to be ministers or priests, missionaries or charity workers, engaged full-time in works formally identified as being "God's work." But everything we do with a faithful heart and with love for others is God's work. We each have our own role to fill in the world, and many gifts are necessary. We cannot always see the direct connection of our daily work to the plan of God. But we trust and we believe that God leads us to do what is needed, where it is needed. What is "God's work?" "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent" (John 6:29).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In 1794, a young Irishwoman befriended two widows aboard ship while emigrating to America. They bought a house in Philadelphia and began to live a community life under the direction of a priest. Soon they relocated to Washington. There, the "pious ladies," as the neighbors called them, were asked by their priest friend, by then the president of Georgetown University, to begin a religious community. In 1799 they established a branch of the Visitation Order founded by Saint Jane de Chantal and Saint Francis de Sales in the 1620s.

The unique vision of this order followed a sensible routine, less arduous and more flexible than most traditions, and also accepted widows and older women. Amazingly, this American outpost of the Visitation began without reference to the "rule" of the Order. Most of the European convents had been lost under the "reign of terror," and the rules and customs of the community could not be obtained. A copy of the rule was discovered in 1812, and in 1816 the pope officially established the monastery. By then, some French nuns had regrouped, and they sent a habit and cross to be copied. (No religious wore the habit in public in the United States until after the Civil War.) From the beginning, the Georgetown nuns had an educational mission, even though they discovered in the "rule" that such work was officially off-limits for the contemplative life. In America, the nuns depended on a school for their livelihood, so the rule was adapted. Today, the Academy of the Visitation is a thriving example of excellence in Catholic education, and the adjacent monastery is the oldest monastic foundation in the original thirteen United States.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Mk 9:2-10
Tuesday: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Friday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Saturday: Hb 1:12 — 2:4; Ps 9:8-13; Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8; Ps 34:2-9; Eph 4:30 — 5:2; Jn 6:41-51

Prayer Requests: Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Holly White, Jamie Silva, Lorri McCamen, Sarah, Clifford J., Terri Andrews, Bea, Marilyn V., Fred Pisani, Theresa S., 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, Columbina A., Michael Dan, Greg M., Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa Santos, Zeidan family, Papke family



Weekly Offering



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Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

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

7/29: 1st Collection: \$2180. Rural Food: \$2075.

8/5: Operating Expenses. 8/12: Capital Expenditures.

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., 8/10/18, 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., Aug. 4, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., Aug. 5, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., Aug. 5, 9:30am Mass

Sun., Aug. 5, 11:15am Mass ✠ Deborah Judith Marcellus

Mon., Aug. 6, 9am Prayer Service

Tues., Aug. 7, 9am Mass Tony & Mary Wallace

Wed., Aug. 8, 9am Mass

Thurs., Aug. 9, 9am Mass

Fri., Aug. 10, 9am Mass

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Transfiguration of the Lord

Tuesday: St. Sixtus II and Companions; St. Cajetan

Wednesday: St. Dominic

Thursday: St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross

Friday: St. Lawrence

Saturday: St. Clare

"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.

NO HARSHNESS

Fight all error, but do it with good humor, patience, kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause.

—St. John Kanty

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 -- 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 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

“Before helping others, we need to have a personal encounter with God: we need time to pray and to listen to His Word.”

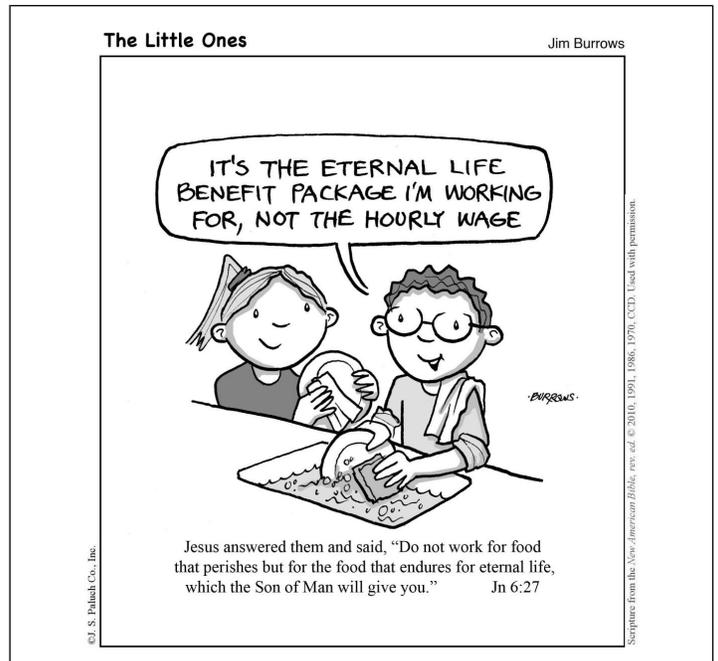
Tables, chairs, or any other church property request:

If you need to use our hall tables, chairs, etc., please contact Hal (874-3304) or the parish office to find out the availability so we can try to accommodate and process your request. Items must be returned promptly. Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

SAVE THE DATES!

Celebration of Parish Volunteers – Aug. 14
St. Teresa Guild Pancake Breakfast – Sept. 2
Ravioli Luncheon – Sept. 22
Parish Picnic – Oct. 7

“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.



Our great senior lunch program serves meals on Mondays and Wednesdays to a group of fun and dedicated diners in St Philip Hall at 12noon. We are extending an invitation to all seniors to attend any time you would like to come. Menu available in the office and online.

“Consider joining a peaceful gathering commemorating Hiroshima and Nagasaki-- a march for Nuclear Abolition and Global Survival. Monday, August 6, 2018 at 8am at the Livermore Lab: Vasco Rd. and Patterson Pass Rd., Livermore.” More info: Kathleen 707-331-5718 or Tri-Valley CARES.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Holy Day of Obligation Schedule of Masses

August 14: 5pm Vigil Mass at St. Philip

August 15: 9am Mass at St. Teresa

12noon Mass at St. Philip

On the weekend of 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). Envelopes for the collection will be available the weekend before Fr. Francis' visit and we ask you to be as generous as possible for this, our parish's Annual Mission Appeal.