



**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 23, 2017**  
Those who are just must be kind.  
— *Wisdom 12:19*

**THE MERCY, POWER, AND LOVE OF GOD**

The first reading today, from the book of Wisdom, makes its point over and over, at least five times in five verses! God is mighty, but lenient to all. God's power is shown in kindness and clemency, not in harshness and condemnation, and those who govern God's people must govern in the same way, with kindness. This loving kindness and gentleness is not contrary to God's might, but is a direct result of God's primacy over all. Who are we, then, to judge what is in the hearts of our fellow Christians and all people, when God commands justice with love and clemency?

Likewise, the Holy Spirit makes up for our ignorance of what we need, speaking in a language we do not yet understand. But God knows our needs before we do, understands the intercessions of the Spirit, and helps us in our weakness. This is our hope: God's mercy, power, and love.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

For centuries, the only Eucharistic Prayer we heard as Western Catholics was the old Roman Canon, usually recited in a low voice by the priest, in Latin. By the 1940s, many Catholics were learning to follow along with the actions of the priest by means of a bilingual missal, with Latin on one side and English on the other. Drawings of the priest's position at the altar, moving from one side to the other, or bowing or standing with uplifted hands at the center, helped the readers stay on track.

The Roman Canon is a long prayer, and since it was done every day for every occasion, priests had a way of galloping through it. Even though long, its structure is fairly simple, with the consecration and sacrifice clearly marked out. Sadly, this surviving prayer had triumphed over many treasures of our tradition that emphasized other dimensions of Eucharist. The *Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* in 1963 did not call directly for new Eucharistic Prayers, but that direction was inevitable. Discussion began almost immediately, and by 1967 the Vatican approved three new Eucharistic Prayers. In 1974, the Congregation for Worship unveiled the experiment of two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation, and three for Masses with Children. At last, a period of creativity and enrichment had begun.

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Ex 14:5-18; Ex 15:1bc-6; Mt 12:38-42
- Tuesday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15; Ps 78:18-19, 23-28; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Dn 3:52-56; Mt 13:10-17
- Friday: Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 13:18-23
- Saturday: Ex 24:3-8; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
- Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52

**Prayer Requests: to add/remove names, call 874-3812.**

Nina Mikolasko, Sergio, Gary, Teresa Kooi, Pat Kampmann, Nino S., Pete, Thomas Tolar, Susan Brown, Felicia Gonzalez, Holly White, Kathleen, Jamie Silva, Lorri McCamen, Sarah, Clifford James, Terri Andrews, Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Fr. Sergott, Mary Anne Parque, Dorothy Komarek Denton, Steve, Sr. Marjorie Krusky, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Sheila & Art Hansen, Dennis Mitchell, Jim Pearson

**Finance Corner:**

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

**Weekly Offering**



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For the month of **July** offerings:

7/16: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1995. Mission Appeal: \$1000.  
7/23: Capital Expenditures. 7/30: Rural Food.

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

**Parish Council:** Thurs., 8/17/17, at 6:30-8:00PM in Hall

**Finance Council:** Mon., 7/24/17, at 1:00PM in Hall

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

**St. Philip Ladies Guild:** Contact Dolores, 874-6072

**Every Friday, Centering Prayer:** 9:30 AM at St Philip

**Coffee & Goodies:** Following 8 AM Sunday Mass and Monday/Wednesday after 9 AM Mass, at St Philip Hall

**Mondays & Wednesdays-Seniors Lunch at 12noon:**

All seniors welcome! (No lunch Monday before 2nd Tuesday of month)



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

- Sat., July 22, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer
- Sun., July 23, 8am Mass ✠ Ron Schultz
- Sun., July 23, 9:30am Mass for the People
- Sun., July 23, 11:15am Mass ✠ Ron Schultz
- Mon., July 24, 9am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
- Tues., July 25, 9am Mass [Anointing of the Sick]
- Wed., July 26, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo & ✠ Tom Joyce
- Thurs., July 27, 9am Mass
- Fri., July 28, 9am Communion Service
- Sat., July 29, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
- Sun., July 30, 8am Mass
- Sun., July 30, 9:30am Mass for the People
- Sun., July 30, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Sharbel Makhliuf
- Tuesday: St. James
- Wednesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
- Saturday: St. Martha

**FORGIVENESS**

And is God not more ready to pardon than we to sin?  
—St. Catherine of Siena

**LOVING SOMEONE**

To love someone deeply gives you strength.  
Being loved by someone deeply gives you courage.

—Lao Tzu

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK AT BODEGA: Next Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, during the 9AM Mass in St. Teresa Church, Fr. Allen will give this sacrament to all who wish to participate.**

## RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for JULY 2017

On July 11 we welcomed 96 families representing 140 adults, 45 children and 31 seniors for a total of 216 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.

### URGENT CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH SET UP.

This year five long-serving volunteers have retired for health reasons. This has particularly impacted us on Mondays in which we set up the facility for Rural Food distribution on the second Tuesday of the month. The tasks of sorting and bagging fresh produce, off-loading pallets of food products that we distribute and setting up the distribution tables are among the tasks. Please contact Rod DeMartini (roddemar@comcast.net) if you need any additional information. Thank You!

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

### RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, August 5, from 9-10:00 am repackaging -- Parish Hall  
Monday, August 7, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall  
Tuesday, August 8, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients.

### Flowers for the Altar during the Year

Flowers for the altar 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.

### Exclusive Limited Print of Ansel Adams' original photograph of St. Teresa Church from 1953:

All proceeds will support needed restoration of St. Teresa of Avila Mission. Only 500 prints have been printed from Ansel's original negative. Each reprint is individually numbered. Prints are available for a tax deductible donation of \$175. Please contact restoration committee members for your limited print: Peg at 707-867-6073 or Bob at 707-875-9148.

### Marriage for Life: Catholic Marriage Preparation

The next marriage prep date is August 26, 2017. It will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral at Gough & Geary Streets in San Francisco. It is an authorized one-day format and the cost is \$225 per couple. Engaged couples can register online at [www.marriageforlifefsf.com](http://www.marriageforlifefsf.com). The website has complete information, or just call 415-664-8108.

**Stewardship Commentary:** Every priest has had to deal with the sad occasion when, at the death of a faithful parishioner, the next of kin tell him they do not want a funeral Mass for the deceased. This often is because the family members no longer attend Mass and are afraid they would feel awkward in church. Unless the deceased has left written instructions—such as with a funeral home—the priest cannot, by law, overrule the family. No one looks forward to planning for his or her own demise, but, if you want to assure you receive a Catholic funeral and burial, make pre-arrangements with a funeral home and a cemetery, then inform your next of kin, attorney, financial advisor, and physician that your final wishes are on file at your chosen mortuary.

**NOTE: The office will be closed July 27 & 28 while Fran is away at a family gathering out of town. Voice mail and email will be attended to when the office re-opens July 31.**



### Pope Francis Tweet

*"We must overcome all forms of racism, of intolerance and of the instrumentalization of the human person."*

### A Gathering of Women: Open Our Hearts to Inner Knowing

Facilitated by Ann Hayes, M Div

Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> 10AM - 4PM

Suggested donation: \$50

Vegetarian Lunch provided

Angela Center, Santa Rosa

707-528-8578

### The Apple Tree Project: School Supplies for the Children of our Rural Food Program Families

The weekends of July 15-16 and July 22-23 you will find apple trees in St. Philip and St. Teresa churches. On these trees will be school supply items needed for the children. Take an apple with the items you would like to purchase.

No later than Sunday, July 30, please return your school supplies to church (or by July 26 to the parish office). They will be given out at the August 8<sup>th</sup> Rural Food distribution. If you are a guest to our parish and unable to purchase and return supplies, please consider a donation via an envelope available under the apple tree. Just place an apple in the envelope with your donation for the school supplies listed on the apple. For more info, call Diane at 823-6044.