



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 7, 2022

Our soul waits for the LORD,
who is our help and our
shield.

— *Psalms 33:20*

FAITH

Our readings today explore how faith begins and how faith works. Faith begins with God's initiative of love, together with God's promise about the future. The passage from Hebrews urges readers to have an assured confidence in God, who promised and delivered a lasting legacy to Abraham. The book of Wisdom reminds readers of the God who promised and delivered freedom from slavery during the Exodus. In the Gospel passage from Luke, Jesus begins with the promise that "your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom," before describing how to live faithfully during times when God seems absent. God's promises mean that God is fully invested in our future. Living in these promises, we can confidently let go of fear and insecurity. We can anticipate that when God intervenes in our lives, it will be for our benefit. And we can become God's partners in fulfilling these divine promises. -- © J. S. Paluch Co.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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Almighty ever-living God,
whom, taught by the Holy Spirit,
we dare to call our Father,
bring, we pray, to perfection in our hearts
the spirit of adoption as your sons and daughters,
that we may merit to enter into the inheritance
which you have promised.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

What does it mean to be an adopted son or daughter of the Father?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: Ez 2:8 -3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-14
Wednesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday: Jer 38:4-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

BAD MEMORY

The recollection of an injury is . . . a rusty arrow and
poison for the soul. —*St. Francis of Paola*

Finance Corner: Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of July offerings: PLEASE put in Mass collection basket or mail to St. Philip/St. Teresa Parish, P. O. Box 339, Occidental CA 95465. Or donate at our website www.stphilipstteresa.org via Paypal or card. Please include your offering envelope # [if you have one].

7/24-31: summary provided soon. 8/07: BLK & INDIAN MISSIONS.



Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council [PC]: TBA

Finance Council [FC]: TBA

Liturgy Committee [LC]: TBA

St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044

St. Philip Ladies Guild: Every 3rd Friday. Details 874-3812

✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule 2022

8/06 Sat. 5pm Mass for 60th anniversary of
Gene and Pat Gallagher
8/07 Sun. 8am Mass
8/07 Sun. 9:30am Mass
8/07 Sun. 11:15am Mass for the People
8/09 Tues. 9am Mass ✠ Emmett Smith
8/10 Wed. 9am Mass for James Geving
8/13 Sat. 5pm Mass
8/14 Sun. 8am Mass
8/14 Sun. 9:30am Mass for the People
8/14 Sun. 11:15am Mass

Prayer Requests: Please leave a message at 707-408-2650.

Gary S., Peter R., Gerry N., Diane K., River M.; Nikkie; Mr. C., Michelle, Christian A., Peter B., Samantha S., Gary E., Frederick K., John Geving, Donna L., James Geving, Lawrence Steiner

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE JULY 2022

On Tuesday, July 12, our very efficient volunteers welcomed 68 families, with lots of smiles as well as a wide variety of fresh produce, proteins, commodities, fresh milk which they prepared on Saturday and Monday. This is the largest group of clients we have welcomed this year.

We saw a significant increase in the number of clients who chose to return to shopping inside our hall rather than drive through so, we are considering using reusable cloth bags to reduce our cost for paper bags. More details in future bulletins. If you have extra reusable bags you are not reusing, please drop them off at the parish hall.

In the interim, please save your clean egg cartons and handled paper bags for donation to our program by dropping them off at the parish hall. We thank you in advance.

Our program is open to all who are in need. If you are aware of a family which needs nutritional assistance, please let them know about our program. Leave a message at the parish office, (707) 408-2650 to get a call back with additional information and to answer your questions.

This program is funded through monthly Rural Food Collection, private donations and the dedicated, awesome volunteers. Thank you for your generous donations as we strive to meet the nutritional needs of all attendees at our food distributions.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in the Parish Hall and parking area: Saturday, Aug 6, 9am-10:00am repackaging; Monday, August 8, 9am-11:00am set-up;; and Tuesday, August 9, 7:30am - 11:00am to distribute food to clients.

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reflection by [Fr. Hoisington](#)

“Much will be required of the person entrusted with much-”

When Jesus says these words about us, two questions immediately arise. First, what has Jesus entrusted us with? Second, what therefore will be required of us?

Each of us, naturally, has been given the gift of life. You’ve probably seen the bumper sticker that says, “Smile: your mom chose life!” In our day and age, this is not a gift that we ought to take for granted. Still, when we thank God each day for the gift of life, what exactly are we giving thanks for?



Human nature has two parts to it: body and soul. Like the simpler types of animals, we have bodies that are subject on the one hand to hunger and physical pain, and on the other hand to the pleasures of good meals and the process of physical healing.

However, unlike the lower animals, we humans can find meaning even in bodily suffering and pain. Yet we can discover this meaning only through our souls. The human soul is the means through which we can, if we choose, rise above being merely an animal. ***“Much will be required of the person entrusted with much”*** God has entrusted each of us with a human soul, and that’s not a gift to be underestimated.

“In the beginning”, “God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness” In those words, we hear how much God has entrusted us with in giving each of us a human soul. The human soul is given to a person at the moment of his or her conception: that moment when the human body starts to exist from the gifts given by the father and the mother. But while the human body comes from a child’s parents, the human soul comes directly from God at that moment of conception. So what about that soul: what kind of gift is it that God gave each of us at the moment of conception?

If there’s a single word that sums up the power, the meaning, and the aim of the human soul, it’s the word “transcendence”. The human soul allows man to transcend himself. There’s nothing more boring, numbing, and deadly than to live for oneself. Unfortunately, the message of the world around us is to do just that: to live for oneself. But Christ calls us to live for others. The powers of the human soul, when animated by God’s grace, allow us to live for others and to rejoice in doing so. In doing so, we imitate the self-sacrificial love of the three Persons of the Trinity for each other.

Here, then, is what God requires of us: to transcend ourselves by living for others, both the others who are our neighbors, and the Other who is God. Living for others means loving those others. This is a high bar, of course, that God has set for us. Everything

that’s sinful in us inclines us to live for ourselves, because living for ourselves is so much more comfortable. But God did not make us for comfort. If you doubt that, look at the crucifix. As a saint once said, “The crucifix is the true answer to every heresy.”

The fathers of the Church at the Second Vatican Council declared that “it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of man truly becomes clear” [Gaudium et Spes 22]. This divine Word became flesh and blood so that He might offer His self—His divinity and humanity—upon the Cross.

You see this when you gaze upon the crucifix. If you want to know what it means to be human; if you want to know what man is meant for; if you want to know the antidote to human misery, selfishness, and frustration with the meaningless of living the good life of comfort: look at the crucifix.

The soul is a vessel of grace. Grace is the power of God’s life that makes us strong enough to clear that very high bar that God has set for us: the bar of living for others instead of for ourselves. ***“Much will be required of the person entrusted with much”*** God has entrusted each of us with soul and body in order to offer them up each day for others. The crucifix shows us how. The Eucharist gives us the strength to do so.

Cemetery Memo: A visitor wrote “Good morning Art, I was out at the cemetery yesterday at my Mom’s site and I was so happy to see the cemetery looking so beautiful. You and your staff do such an amazing job. My humble thanks to you and your staff; be well and keep up all the good work...”

Women of St. Philip & St. Teresa:

SAVE THIS DATE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022

The joint women’s guilds will have a morning of reflection with Fr. Christopher LaRocca.

9am Mass at St. Philip Church followed by discussion and reflection in St. Philip Hall.

Morning tea/coffee and snacks will be provided. Bring your own lunch if you wish to continue the discussions over lunch.

This is a good opportunity for women to grow deeper in their faith and friendship with one another. Contact Antoinette

Dwan at 707/874-1501 with any questions.



[For August 2022, we join the Holy Father in praying for: Small businesses](#)

Join us in prayer for the intentions entrusted to us by Pope Francis.

For August 2022, we join the Holy Father in praying for: **Small businesses**

- *We pray for small and medium sized businesses; in the midst of economic and social crisis, may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.*

Click the video above to watch a short message from the Pope:

“As a consequence of the pandemic and the wars, the world is facing a grave socio-economic crisis. We still don’t realize it! And among those most affected are small and medium-sized businesses. Stores, workshops, cleaning businesses, transportation businesses, and so many others. The ones that don’t appear on the world’s richest and most powerful lists, and despite the difficulties, they create jobs, fulfilling their social responsibility. The ones that invest in the common good instead of hiding their money in tax havens. They all dedicate an immense creative capacity to changing things from the bottom up, from where the best creativity always comes from. With courage, with effort, with sacrifice, they invest in life, creating wellbeing, opportunities, and work. Let us pray for small and medium-sized businesses, hard hit by the economic and social crisis, so they may find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.”

Daily Offering Prayer

God, our Father, I offer You my day. I offer You my prayers, thoughts, words, actions, joys, and sufferings in union with the Heart of Jesus, who continues to offer Himself in the Eucharist for the salvation of the world. May the Holy Spirit, Who guided Jesus, be my guide and my strength today so that I may witness to your love. With Mary, the mother of our Lord and the Church, I pray for all Apostles of Prayer and for the prayer intentions proposed by the Holy Father this month. Amen.

Traditional Daily Offering of the Apostleship of Prayer

O Jesus, through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer You my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of Your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.

The Apostles of Prayer offer themselves to God each day for the good of the world, the Church, one another, and the Holy Father’s intentions.

Thank you for praying with us!

In a tradition that is centuries old, the Apostleship of Prayer publishes the pope’s monthly prayer intentions. To become a member of the Apostleship of Prayer, you need only to offer yourself to God for his purposes each day. When you give God all the “prayers, works, joys and sufferings” of your day, you turn your entire day into a prayer for others. You are joining your will to God’s will. If you feel called to this simple, profound way of life, find out more at link: [Apostleship of Prayer](#).

Click [here](#) to look back on Pope Francis' past prayer intentions on the Salt + Light Media Blog.

