

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 28, 2019**



You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

— Colossians 2:12

**ASKING FOR HELP**

The Beatitudes praise the poor in spirit. One characteristic of those who are poor in spirit is their ability to ask for help; they know when others can provide what they lack. Today's readings encourage us to practice poverty in spirit by asking God for what we need. What could be more natural than to ask God for good things? God is, after all, the inventor of goodness and the giver of all good things.

Asking God for help puts us in conversation with God. These conversations take many forms. The reading from Genesis shows Abraham bantering with God like a skilled negotiator, while Saint Paul's letter to the Colossians praises God for answering us even when we don't deserve it. In Saint Luke's Gospel, Jesus not only gives us words to use in our conversations with God (the Our Father), but also promises that God always listens to our prayers. -- © J. S. Paluch Co.

**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The pilgrim experience of going by foot to Santiago de Compostella, the shrine of St. James, reached its high point this week at the feast of the Apostle, with tens of thousands of pilgrims on the road. Typically, they cover twelve to twenty miles a day through rough territory. The difficult journey and the often primitive lodging facilities are made bearable by the joy of the pilgrims, their songs and prayers. When their journey is documented properly, they receive the scallop shell, a reminder not only of James the fisherman, but also his call to fish for human beings and to baptize the nations. In the Middle Ages, those who wore this badge on their hats were granted lodging and hospitality wherever they went. Next to the palm, the sign of a Jerusalem pilgrim, the scallop shell was most highly prized.

In the Middle Ages, some people so enjoyed the pilgrim road, although it was filled with discomfort and danger, that they spent most of their lives on the road. Today, some people take up the route for exercise, but are drawn gradually into the spirituality of the journey. As you make your summer travels, always fold in an element of pilgrimage: a long walk through beautiful countryside, a visit to a church, a prayer of gratitude for your journey through life's hills and valleys.

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Mon: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
 Tues: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43  
 Wed: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46  
 Thurs: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53  
 Fri: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58  
 Sat: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12  
 Sun: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

**DECEPTION**

Indeed, it is not in human nature to deceive others for any long time, without in a measure deceiving ourselves, too.

—John Henry Newman

**Finance Corner:**

**Weekly Offering**



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Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **July** offerings:

7/21: 1<sup>st</sup> collection: \$1283.

7/28: Rural Food. 8/4: Operating Expenses.

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

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

**Finance Council:** Tues., 8/20/19, at 11AM in Hall

**Liturgy Committee:** Thurs., 9/12/19, at 4PM 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 27, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer

Sun., July 28, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., July 28, 9:30am Mass ✠ Tom Joyce

Sun., July 28, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

Mon., July 29, 9am Prayer Service

Tues., July 30, 9am Mass ✠ Denis Poynter

Wed., July 31, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

Thurs., Aug. 1, 9am Mass Papke Family special intention

Fri., Aug. 2, 9am Mass Zeller Family special intention

Sat., Aug. 3, 5pm Mass for the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse

Sun., Aug. 4, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., Aug. 4, 9:30am Mass ✠ Mr. & Mrs. Haase

Sun., Aug. 4, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Monday: St. Martha

Tuesday: St. Peter Chrysologus

Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Loyola

Thursday: St. Alphonsus Liguori

Friday: St. Eusebius of Vercelli; St. Peter Julian Eymard; 1<sup>st</sup> Friday

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday

**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.

saint snippets

*The poor stretch out the hand, but God receives what is offered.*

**St. Peter Chrysologus**

5th-century Italian Bishop known for his powerful homilies; his reputation led the Emperor to give him the surname "Chrysologus", meaning "golden-worded"

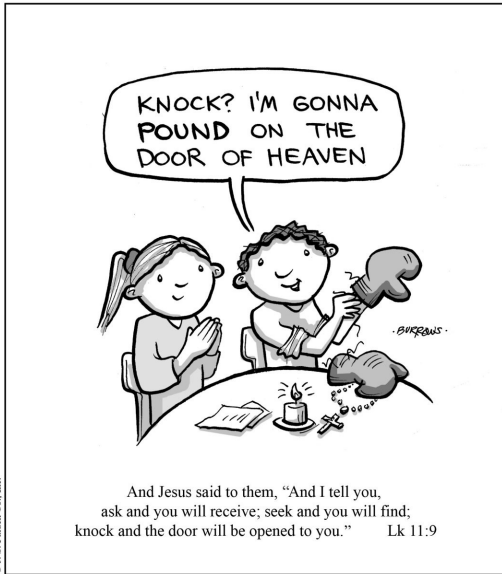
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July 30

**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.)

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



*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.*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

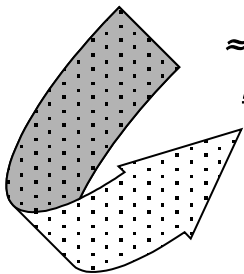
St. Philip's Ladies Guild presents the acclaimed

≈ *Fashion Show & Luncheon* ≈

Saturday, September 28, 2019

12noon in the Hall

(ticket info soon!)



**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.

**ADVERSITY**

Adversity has the effect of eliciting talents which, in prosperous circumstances, would have lain dormant.

—Horace

**August 14 is our "Parish Volunteers Appreciation"**

*Liturgy & Social:*  
5PM Mass at St. Philip's,  
then 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

**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.

**POPE FRANCIS QUOTE**

*"Witness is born from the encounter with the living Jesus. Saint Mary Magdalene, Apostle of Hope, pray for us!"*

**Parish Notes**

On the weekend of August 17-18, 2019, we will have the annual Mission Appeal.

Our missionary speaker will be Fr. Boniface Mbithi Nduva, from the Diocese of Machakos in Kenya.