

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 6, 2022**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth.

— Psalm 138:1

THEOPHANIES

Today's readings recount three theophanies, or particular manifestations of God's presence. The prophet Isaiah is caught up in a dramatic scene of heavenly worship, with a royal throne, burning embers, and seraphim singing, "Holy, holy, holy." Isaiah is overwhelmed. In the responsorial psalm, the assembly adds its own worship to that of the seraphim: "In the sight of the angels, I will sing your praises, Lord" (Psalm 138:1).

Paul reminds the Corinthians of his own experience of a post-Resurrection appearance of the Lord, making him an apostle, but one "born abnormally" (1 Corinthians 15:8), since he had no acquaintance with the earthly Jesus. The first of those who did know the earthly Jesus were surprised by fishing advice from the teacher who had commandeered Simon's boat, resulting in an extraordinary catch. Although less colorful than those of Isaiah or Paul, this theophany was just as overwhelming.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unflinching care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. 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:

How can I come to rely more on heavenly grace?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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 81:10-15; Mk 7:31-37
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10
 Sunday: Jer 17:5-8; Ps 138: 1-8; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Scouting Sunday
 Tuesday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking
 Thursday: St. Scholastica
 Friday: Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick; National Shut-in Visitation Day

Finance Corner: Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **January** offerings: PLEASE put in Mass collection box 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] with your donation. Bless you! 1/30:: 1st coll: \$1493. 2nd coll: \$2553. 2/6: Operating Expenses. 2/13: no 2nd collection.



Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council [PC]: TBA
Finance Council [FC]: Tues. 3/01/22, at 3:30pm on Zoom
Liturgy Committee [LC]: TBA
St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044
St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Penny, 559-367-7403

✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule 2022

2/05 Sat. 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
 2/06 Sun. 8am Mass ✠ Jerry Loizzo
 2/06 Sun. 9:30am Mass Joan Zeller
 2/06 Sun. 11:15am Mass for the People
 2/12 Sat. 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
 2/13 Sun. 8am Mass ✠ Denis & Josephine Poynter
 2/13 Sun. 9:30am Mass ✠ Cooky McHugh
 2/13 Sun. 11:15am Mass for the People

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

Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Lorri McC., Sarah, Clifford J., Terri A., Fred P., Theresa S., Sara, Mary Anne P., Barbara, Dave C., Jim P., William, Parson P., Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Michael D., Richard M., Kathleen, Peter, Rosa S., Susan B., Joyce D., Anita C., George H., Mimi H., Steve, Barry, Hugh P., Robert S., Britney N., Chuck, Rebecca A., April K., Jacinta G., Leo A., Ed C. family, Kathy R., Donna W., Sherry S., Gail F., Marie N., Christine, James G., Gary S., Peter R., Gerry N., Diane K., River M.; Nikkie; Mr. C., Michelle, Christian A., Samantha S., Gary E.

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for January 2022

On sunny Tuesday, January 11, 64 families (135 individuals) braved the very cold weather and received nutritional support during our distribution at the St Philips Parking lot and parish hall. We have opened the hall to in person shopping for clients who follow COVID guidelines while inside. This allows our clients to choose their own food items while getting out of the cold weather and reconnecting with our volunteers. We had many new clients for both our general distribution and our Senior Box program.

After our distribution was completed, many of our dedicated volunteers stayed on and helped to clear food and other items from the hall in preparation for fumigation later this month.

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, February 5, 9-10:00 am repackaging; Monday, February 7, 9:00 – 11:00am set up and Tuesday, February 8, 7:30a – 11:00a to distribute food to clients.

Welcome



**FACE COVERINGS
REQUIRED.
THANK YOU!**

Health Advisory:

Out of mutual kindness and respect for the law, please wear a mask and keep social distance when in our churches and hall. Thank you.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for February 2022

Join us in prayer for the intentions entrusted to us by Pope Francis. For February '22, we join the Holy Father praying for:

Religious sisters and consecrated women

- *We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.*

[Click the video](#) above to watch a short message from Pope Francis:

This month, we will pray in a special way for religious sisters and consecrated women. What would the Church be without religious sisters and consecrated laywomen? The Church cannot be understood without them. I encourage all consecrated women to discern and choose what is best for their mission in the face of the world's challenges that we're experiencing. I exhort them to keep working and to have an impact with the poor, with the marginalized, with all those who are enslaved by traffickers; I especially ask them to make an impact on this. And let us pray that they may show the beauty of God's love and compassion as catechists, theologians, and spiritual guides.

I invite them to fight when, in some cases, they are treated unfairly, even within the Church; when they serve so much that they are reduced to servitude—at times, by men of the Church. Do not be discouraged. May you keep making God's goodness known through the apostolic works you do. But above all through your witness of consecration.

Let us pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times. Thank you for what you are, for what you do, and for how you do it.

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.

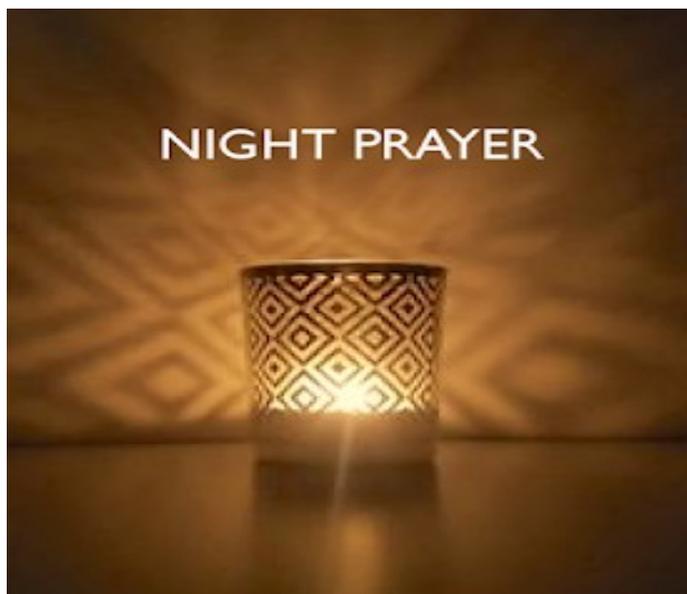
The Apostles of Prayer offer themselves to God each day for the good of the world, the Church, one another, and the Holy Father's intentions.

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 [Apostleship of Prayer](#).

A CONCORD PASTOR COMMENTS

ON SPIRITUALITY, WORSHIP AND PRAYER IN THE ROMAN CATHOLIC TRADITION



*On the church calendar, **February 2** is the Feast of the Presentation. In ancient times, it was the Jewish custom to present a newborn child in the temple, 40 days after birth. (So, yes - Christmas was 40 days ago!) [Today's gospel](#) at mass tells this story in which Simeon, an old man, has been praying in the temple for years, waiting to meet the Promised One whom he recognizes in the child Jesus. Having met the One who is to come, Simeon prays that he is now ready to be taken home by God. This is a feast for all who struggle to find, to meet, to know the Lord. My friend John McGinty has written this beautiful reflection on our desire to meet God...*

My desire is to meet you,
the real You.

Not the you my mind creates when I read about you,
even when that reading is Word;
Not the God my emotions conjure when I am alone and
lonely,
or uncertain and afraid,
or unable to see a way ahead.

Not the you that others have told me about;
Not even the you whose voice I believed I heard when
as a young man I committed to follow you
to the Table, to the Tomb, and to the light beyond the
darkness.

Not the God whom well-oiled well-speakers preach
in this grand old republic;
nor the you whose Name is evoked with speed
by bitter opponents of one another,
each apparently certain of your itinerary and intent.

My desire is to meet the real you,
undomesticated and anything-but-housebound;
the terrible You;
terrifying in all your attributes:
Louder than a season of tornadoes, potentially more
destructive;
and still as still as deepest space;
More vast than the largest desert on the driest planet,
and yet so slight that a single grain of sand is your
universe;
More complex than all creatures who move and breathe,
but simpler than one iota of one strand of the DNA
of your simplest creation.

It is you I want to meet and hear, whether you seek me,
or I you,
or each in the same everlasting instant.

And in that singular encounter, to be
absolutely ended, and
completely begun.

Come Light of lights into the shroud of this night, and
shine.
I fear you, and I love you.

I have nothing to fear and everything to love.

Come now...

[John McGinty](#)
02/01/17

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*In tonight's musical reflection, you'll find the source of
the verse with which our Night Prayer here concludes
every evening. Compline is the official night of the
church and it ends with the singing of the
Canticle of Simeon. The antiphon which precedes and
follows this song is the verse that closes our Night
Prayer here.*

[Canticle of Simeon](#)
[by Steven Warner](#)

[performed by University of Notre Dame Folk
Choir](#)

