



**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 11, 2018**

Whether you eat or drink, or
whatever you do, do everything for
the glory of God.

— 1 Corinthians 10:31

GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secret-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well.

Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20- 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

A BOOK TO READ

There is a great difference between the eager person who wants to read a book and the tired person who wants a book to read.

—G. K. Chesterton

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **February** offerings:

2/4: 1st Collection: \$2701. Operating Expenses: \$1670.
2/11: No 2nd collection. 2/18: Capital Expenditures.



Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Tues., 3/20/18, at 12Noon in Hall
Finance Council: Mon., 2/26/18, at 11:00AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: Fri., 3/23/18, 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., Feb. 10, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., Feb. 11, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., Feb. 11, 9:30am Mass

Sun., Feb. 11, 11:15am Mass Dave Freitas

Mon., Feb. 12, 9am Mass ✠ Joe & Emily Palmer

Tues., Feb. 13, 9am Mass

Wed., Feb. 14, 9am Mass & Ashes [Occidental] ✠ Tina Bartolo

Wed., Feb. 14, 12noon Mass & Ashes [Bodega]

Wed., Feb. 14, 5pm Mass & Ashes [Occidental]

Thurs., Feb. 15, 9am Mass

Fri., Feb. 16, 9am Communion Service

Sat., Feb. 17, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., Feb. 18, 8am Mass ✠ Jack & Janet Young

Sun., Feb. 18, 9:30am Mass for the People

Sun., Feb. 18, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; World Day of the Sick

Monday: Lincoln's Birthday

Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Valentine's Day; Fast & Abstinence

Friday: Abstinence; Chinese New Year 4716

Saturday: The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order

Prayer Requests: 874-3812 (Names cycled out periodically.) Teresa Kooi, Pat Kampmann, 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, Mary Anne Parque, Dorothy Komarek Denton, Steve, Sr. Marjorie, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Jim Pearson, Ronald Porter, Annie Tobin, William, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O'Donnell, Bill Zandoski, Papke family, Mary Karp, Randy Tonelli, Daniel



Please be mindful of others during the cold/flu season. If you are sick, please refrain from holding hands during the Our Father/kiss of peace and from receiving the CUP during communion. You are welcome to receive communion. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Get well soon!

Training for Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

All Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors for both churches are asked to mark their calendars for training sessions in the New Year. The session for Eucharistic Ministers will be on Saturday, February 10, from 10am to Noon at St. Teresa's. The session for Lectors will be on Saturday, February 24, from 10am to Noon at St. Philip's. The sessions will be for current ministers and those who would be interested in joining these ministries. If you are interested in joining one of these ministries in our parish, especially if you were involved in another parish, please contact Father Fergal by email at fmcguinness@srdiocese.org.



RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for JANUARY 2018

On January 9th we welcomed 84 families representing 112 adults,

28 children and 23 seniors for a total of 163 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.

In January and February, Rural Food clients will be invited to participate in a survey regarding our service and the groceries and produce that we provide each month. This will enable us to continue to make improvements in this vital ministry as our parish enters a fourth decade of service in the Rural Food Program.

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, February 10, from 9-10:00 am repackaging – Parish Hall
Monday, February 12, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall
Tuesday, February 13, 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 will 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 restoration committee members for your own limited print: Peg 707-867-6073 or Bob 707-875-9148.



Our lovely senior lunch program serves meals on Mondays & Wednesdays to a group of fun and dedicated diners in St Philip Hall at noon. We are extending an invitation to all seniors to attend any time you would like to join us.

Anointing of the Sick:

St. Teresa's after 9am Mass on Thursday 3/1/18

Penance Services with Individual Confessions:

St. Philip's on Wednesday 3/14/18 at 7pm
St. Teresa's on Thursday 3/15/18 at 9:30am

"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. Call or come by the office to arrange this. A customary donation of \$10 is appreciated.



Feb. 14 (Fast & Abstinence)

9am Mass & Ashes at St. Philip

12noon Mass & Ashes at St. Teresa

5pm Mass & Ashes at St. Philip

For those who wish, following the 5pm Mass there will be a supper at the Union Hotel: meatless pasta, salad and bread (\$20 includes tax & gratuity; just bring a \$20 bill).

A Lenten Discussion of the Book of Acts:

Pat Griffith will conduct a Discussion of the Book of Acts during Lent. Acts is more than just a story of the early Church following the Ascension of Jesus. It gives us insight into the growth pains of the Church as it transitions from a small Jewish-Christian community in Jerusalem to a universal Church extending to the gentiles through Paul's ministry, showing how God creates change through the Holy Spirit. The Discussion will be held in the Parish Hall from 10:00Am to 11:30AM on the following dates: Tues. 2/20, Fri. 2/23, Fri. 3/2, Fri. 3/9, Tues. 3/20, Fri. 3/23, and Tues. 3/27. Please text your registration to Pat at 707-477-2971 or email Patrick@fairhill.com. Please prepare by reading the first two chapters of Acts prior to the first meeting.



Parish Notes: *The Endowment Account with Christian Brothers Financial Services of San Francisco for the benefit of our parish of St. Philip/St Teresa provides a financial resource for this parish that will last forever.* Contact Fr. Fergal McGuinness to discuss further: fmcguinness@srdiocese.org

Pope Francis Tweet

“One who is aware of his own wretchedness and lowers his gaze with humility feels God's merciful gaze set upon him.”

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)

Looking for a special gift in honor or in memory of a loved one? The Rural Food program has a beautifully designed card that is sent to the recipient indicating that you made a gift to the program. The cards are available on pamphlet tables at both St. Philip & St. Teresa Churches or by contacting Rod DeMartini, Program Coordinator, at roddemar@comcast.net.