



**Sixteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
July 17, 2022**

It is [Christ] whom we proclaim, admonishing everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.

— Colossians 1:28b

**PRAYER AND SERVICE**

How do we bring balance and joy to our lives of prayer and service to our loving God?

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells Martha that her concern about doing the right thing as dictated by Jewish tradition might not be the best use of her energies. Her sister, Mary, who sits in rapt attention at Jesus' feet, should not be rebuked. Is Jesus trying to show Martha that she needs to make time for her spiritual nourishment?

Abraham and Sarah in the first reading seem to be just like Martha. And yet Abraham's eager welcome and joyful serving of his "visitors" seems almost spiritual. How like Paul, in the second reading, rejoicing in his service to the gospel!

We hear in the psalm that those who do justice will live in the Lord's presence. Prayer and service—what greater joy could there be?

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**PRAYER OF THE WEEK**

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Show favor, O Lord, to your servants and mercifully increase the gifts of your grace, that, made fervent in hope, faith and charity, they may be ever watchful in keeping your commands. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Reflection question:**

How has the Lord shown favor to me?

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 12:38-42  
 Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50  
 Wednesday: Jer 1:1, 4-10; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17; Mt 13:1-9  
 Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 26:6-7ab, 8-11; Mt 13:10-17  
 Friday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
 Saturday: Jer 7:1-11; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a, 11; Mt 13:24-30  
 Sunday: Gen 18:20-32; Ps 138:1-3, 6-8; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

**Note:** The special collection on July 23-24 will be this year's Missions Appeal, for missions at home and abroad, as needs are determined by the diocese office.

**PRAY DAILY**

Each Christian needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy; then we need an hour.

—St. Francis de Sales

**Finance Corner: Your generosity is**

**greatly needed and appreciated!** For the month of July offerings: PLEASE put in Mass collection basket or mail to St. Philip/St. Teresa Parish, P. O. Box 339, Occidental CA 95465. Or donate at our website [www.stphilipstteresa.org](http://www.stphilipstteresa.org) via Paypal or card. Please include your offering envelope # [if you have one].



7/03-7/10: provided soon.

7/17: Capital Expenditures. 7/24: Mission Appeal.

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

- Parish Council [PC]:** TBA
- Finance Council [FC]:** TBD
- Liturgy Committee [LC]:** TBA
- St. Teresa Ladies Guild:** Contact Diane, 823-6044
- St. Philip Ladies Guild:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. Details TBA

**✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule 2022**

- 7/16 Sat. 5pm Mass for the People
- 7/17 Sun. 8am Mass
- 7/17 Sun. 9:30am Mass
- 7/17 Sun. 11:15am Mass for Lucca Regina Pozzi

*NO MASS on 7/19 or 7/20 while pastor away on retreat*

- 7/22 Fri. 9am Mass for Larry Steiner
- 7/23 Sat. 5pm Mass
- 7/24 Sun. 8am Mass for the People
- 7/24 Sun. 9:30am Mass
- 7/24 Sun. 11:15am Mass

**Prayer Requests: Please leave a message at 707-408-2650.**

Gary S., Peter R., Gerry N., Diane K., River M.; Nikkie; Mr. C., Michelle, Christian A., Peter B., Samantha S., Gary E., Frederick K., John Geving, Donna L., James Geving, Larry Steiner



**RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE JUNE 2022**

On Tuesday, June 14, our very efficient volunteers welcomed 59 families, (143 individuals) with lots of smiles as well as a wide variety of fresh produce, proteins, commodities, fresh milk which they prepared on Saturday and Monday.

We saw a significant increase in the number of clients who chose to return to shopping inside our hall rather than drive through so, we are considering using reusable cloth bags to reduce our cost for paper bags. More details in future bulletins. If you have extra reusable bags you are not reusing, please drop them off at the parish hall.

In the interim, please save your clean egg cartons and handled paper bags for donation to our program by dropping them off at the parish hall. We thank you in advance.

Our program is open to all who are in need. If you are aware of a family which needs nutritional assistance, please let them know about our program. Leave a message at the parish office, (707) 408-2650 to get a call back with additional information and to answer your questions.

This program is funded through monthly Rural Food Collection, private donations and the dedicated, awesome volunteers. Thank you for your generous donations as we strive to meet the nutritional needs of all attendees at our food distributions.

**RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in the Parish Hall and parking area:**

- Saturday, July 9, 9:00 - 10:00am repackaging;
- Monday, July 11, 9:00 - 11:00am set-up; and
- Tuesday, July 12, 7:30 - 11:00am distribution to clients.



*... to bring to completion ... the mystery hidden from ages past. Colossians 25-56*

Turner Classic Movies came up with a real classic last weekend. It was the 1966 British film *Blow Up* with David Hemmings in the role of Thomas, a professional photographer. It's set in the Beatles era, long hair, youth and highs. Thomas is impervious to people and surroundings, stoical. As a photographer he makes good money doing commercial work, filming models in various psychedelic colors and cuts. He drives a Rolls Royce, owns a dwelling with space for staging and developing photos.

Then at dusk one evening he wanders into a park with lawns, fenced in trees, holding his camera. He sees a man and a woman at some distance in an open area and takes shots. The woman, while embracing the man, looks back toward the trees. Then she sees Thomas and runs toward him to take the roll of film. He refuses and she runs off distracted. Later he starts to develop the park film - starting with the couple embracing, then her looking back at the grove of trees. He blows up the image of the trees to see what she was looking at. It's hard to say. Blows it up bigger. Shows what appears to be the reflection of a gun. Blows it up further to show the unclear outline of a face amid the foliage. Again later - what looks like a prone human figure?

Visits the park again - and does find a body! (Dead of natural causes?) But upon a later visit there is

no body. Arriving back at his studio he finds all the prints of the film torn from the walls, his residence ransacked. So after all this, you might say he is really on to something. But the more he blows up the scenes, the more vague they become; they defy certitude. The effect? For the first time, this fellow who didn't care about anything is now concerned. He's caring about something that draws him out of himself into a sense of mystery. This is aggravated later when students in clown outfits come along. While two enter a fenced in tennis court to do a pantomime of a tennis match, the others stand outside watching the ball go back and forth - except there is no ball. And then their invisible ball comes over the fence to land at Thomas's feet. His sense of reality has already been shaken by his inability to resolve - technically, photographically - what he thought was a murder. He pauses, picks up the "ball" and tosses it back into the tennis court, himself having arrived at a threshold of - faith or despair.

The film is really a parable of where we stand on this globe today. We have science; we have technology as we have never had it before in history. Yet are we really sure of anything? Are we actually lost in space - and isn't that exactly what the telescopes say? It leads me to wonder why Mary in today's Gospel was listening to Jesus so resolutely. Was he narrating parables akin to the one in the film? Was he telling her that *hiddenness* can lure us toward realities deeper than our everydayness? Isn't that why Jesus spoke in parables: to challenge people who look but do not see and hear but do not listen? Truth in its most liberating potency lies like a treasure hidden in a field or like an imperceptible pearl (that in the case of Thomas may look like an invisible tennis ball meant to make him think) -- threshold experiences like sensing the plea of a lost sheep (which is you) that make you leave the ninety nine entanglements that squander your life, allowing horizons of grace and graciousness to unfold - while you proclaim: *Rejoice with me for I have found my lost self, my lost experience of what life is all about.*

*--Geoff Wood, 7/17/2022*

**JUNE Update AMA 2022:** Thank you to all who have together paid a total of \$16,301 - moving us past our goal as a parish community of \$13,754. Since our parish has reached its goal in paid pledges, 100 percent of the additional funds received [\$2,547] will be returned to our parish for its use.

The Diocese of Santa Rosa invites everyone to attend the annual **Santa Rosa Religious Education Congress** on Saturday, September 24, 2022. This event is free. This year's theme is "The Church and the Most Holy Eucharist". Workshops are in English and Spanish. Come hear great speakers. For more information check out the diocesan website @ [www.srdiocese.org](http://www.srdiocese.org)

# Our Parish Picnic

*We'll provide fun games, exciting Pinewood car racing, burgers and hot dogs, ice cold non-alcoholic beverages (BYOB) and great camaraderie! Reconnect with your parishioners and friends!*

**Saturday, August 6  
12:30 - 3:30**

**Respini's Redwood Grove  
11333 Occidental Road  
Corner of Occidental & Furlong**

**RSVP via the Sign Up List**

Or leave message at 707.408.2650

