



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
January 26, 2020**

Wait for the LORD with courage;  
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.  
— Psalm 27:14

**SEEKING THE LIGHT**

In today's readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom. --J. S. Paluch Co.

**SAINT ANGELA MERICI (c. 1474-1540)  
January 27**

Born in Northern Italy, orphaned in childhood, Angela Merici faced a society in which education was largely the privilege of wealthy young men and based primarily in monastic schools. This reality shaped Angela's insightful conviction that society's disorder was caused by disorder in the home, and a lack of model Christian mothers the result of neglecting the education of young women. Transform the Christian family by placing an educated wife and mother at its heart, Angela believed, and the whole world would be renewed in Christ! So she gathered a small group of unmarried women, many of them Franciscan Tertiaries (lay affiliates) like herself, and set out to educate poor girls, free of charge, in their homes. She and her band of teachers called themselves companions, pioneering a new form of non-cloistered religious life for women, bearing witness to evangelical simplicity in the midst of the world, not as a formal "order" but as the Company (*compagnia*) of Saint Ursula. Known today as the Ursulines, Angela Merici's spiritual daughters continue serving the Church and society in a rich diversity of ministries. --Peter Scagnelli, © J. S. Paluch Co.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

**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, Kathy R.

**Finance Corner:**



Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

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

- 1/19: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$4038. Church in Latin America: \$1025.
- 1/26: Rural Food. 2/2: Operating Expenses.

**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:** TBA

- 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. 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
- Mon., Jan. 27, 9am Prayer Service
- Tues., Jan. 28, 9am Mass
- Wed., Jan. 29, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
- Thurs., Jan. 30, 9am Mass ✠ Umberto Flores
- Fri., Jan. 31, 9am Mass ✠ Joe Palmer
- Sat., Feb. 1, 5pm Mass ✠ Fr. Gary Logan
- Sun., Feb. 2, 8am Mass for the People
- Sun., Feb. 2, 9:30am Mass Joan Zeller
- Sun., Feb. 2, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Sunday of the Word of God; Catholic Schools Week
- Monday: St. Angela Merici
- Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas
- Friday: St. John Bosco
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

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God, into your hands receive my spirit.

**Bl. Benedict Daswa**  
South African school principal, husband, and father of eight who was murdered in 1990 after refusing to fund anti-Catholic witchcraft superstitions.

**February 1**

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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.



### HEART

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

—John Bunyan

### 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

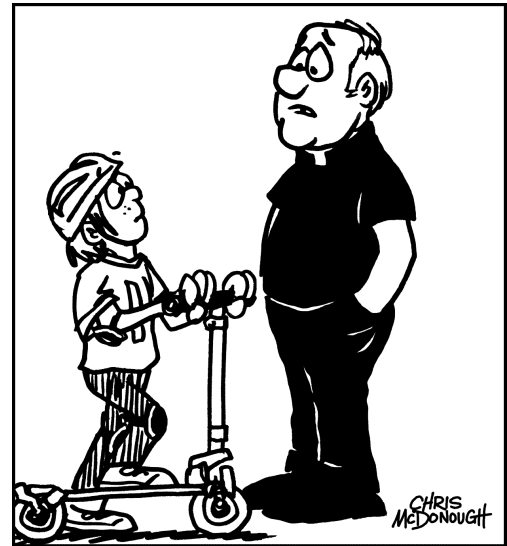
No special requirements or commitments! You can do this, honestly! Just wear comfortable clothing and shoes. We provide the routine and camaraderie. The 9:30 am class is each Friday in the Parish Hall. Call 707-874-6072 for info.

### Pope Francis Quote

"Human rights are not only violated by terrorism, repression or assassination, but also by unfair economic structures that creates huge inequalities."

### THANKS FROM OUR PASTOR:

I would like to say a heartfelt "thank you" to all who contributed their time and efforts in helping out for the funeral Mass of Fr. Gary Logan at St. Philip's, for the reception at the Union Hotel under the care of Barbara Gonnella, and for the burial service in Bodega under the care of Art Hansen. The event would not have been a success without their involvement.



"Other than Sr. Mary Francis having a short fuse, what else did you learn in religion class today?"

### 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.)

**Memo: The December 31, 2019 balance for the Parish Endowment Account was \$176,763.**

*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.*

**Our lovely senior lunch program serves meals on Mondays and Wednesdays to a group of fun and dedicated diners in St Philip Hall at 12noon.** We are extending an invitation to all seniors to attend any time you would like to join us. Menu available in the office and online.

### KINDNESS

Better to be kind at home than to burn incense in a distant place.

—Chinese proverb