



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 19, 2020

I will make you a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to
the ends of the earth.

— Isaiah 49:6b

CALLED TO BE HOLY

With this Sunday we begin Ordinary Time. The readings tell us about God's relationship with Israel and John the Baptist's relationship with Jesus. Israel's relationship with God is so close, so intimate, that it is through Israel that God's "salvation [will] reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6). But we know from John the Baptist that for Israel to accomplish God's will, it must also recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. During these weeks we also get to know Jesus. We begin to understand more deeply our relationship to Jesus and what that relationship means for us, who are "called to be holy" (1 Corinthians 1:2).

--J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINT AGNES (died 304) January 21

Writing about Saint Agnes in the year 377, Saint Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, declared: "This is a virgin's birthday into heaven: let us imitate her chastity! And a martyr's heavenly birthday: let us offer ourselves in sacrifice!" Chastity: mastery of oneself in order to give of oneself whether in the priestly, religious, married, or single state. Sacrifice: "to make holy," to set someone or something apart for service. Ambrose knew these virtues indispensable for discipleship, but challenging to practice in his world—or our own. Barely a teenager, Agnes faced gruesome tortures bravely and, when ordered to worship pagan gods, boldly made the Sign of the Cross instead. Thus, her youthful courage strengthened adult believers who wavered under persecution or grew indifferent when persecutions passed. To bestow on Agnes its highest honor and keep her witness fresh in believers' hearts, the Church inscribed her name at the heart of the Eucharistic liturgy, in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I), until Vatican II the Roman Church's only Eucharistic Prayer.

--Peter Scagnelli, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Sunday: Is 8:23 — 9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

Prayer Requests: 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 A., April K., Jacinta G., Leo [Ed] Arnold, Castellini family, Mary Favre

FORGIVENESS

The only true forgiveness is that which is offered and extended even before the offender has apologized and sought it.

—Søren Kierkegaard



Finance Corner:

Weekly Offering



Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **January** offerings:

1/12: 1st Collection: \$1086. Operating Expenses: \$1189.
1/19: Church in Latin America. 1/26: Rural Food.

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 10AM in Hall

Finance Council [FC]: TBA

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.stphilipsteresa.org

✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

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 ✠ Colombina Albini
Mon., Jan. 20, 9am Prayer Service
Tues., Jan. 21, 9am Mass
Tues., Jan. 21, 11am Funeral Mass at St. Philip's for Fr. Gary Logan
Wed., Jan. 22, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
Thurs., Jan. 23, 9am Mass
Fri., Jan. 24, 9am Mass
Sat., Jan. 25, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer
Sun., Jan. 26, 8am Mass
Sun., Jan. 26, 9:30am Mass for the People
Sun., Jan. 26, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mon: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian; Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tues: St. Agnes
Wed: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Thurs: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
Fri: St. Francis de Sales
Sat: Conversion of St. Paul; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends

saint snippets

I want to do all I can to make God known and loved.

Bl. Laura Vicuña
12-year old Chilean girl with a deep love for God. Weakened by physical abuse from the man her mother was living with, Laura passed away in 1904 as she called her mother to repentance.

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RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for JANUARY 2020

On January 14 we welcomed 94 families representing 129 adults, 42 children and 39 seniors for a total of 210 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 are 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. This program is made possible though the generous donation of time by our tireless volunteers. We are so thankful to have their support each month to help transport over 4000 pounds of food products from the Redwood Empire Food Bank for distribution to our clients. Please continue to collect paper and reusable grocery bags especially with handles, and egg cartons. We are looking into biodegradable produce bags for our clients.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Sat., February 8, from 9--10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall

Mon., February 10, from 10:00am--12:00pm to set up the Parish Hall

Tues., February 11, 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 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: call 707-867-6073.



BEND, DON'T BREAK

When you encounter difficulties and contradictions, do not try to break them, but bend them with gentleness and time.

—St. Francis de Sales

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.

Pope Francis Quote

"Instead of being just a church that welcomes and receives by keeping the doors open, let us try also to be a church that finds new roads, that is able to step outside itself and go to those who do not attend Mass, to those who have quit or are indifferent."



"Father, don't you recognize me?
I come to our church every Easter and Christmas!"

Parish Notes:

~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. Philip Church flowers, please call 874-6072.

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



Next Sunday!

CELEBRATE 2020 is Sunday, January 26th at the Union Hotel, 4 - 8 pm.

Tickets are on sale after Masses this weekend and also weekday mornings at the office.