



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time January 27, 2019

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

— Luke 4:18a

TIME

The holidays are well behind us; the year stretches out ahead. And what sort of year will it be? To judge by the words of Jesus in today's Gospel, it will be "a year acceptable to the Lord." And Jesus surely didn't mean only the next three hundred sixty-five days facing his listeners at that time.

When Jesus announced the "arrival" of God's favor, it was a message for all time, for every year. Similarly, we read today in Nehemiah how the people gathered with solemnity to hear God's word as though for the first time. They listened, and then fell to the ground and wept. But the prophet said, "Today is holy . . . do not be sad, and do not weep."

The "year acceptable to the Lord" is this year. The day that is "holy" is this day. The time to listen is now. What sort of year will you have? What sort of day? God's help is always here. What you do with each day can be holy and acceptable to the Lord if you but listen to and act on God's word.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]
Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Lk 4:21-30

LOVE IN OUR WORKS

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.

—Teresa of Ávila

BROKEN BRIDGES

When we cannot forgive, we break the bridge over which we must pass if we would ever reach heaven; for everyone has need to be forgiven.

—George Herbert



Social Ministry

Finance Corner:



Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

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

1/20: 1st Collection: \$1527. Capital Expenditures: \$1999.

1/27: Rural Food. 2/3: Operating Expenses. 2/10: No 2nd collection.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: TBA

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., Jan. 26, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer

Sun., Jan. 27, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., Jan. 27, 9:30am Mass ✠ Holly & Sean White

Sun., Jan. 27, 11:15am Mass for the strength of bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting/leading their sheep from all harm

Mon., Jan. 28, 9am Prayer Service

Tues., Jan. 29, 9am Mass ✠ Holly & Sean White

Wed., Jan. 30, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

Thurs., Jan. 31, 9am Mass

Fri., Feb. 1, NO Mass

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 Tambornini & loved ones

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catholic Schools Week

Monday: St. Thomas Aquinas

Thursday: St. John Bosco

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: The Presentation of the Lord; Blessing of Candles; First Saturday; World Day for Consecrated Life

Prayer Requests: call 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

"Prayer from a humble heart is heard by God."

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

THIS SUNDAY - JANUARY 27, 2019

4-8PM AT THE UNION HOTEL

We will have a large variety of prizes available for you to win with \$5 and \$50 raffle tickets.

Drink and raffle tickets will be available for purchase in the ballroom when you arrive.

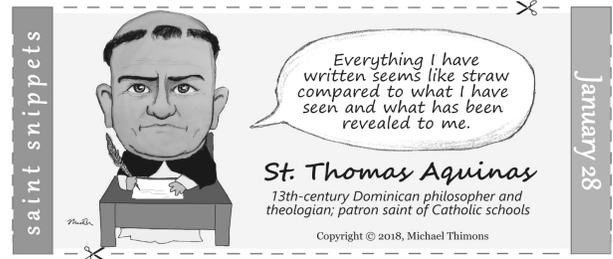
Bring your CELEBRATE event ticket with you.

A fabulous Union Hotel Italian dinner will be served while you learn whether you are a raffle winner.

We encourage using cash or checks as it will get you to the raffle and bar quickly.

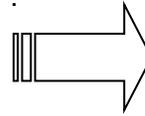
We will have credit card devices available for those who don't mind waiting. Also, there is an ATM at the Union Hotel if you prefer.

♥ **See you this Sunday
at the Union Hotel
for CELEBRATE 2019!**



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.

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The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



**Every First Saturday of the month,
9AM to 12Noon, The Volunteer St.
Philip Grounds & Yard Crew meet to do
gardening and clean-up outside the church & hall. Care
to join us? Please do! Just dress warm & bring
yourself. Call Tom for more information: 874-9757.**