

**Jesus taught
with authority**



**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018**

Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD
who made us.

— Psalm 95:6

TRUE PROPHETS

In Deuteronomy today we hear that God's very words will fill the mouth of a true prophet, but a false prophet will, in a manner of speaking, put mere mortal words into God's mouth. In Mark's Gospel, we see Jesus teaching and healing as a true prophet, one filled with the authority of God's own voice. The whole history of our church is filled with both true and false prophets. Some false prophets were extremely popular and quite well-versed in scripture, and even held positions of authority. But in today's Gospel we learn that Jesus' fame spread because he taught with authority; he wasn't an authority because he was popular or famous. Elsewhere, we also learn from him, in his desert temptation confrontations with Satan, that anyone can quote scripture, even against God's purposes. Today we hear that his authority was not like that of the scribes, who held the official positions of religious authority in his day. Our work is to do our best to discern the true prophets in our midst, and to be true prophets as well. The psalmist tells us how to do this: by not hardening our hearts when God speaks. If we truly listen to God, it will be God's very words filling our mouths.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This is the year of St. Paul, and so one of the most visited churches of Rome is also one of the most beautiful: the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Like so many other churches, it was founded by the master-builder (or financier) Emperor Constantine about the year 315. Paul was martyred outside the walls of the City of Rome at a place called Tre Fontaine, probably on June 29, in the year 65, perhaps the first anniversary of St. Peter's crucifixion. Christians buried him in a quiet place about two miles away, and visited to pray. Constantine was running low on bricks, apparently, because the first church was tiny. In 386 it was demolished and today's basilica begun. This vast and towering space looks much the same today as it did in the fourth century.

The centuries have not been kind to ancient Rome, but until the early 1800s St. Paul Outside the Walls survived beautifully, perhaps because it has been assigned for nearly a thousand years to Benedictine monks. It was therefore a vibrant place of daily prayer even through the centuries when Rome was a poor and nearly abandoned city. In 1823 a great fire resulted from a botched repair job to lead on the roof, and St. Paul's was destroyed. It is said that the whole world contributed to its restoration. Even the Russian czar and the viceroy of Egypt gave alabaster, malachite, and lapis lazuli for the pillars and the tabernacle. Several of the precious mosaics were able to be restored, bringing the ancient basilica back to life. One of the great treasures of the basilica is a set of prison chains, said to have been worn by the Apostle in the last days before his martyrdom. Unlike other Roman churches, St. Paul's stands in a garden-like suburban neighborhood, surrounded by stately palm trees, gardens, and parks.

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| Mon: | 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20 |
| Tues: | 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 -19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43 |
| Wed: | 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6 |
| Thurs: | 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13 |
| Fri: | Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32] |
| Sat: | 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34 |
| Sun: | Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; Ps 147:1-6; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39 |

Finance Corner:

Weekly Offering



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Your generosity is greatly
needed and appreciated!

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

1/14: 1st Collection: \$1925. Capital Expenditures: \$1082.
1/28: Rural Food. 2/4: Operating Expenses.

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. 27, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., Jan. 28, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., Jan. 28, 9:30am Mass

Sun., Jan. 28, 11:15am Mass ✠ Al Gerhardt

Mon., Jan. 29, 9am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

Tues., Jan. 30, 9am Mass

Wed., Jan. 31, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

Thurs., Feb. 1, 9am Mass

Fri., Feb. 2, 9am Communion Service

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Catholic Schools Week

Wednesday: St. John Bosco

Friday: The Presentation of the Lord; First Friday

Saturday: St. Blaise; St. Ansgar; First Saturday

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

LEADERS

Leaders are like eagles. They don't flock.

You find them . . . one at a time.

—Anonymous

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

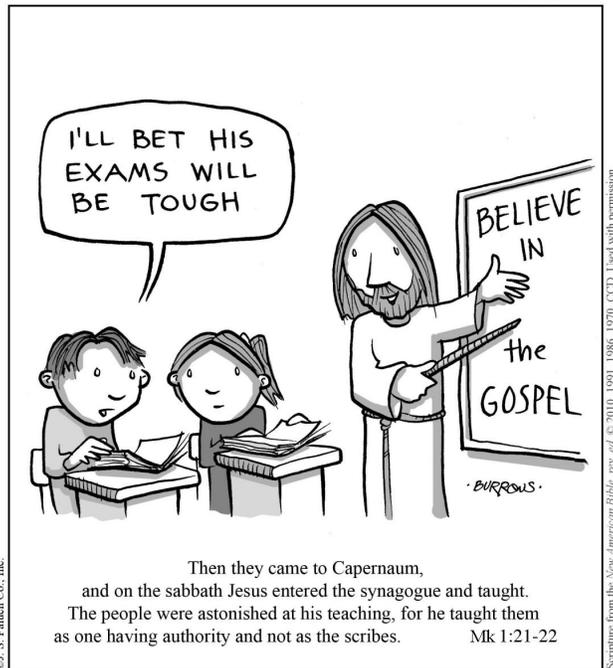
Please call the office at 874-3812 about the following "found" items:

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.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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

Pope Francis Tweet

"There is no better medicine to heal so many wounds than a heart capable of mercy."

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.