



**The Baptism of the Lord  
January 12, 2020**

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

— Matthew 3:17

**THIS IS MY BELOVED SON**

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

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**SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367)  
January 13**

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, "the Latin Trumpet against the Arians," heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ's divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus' challenge to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

—Peter Scagnelli, © J. S. Paluch Co.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20  
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28  
 Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39  
 Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45  
 Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12  
 Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17  
 Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

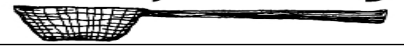
**Prayer Requests:** Fr. Logan, Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Lorri McC., Sarah, Clifford J., Terri A., Fred P., Theresa S., Sara, Mary Anne P., Barbara, Dave C., Jim P., William, Parson P., Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Mary K., Michael D., Richard M., Kathleen,, Peter, Rosa S., Susan B., Joyce D., Anita C., George H., Mimi H, Steve, Barry, Lorrin K., Hugh P., Robert S., Britney N., Jacque W., Rebecca Adams, April K., Jacinta G., Gen B., Leo [Ed] Arnold, Castellini family, Mary Favre

**UNITY**

Unity is vision; it must have been part of the process of learning to see.

—Henry Adams

**Weekly Offering**



**Finance Corner:**

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **January** offerings:

1/1: Mary, Holy Mother of God: \$688.

1/5: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$2849. Capital Expenditures: \$1068.

1/12: Operating Expenses. 1/19: Church in Latin America.

**Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:**

**Joint PC & FC meeting:** Tues., 2/11/20, at 1PM in Hall

**Parish Council [PC]:** Tues., 2/18/20, at 10 AM in Hall

**Finance Council [FC]:** Tues., 1/14/20, at 1PM in Hall

**Liturgy Committee:** Thurs., 1/23/20, at 9:45AM in Hall

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

**St. Philip Ladies Guild:** Contact Penny, 559-367-7403

**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 Tues. of month)

**Parish website:** [www.stphilipstteresa.org](http://www.stphilipstteresa.org)

**✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule**

Sat., Jan. 11, 5pm Mass ✠ Colombina Albini

Sun., Jan. 12, 8am Mass

Sun., Jan. 12, 9:30am Mass for the People

Sun., Jan. 12, 11:15am Mass

Mon., Jan. 13, 9am Prayer Service

Tues., Jan. 14, 9am Mass

Wed., Jan. 15, NO Mass (clergy retreat at Benbow)

Thurs., Jan. 16, NO Mass (clergy retreat at Benbow)

Fri., Jan. 17, 9am Mass ✠ Jimmy Newlands

Sat., Jan. 18, 5pm Mass ✠ Bob Tiller

Sun., Jan. 19, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., Jan. 19, 9:30am Mass

Sun., Jan. 19, 11:15am Mass

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary

Friday: St. Anthony

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

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*The more I do God's will,  
the more he will prove  
his love for me.*

**St. Marguerite Bourgeoys**  
*French religious sister who devoted her life to  
educating young girls and the poor in Canada*

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## RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for DECEMBER 2019

On December 10 we welcomed 110 families representing 157 adults, 78 children and 35 seniors for a total of 270 people receiving nutritional support. . **And 36 STAR CHILD families (115 kids) graciously accepted gifts donated by our parishioners.** 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

**During this season of Christmas, all of us who volunteer each month to offer nutritious groceries and produce to our clients give special thanks for the incredible generosity of our parish and other donors. We also give thanks for the many examples of faith, hope and love expressed in the lives of those we serve each month. Together we witness God's love in action.**

Please continue to collect paper grocery bags, especially with handles, and clean egg cartons. We are looking into biodegradable produce bags and recyclable grocery bags for our clients.

### RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Saturday, January 11**, from 9am --10am repackaging -- Parish Hall

**Monday, January 13**, from 10am -- 12:30pm to set up the Parish Hall

**Tuesday, January 14**, from 8:30am -- 11am to distribute the food and assist clients.

**Thank YOU!**

**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 Peg Duffy for a limited print: 707-867-6073.

### PEACE

We should have great peace if we did not busy ourselves with what others say and do.

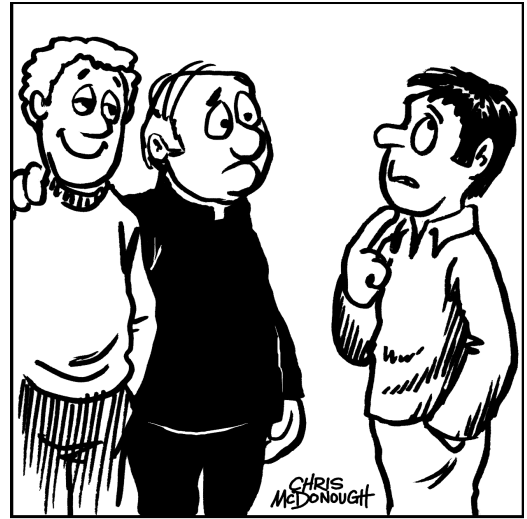
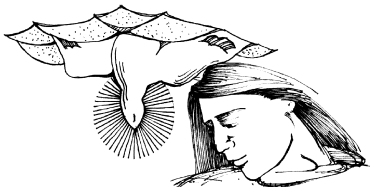
—Thomas à Kempis

**UNPLANNED, the 2019 film, is an inspiring true story of Abby Johnson's journey of transformation from manager of an abortion clinic to joining efforts to help women and save lives. UNPLANNED will be shown at St. Vincent's Hall (corner of Western and Howard, Petaluma) this Tuesday, January 14, at 7pm. Running time is 110 minutes.**

Please join us.

### Pope Francis Quote

"The Church is or should go back to being a community of God's people, and priests, pastors and bishops, who have the care of souls, are at the service of the people of God."



"He learned about our faith from RCIA? I don't know if my cable company carries that channel yet."

### Parish Notes:

~No weekday Masses on the following dates:  
Jan. 15-16 (Fr. Bala is away on retreat those two days.)

~Weekend Masses on Feb. 1-2 & Feb. 8-9, and  
weekday Masses between Jan. 28-Feb. 9, will be  
covered by Fr. Christopher LaRocca.  
(Fr. Bala will be on vacation while Fr. LaRocca is here.)

*Flowers for the Altar during the Year 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. Phillip Church flowers, please call 874-6072.*

### FREE exercise class for (all ages welcome) persons who...

- Might have balance issues (standing or moving)
- Might have 9:30-10am free on Fridays
- Might want to socialize while doing simple/helpful moves

No special requirements or commitments! You can do this, honestly! Just wear comfortable clothing and shoes. We provide the routine and camaraderie. The 9:30 am class is each Friday in the Parish Hall. Call 707-874-6072 for info.

*P.S. Fr. Allen will attend Celebrate to describe 2 unique items he's donating...*



Just 2 weeks away!  
**CELEBRATE 2020 is Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Union Hotel, 4 - 8 pm.**  
Tickets are on sale after weekend Masses and also weekday mornings at the office.