



**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 14, 2019**

Christ Jesus . . . is the head of the body, the church.
— Colossians 1:15, 18

GOD WANTS TO BE KNOWN

The Old Testament reading from Deuteronomy praises God for inscribing the commandments in our very bodies. God's law is not distant or foreign, but a natural part of us. In his letter to the Colossians, Saint Paul echoes Moses, praising God for becoming one of us. The truly human, flesh-and-blood Jesus reminds us that God always wants to be recognizable and familiar to us. Jesus, who is also truly God, wants to be on intimate terms with each of us.

God's passionate desire to be known by us is almost too wonderful to take in. Luke's Gospel helps us understand how to respond. The Good Samaritan parable provides practical advice for those who believe in God's intimate love for them and want to share that love with others. -- © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On a summer day, with the windows open, we may hear the sound of church bells. Bells seem to have come into church life in Irish monasteries around the seventh century, and spread around the Christian world by Irish monks on missionary journeys. By the eighth century, bells were standard equipment in even small parish churches. An ancient ceremony, once called the "baptism of the bells," recognizes that the church bell has a voice to call people to awareness and summon them to worship, and even bestows a name on the bell.

In a world without clocks or watches, the bell had an indispensable role. For calling monks in from the fields for prayer, or alerting far-flung visitors, the bell's voice was enhanced by hoisting it high into a tower. Soon it was learned that the sound of several bells clanging together in harmony imparted a sense of joy to great celebrations, and bell towers prospered, some chock full of bells. Different combinations of rings could indicate a death, a Mass, a wedding, a fast day, the curfew at the end of day, and the Angelus. Before electricity, bell-ringing was hard work indeed: the biggest bell in the Catholic world, in Cologne, Germany, weighs twenty-seven tons! There's no substitute for the resonant roar of a mighty bell; electric chimes are not eligible for blessing!

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 - 11:1
 Tues: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
 Wed: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
 Thurs: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9; 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
 Fri: Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
 Sat: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Mt 12:14-21
 Sun: Gn 18:1-10a; Ps 15:2-5; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

HAPPINESS

Since happiness is nothing else but the enjoyment of the Supreme good, and the Supreme good is above us, no one can be happy who does not rise above oneself.
—St. Bonaventure

Finance Corner:

Weekly Offering

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!



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For the month of **July** offerings:

7/7: 1st collection: \$2480. Operating Expenses: \$1565.
 7/14: Black & Indian/World Missions. 7/21: No 2nd collection.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Wed., 10/2/19, at 10AM in Hall

Finance Council: Tues., 8/2019, at 11AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: Fri., 7/19/19, 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 Tues. of month)

✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule


Sat., July 13, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
 Sun., July 14, 8am Mass for the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse
 Sun., July 14, 9:30am Mass for the People
 Sun., July 14, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
 Mon., July 15, 9am Prayer Service
 Tues., July 16, 9am Mass ✠ Holly & Sean White
 Wed., July 17, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
 Thurs., July 18, 9am Mass ✠ Bob Tiller
 Fri., July 19, 9am Mass Tony Anello [healing]
 Sat., July 20, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
 Sun., July 21, 8am Mass ✠ Ron Schultz
 Sun., July 21, 9:30am Mass for the People
 Sun., July 21, 11:15am Mass ✠ Ron Schultz

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Bonaventure
 Tuesday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 Thursday: St. Camillus de Lellis
 Saturday: St. Apollinaris; Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer Requests: Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Lorri McC., Sarah, Clifford J., Terri A., Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Mary Anne P., Barbara, Dave Creeth, Jim P., William, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Mary K., Columbina A., Michael Dan, Richard Macche, Kathleen,,Peter, Lisa, Rosa S., Susan B., Zeidan family, Joyce Doughty, Lorrin K., Anita C., George H., Mimi H, Steve, Barry, Colleen Lunardi, Jacinta, April K., Gen B., Sergio family, Hugh P.

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July 18



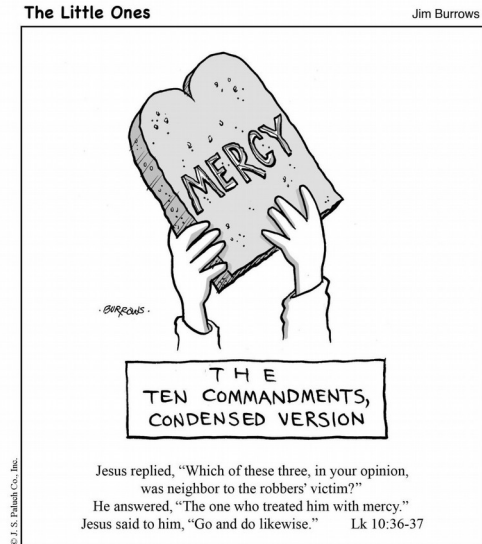
The poor and the sick are the heart of God. In serving them, we serve Jesus Christ.

St. Camillus de Lellis
 16th-century founder of a religious order dedicated to caring for the sick; Patron of the sick

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August 14: **Parish Volunteers Appreciation** 5PM Mass and Dinner at the Hall. Please RSVP no later than August 7. Call the office at 874-3812 or email the office at philip.teresa@yahoo.com

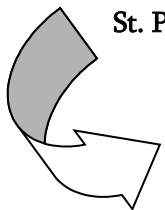
Attention: We need volunteers for: 1) safe environment coordinator for the parish; 2) usher/greeter for the Sunday 11:15am Mass. Please call the office if you can volunteer: 707-874-3812. Thank you kindly.



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 Dolores at 874-6072.

Mass Intentions: Anniversary? Confirmation? First Communion? Graduation? Marriage? Memorial? These are key events in our spiritual life. There is no better way to commemorate these occasions than to have a Mass offered for those who are important to us. A call to parish office staff will set a date for the Mass: 707-874-3812. (Note: the customary "stipend" offered is \$10.)

SAVE THE DATE!



St. Philip's Ladies Guild presents the acclaimed

≈ *Fashion Show & Luncheon* ≈

Saturday, September 28, 2019

12noon in the Hall

(ticket info soon!)

Pope Francis Quote

" 'This is not just about migrants,' in the twofold sense that migrants are first of all human persons, and that they are the symbol of all those rejected by today's globalized society."

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for JULY 2019

On July 9 we welcomed 95 families representing 134 adults, 35 children and 33 seniors for a total of 202 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.

THANK YOU to new volunteers who helped during July's distribution. Our new delivery system is working well, allowing us to begin set up at 10am starting Monday, August 12.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Any day:

Help with the food ordering process
Shop for our clients at Redwood Empire Food Bank
Collect clean egg cartons / paper grocery bags w/ handles

Monday 8/12 10am:

Unload our storeroom and delivery truck,
Set up the hall for food distribution

Tuesday 8/13:

Help our clients take groceries to their vehicles.

Contact Hal McGuirk, Cathy McCool, or Rod DeMartini if you can help with any of these tasks .

THANK YOU to those parishioners who have recently volunteered to develop recipes for our client's use, publish our 1 page client newsletter (bilingual), pick up food and produce at Redwood Empire Food Bank and Andy's Produce.

NEXT FOOD DISTRIBUTION

Saturday, August 10, 9-10:00 am repackaging -- Parish Hall
Monday, August 12, 10am- 12 to set up the Parish Hall **TIME CHANGE**

Tuesday, August 13, 8:30 – 11:00 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 restoration committee member Peg Duffy for a limited print: 707-867-6073.

All invited to July Ultreya: The Catholic Cursillo Movement of the Diocese of Santa Rosa invites all Catholics to attend an *Ultreya* on Saturday, July 20, from 2 - 4 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Seton Church, 4595 Snyder Lane, Rohnert Park. *Ultreya* means "moving forward," and *Ultreya* gatherings teach more about our faith and how to walk more closely with Jesus Christ and other Christians. Those who want to know more about the Catholic Cursillo Movement (and those who have already lived a Cursillo weekend) are invited to attend. For more information, call Molly Touchette (707-292-8389) or Olga Dorado (707-755-0022).

ALERT! People have again been getting scam calls, texts, and emails, supposedly from clergy or friends, asking for gift cards, money favors, phone calls, etc. **DO NOT RESPOND TO SUCH EMAILS, CALLS, OR TEXTS.** (If worried about the real person, contact him/her directly instead.)