



**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 4, 2018**

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars and calls each by name.

— Psalm 147:4

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TIRELESS DISCIPLESHIP

The stories we've been hearing these weeks come from the very first chapter of Mark, and they show us the public ministry of Jesus in its infancy. Today's account shows some of the strain or adjustment of his new life of preaching the reign of God, healing the sick, and casting out demons. Notice that after sunset, when darkness ended the workday, people brought the sick and possessed to Jesus. The following day he rose before dawn to get away by himself to pray, but to no avail. Simon Peter and the others don't just look for him, they pursue him, filled with the fervor that his ministry has incited. With the self-sacrificing example he gave until the end of his earthly life, he tells his followers that this is his whole purpose. Through Mark, he is also telling the early church, and he is telling us, that this is our purpose, our vocation: to be tireless in our pursuit of proclaiming the Good News, and in bringing the healing, reconciling touch of Christ to the world.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We're reading St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians these days. What was Corinth like? It had a beautiful setting on an isthmus, about fifty miles from Athens. The location makes for very easy exchange by sea routes between Greece and Italy, a factor in its economic success even today. In Paul's day it was a cosmopolitan and wealthy city with inhabitants drawn from all over the world, including a sizeable Jewish community. When Paul arrived about the year 50, the city was only about a century old, but already five times the size of Athens. Paul lived in Corinth for a year and a half, and a few years later came back for three months. The community of Christians there struggled against the influence of a very secular and self-indulgent society that was blind to the plight of the poor. Pagan attitudes afflicted the community, which had a way of breaking Paul's heart; he wrote to them sometimes "with many tears" (2 Corinthians 2:4).

Today, Corinth is a small industrial city. Its historic core has been destroyed by a series of earthquakes over the centuries, and what little remained was totally obliterated in a war with Turkey in the 1820s. There's a core city with glamorous shops to catch the tourists, but it is mainly a cargo port, with piles of marble, tiles, and minerals everywhere, a huge oil refinery nearby, a busy canal, a modern fast rail line to Athens, and a meeting point of major highways. Today, the remains of the Temple of Apollo and the marketplace are more ruined than most such sites. The glory of the city Paul knew well has faded, but the relevance of his words shines through the centuries.

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Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23
 Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30
 Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 -11:1; Mk 1:40-45

HINDSIGHT

God's presence is not discerned at the time when it is upon us, but afterwards, when we look back.

—John Henry Newman

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

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

1/28: 1st Collection: \$1880. Rural Food: \$1450.
 2/4: Operating Expenses. 2/11: No 2nd collection.



Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Tues., 3/20/18, at 10:00 AM in Hal
Finance Council: Mon., 2/26/18, at 11:00 AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: Fri., 3/23/18, at 9:30 AM in Hall

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

St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Susan, 829-1189

Every Friday, Centering Prayer: 9:30 AM at St Philip

Coffee & Goodies: Following 8 AM Sunday Mass and Monday/Wednesday after 9 AM Mass, at St Philip Hall

Mondays & Wednesdays-Seniors Lunch at 12noon:

All seniors welcome! (No lunch Monday before 2nd Tuesday of month)



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Sat., Feb. 3, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
 Sun., Feb. 4, 8am Mass
 Sun., Feb. 4, 9:30am Mass for the People
 Sun., Feb. 4, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
 Mon., Feb. 5, 9am Mass
 Tues., Feb. 6, 9am Mass
 Wed., Feb. 7, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
 Thurs., Feb. 8, 9am Mass
 Fri., Feb. 9, 9am Communion Service
 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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life;
 Monday: St. Agatha
 Tuesday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
 Thursday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking
 Saturday: St. Scholastica

Prayer Requests: 874-3812. 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

Catholic Charities TOUR DATES

Join us for a tour of programs, meet some of the people we serve, and learn about all the ways Catholic Charities serves our diocese.

Tours last only an hour... the experience lasts a lifetime.

Please call 707-528-8712 x161 to reserve your spot.

Tours are held at the Family Support Center, SR

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.

LOST AND FOUND

Please call the office at 874-3812 about the following "found" items:
Glasses (readers and sunglasses)
Jackets

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 Dolores at 874-6072.



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!

Ash Wednesday, February 14 (Fast and 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

"Goodness, together with love, justice, and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day."



Tables, chairs, or any other church property request: If you wish to borrow any of our hall tables, chairs, etc., please first contact Hal at 874-3304 or the parish office to find out the availability so we can try to accommodate & process your request. Items must be returned promptly. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Your attention, please: St. Philip Church is looking for a new head gardener to work with a small crew of volunteers just once a month on the grounds of the church and hall. If you are interested, please call Jim at 874-9326.

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.