

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 3, 2019

Faith, hope, and love remain,
these three;
but the greatest of these is love.

— 1 Corinthians 13:13

AN ONGOING MISSION

In his hometown synagogue, Jesus' neighbors are amazed by his words. Nevertheless, they remind each other, "Is this not Joseph's son?"

Surely the people know who he is. The carpenter's son. The young man who had learned in this very synagogue. The boy down the street.

Conflict arises as Jesus begins to define himself in a new way. When he compares himself to the ancient prophets Elijah and Elisha the tensions grow. The tensions multiply when Jesus begins to tell of a new mission for God's people: the good news of the scriptures is intended for all.

In his famous passage from the First Letter to the Corinthians, St. Paul reminds us of the eternal nature of love. Love does not come to an end. In today's readings, we are reminded that, like love, Jesus' mission cannot be contained. Jesus slips through the crowd of persecutors and moves on to new challenges. We are called to this same perseverance in the name of love.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The song of the angels, "Holy, Holy, Holy," resounds from our lips at every Mass. There was a widespread belief in the first religions of the world that God stirred creation into being by a word, a song, a musical note. Music and a sense of God's presence have always been inseparable. In the liturgy, your voice is invited into this song as the priest names the reasons for our praise. "Heaven and earth are full of your glory," and we are not passive onlookers, but participants in this glory. Catholic prayer no longer assigns this angelic hymn to a choir, but gives it to you to sing. Even if your voice is thought to be suitable only for a well-insulated shower stall, you are called into this song.

We are born to sing—just listen to a baby testing the full range of newly-discovered vocal abilities. Soon we get shushed and hushed into quiet, and given lots of messages that our voices are unwanted, and that we need to raise our hands in order to be heard. All of that is overturned in liturgy, the place where God waits to hear us come alive in the song of all creation. In heaven, everyone's in the choir; why not start practicing now?

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 11:32-40; Ps 31:20-24; Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4; Ps 22:26b-28, 30-32; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Ps 48:2-4, 9-11; Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8; Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Ps 23:1-6; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8; Ps 138:1-5, 7-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 [3-8, 11]; Lk 5:1-11

PLANNING

If you are planning for a year, sow rice.
If you are planning for a decade, plant trees.
If you are planning for a lifetime, educate a person.

—Chinese Proverb



Social Ministry



Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **January/February** offerings:

1/27: 1st Collection: \$1471. Rural Food: \$1489.
2/3: Operating Expenses. 2/10: No 2nd collection.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Wed., 3/20/19, at 10AM in Hall

Finance Council: Wed., 2/13/19, at 11AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: Fri., 2/22/19, 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., Feb.2, 5pm Mass for the healing & support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse

Sun., Feb. 3, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., Feb. 3, 9:30am Mass ✠ Dennis Toscano

Sun., Feb. 3, 11:15am Mass Kraig Tamborini & loved ones

Mon., Feb. 4, 9am Prayer Service

Tues., Feb. 5, 9am Mass the Zeller family

Wed., Feb. 6, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

Thurs., Feb. 7, 9am Mass the Windler family

Fri., Feb. 8, 9am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

Sat., Feb.9, 5pm Mass for the People

Sun., Feb. 10, 8am Mass for the conversion and just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse

Sun., Feb. 10, 9:30am Mass

Sun., Feb. 10, 11:15am Mass ✠ Ashley Praplan

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Agatha

Wednesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions

Friday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer & Awareness against Human Trafficking

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer Requests: 874-3812 to add/remove names...

Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Jamie S., Lorri McC., Sarah, Clifford J., Terri A., Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Mary Anne P., Sr. Marjorie, Barbara, Fr. Logan, Dave Creeth, Jim P., William, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Mary K., Columbina A., Michael Dan, Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa S., Susan B., Zeidan family, Joyce Doughty, Pineda family, David Bettencourt, Lorrin Kroska

Pope Francis Quote

"...I have thought a lot about the Venezuelan people, to whom I feel particularly united in these days. In the face of the serious ongoing situation, I ask you to pray that a just and peaceful solution may be reached."

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for January 2019



On January 8 we welcomed 84 families representing 118 adults, 22 children and 32 seniors for a total of 150 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.

Without the incredible dedication and hard work of our volunteers and the generosity of our parish community and other donors we could not carry on this vital ministry. In addition, those who serve the Rural Food program come from St. Philip and St. Teresa and our four Eucharistic communities. Please pray that our ministry continues to flourish to serve our sisters and brothers in need.

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 9, from 9-10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall

Monday, February 11, from 12:30-2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 12, from 8:30-11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients.

We need more volunteers on Tuesday to help our clients and their loaded grocery carts to their vehicles. Also, if you are interested in helping "behind the scenes" on days other than set up and food distribution days please let us know. Thank you.

CELEBRATE 2019

Thank you to all who donated to, purchased tickets for, attended and supported our CELEBRATE 2019 event.

We had a sold out event for the seventh straight year. The Union Hotel again served a delicious dinner which all of the 150+ attendees enjoyed.

Our change to a raffle format received lots of positive comments while offering over 35 unique opportunities to win.

To the Gonnella family we offer much gratitude for their very generous donation of the Union Hotel ballroom and dining room, the delicious dinner, and efficient wait staff for the evening event.

A very special thank you to the CELEBRATE planning committee, volunteers who sold raffle tickets, helped set up, clean up and helped with last minute details. When the financial results are available it will be announced in the bulletin.

Featured Parish Bulletin Advertiser

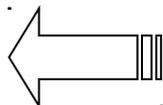
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Pet Food & Chicken Feed

4411 Gravenstein Hwy. N., Sebastopol

Monday-Saturday 10AM-6PM

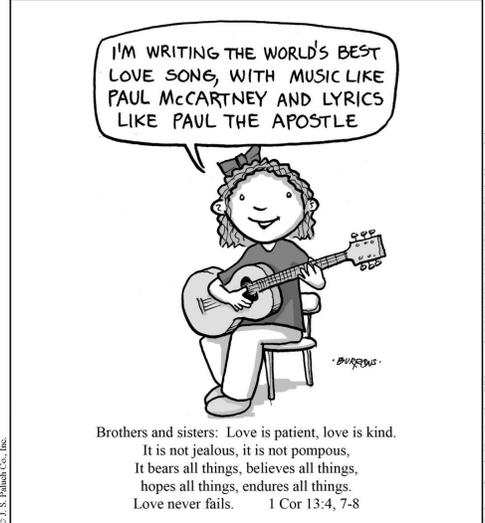
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Flowers for the Altar during the Year are a spiritual investment for a loved one, to celebrate any occasion, or just to express gratitude for your blessings. Flowers are also a gift to all of us as we enter and see the glorious display around the altar and experience the liturgy framed by such exquisite beauty. We appreciate your donations! To contribute for St. Philip Church flowers, please call 874-6072.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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 707-867-6073 or Bob 707-875-9148.

St. Francis Retreat

www.stfrancisretreat.com

A ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Province of Santa Barbara, located in historic San Juan Bautista, California, provides a peaceful and contemplative environment conducive for renewal of mind, body, and soul.

In the Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, the Center's staff commits itself to stewardship of the earth by honoring and preserving the Center's natural surroundings while extending hospitality and spiritual support to peoples of all faiths.

Considering a private retreat? Did you know that we have three cottages set aside for individuals and couples to use for private retreats? Each has a fully furnished kitchen if you choose to do your own cooking. Two have two bedrooms and one is just a single. If our kitchen is open, meals can be purchased. Fr. Paul and Fr. Ken are both available for private conferences & spiritual direction. Call 831-623-4234 to check availability.

We are located at:
549 Mission Vineyard Road, San Juan Bautista, CA 95045