



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 14, 2018

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you.

- 1 Corinthians 6:19a

THE LAMB OF GOD

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. In today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be re-named Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Ordinary Time" began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in return Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecored the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ's birth: when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don't enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tues: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thurs: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Sat: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sun: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

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*

Finance Corner:

Weekly Offering



Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **January** offerings:

1/7: 1st Collection: \$3261. Operating Expenses: \$1512.

1/14: Church in Latin Amer/Central/East Europe. 1/21: Capital Expenditures.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Tues., 1/30/18, at 10:00 AM in Hall

Finance Council: Mon., 2/26/18, at 11:00 AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: Mon., 1/29/18, at 10:00 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)



✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

Sat., Jan. 13, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., Jan. 14, 8am Mass ✠ Ron Schultz

Sun., Jan. 14, 9:30am Mass for the Poor Souls

Sun., Jan. 14, 11:15am Mass ✠ Alice Trayle

Mon., Jan. 15, 9am Communion Service

Tues., Jan. 16, 9am Communion Service?

Wed., Jan. 17, 9am Mass (Dominicans)

Thurs., Jan. 18, 9am Mass (Dominicans)

Fri., Jan. 19, 9am Communion Service

Sat., Jan. 20, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer

Sun., Jan. 21, 8am Mass ✠ Ron Schultz

Sun., Jan. 21, 9:30am Mass

Sun., Jan. 21, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr., Day

Wednesday: St. Anthony

Thursday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

Friday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)

Saturday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian

CHAINS OF GRACE

The chains of grace are so powerful, and yet so sweet, that though they attract our heart, they do not shackle our freedoms.

—St. Francis de Sales



TWO UNITED ONE-TIME PASSES

Art Hansen has two passes to UNITED CLUB that expire 01-31-18. If you are flying United this month and want these two passes call Art (707)874-3681.

Pope Francis Tweet

"A joyful soul is like healthy soil in which life can thrive and produce good fruit."

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.

News on Sr. Marjorie Krusky:

1) Sister wrote, "Thank you so very much for the generous Christmas gift. It will replenish my savings account after all the medical expenses of this past year. Also, thank you for your prayers for my recovery after the falls I've had. I treasure the memories of the ten years I spent as secretary at Saint Philip Church. Happy New Year! Lovingly, Sister Marjorie."
2) At present, she is at Park View Gardens in Santa Rosa recovering from hip surgery. That address is 3751 Montgomery, Santa Rosa, and the phone there is 525-1250.

Your New Offertory Envelopes for January & February should have arrived, and the next batch every two months. Using envelopes is the only way we can track your donations for tax purposes. [The Internal Revenue Service requires us to keep exact records if you wish proof of your donations for tax purposes.] Don't have a number yet or don't know it? Then please contact the parish office for help: 874-3812.

REMINDER: Please do not remove items from the hall without first contacting us for permission, availability, and the necessary sign-out process: 874-3304 or 874-3812.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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, Pastor, to discuss further: 874-3812 or fmcguinness@srdiocese.org

CELEBRATE 2018 ...just a few weeks away.

Some very unique auction items will be available at the event. They include:

- +Many, many magnums of great local wine
- +Guatemalan handmade clothing, jewelry and cloth
- +A wine and cheese party for twenty
- +Gourmet Firehouse Dinner, ride on a fire truck and MORE!
- +A weekend in Gualala or Half Moon Bay
- +Union Hotel dinner for twenty
- + A week in North Star or Hawaii

CELEBRATE--January 28, 2018--from 4pm to 8pm at the Union Hotel

Contact any committee member for additional information:
Cathy McCool 861-9302, Mary Briggs 827-3471, Pat Pettibone 875-8826, Diane Benson 823-5460, Mary Griffith 225-2546, Susan Small 829-1189, Jane Vitale 526-6856, Barbara Gonnella 874-3390.

Tickets are \$90 (50% to help fire victims) and available during office hours (MTWTFH 9:30am-12:30pm) at the parish office. Call 874-3812 to arrange for ticket payment and pick-up.

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!

