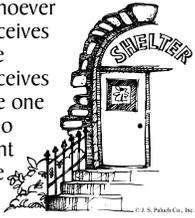


Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.



**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
July 2, 2017**

Think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

— Romans 6:11

**THE RICHNESS OF LIFE IN CHRIST**

Today we have the beautiful story of the woman promised a child, the wonderful exhortation about life in Christ, and a powerful instruction from Jesus. An embarrassment of riches? Not if we take Jesus' words about "welcome" to heart. The many challenges and blessings offered to us today by Elisha, Paul, and Jesus should be cause for rejoicing, and welcomed heartily into our lives. And, like the great treat that they are, they should be enjoyed and shared generously with others.

Today's reading from Romans was chosen very early in the liturgical life of the Church to be the sole apostolic instruction received by candidates for baptism at the Easter Vigil. This illustrates its importance as a core belief, and as a means of comprehending the story of the Resurrection. Christ's resurrection is not merely a story about something that he underwent once upon a time, but it is our story, the story of how we joined the other members of the one Body of Christ, the church. We were not only dead, but we were buried; not ultimately buried, but raised to eternal life with Christ.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

It's Independence Day week, and there is a link worth tracing between the Declaration of Independence and the language of liturgy. One of the signers of the Declaration on that July 4 long ago was Charles Carroll, probably the wealthiest man in the colonies and one of the few Catholics on the political scene. As a flourish to his signature, he sought to distinguish himself from other prominent citizens bearing the same name by penning "Charles Carroll of Carrolltown"—a defiant "come and get me if you dare" postscript aimed at the British.

Carroll's brother John was a priest and patriot who in 1789 was given the task of organizing the Catholic Church in this country. By 1791 he had assembled a synod, or assembly of delegates, to launch that task formally. Archbishop Carroll wanted to gain acceptance of our faith by American people who mistrusted our customs and could not comprehend our liturgy. He made the amazing proposal to Rome that our liturgy should be prayed not in Latin, but in the vernacular, English. His wish was denied, but one hundred sixty years later, his deep desire helped the American bishops and scholars at the Second Vatican Council to win the vote in favor of the vernacular not just for the United States, —Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc-2; Jn 20:24-29  
 Tuesday: Gn 19:15-29; Ps 26:2-3, 9-12; Mt 8:23-27  
 Wednesday: Gn 21:5, 8-20a; Ps 34:7-8, 10-13; Mt 8:28-34  
 Thursday: Gn 22:1b-19; Ps 115:1-6, 8-9; Mt 9:1-8  
 Friday: Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Ps 106:1b-5; Mt 9:9-13  
 Saturday: Gn 27:1-5, 15-29; Ps 135:1b-6; Mt 9:14-17;  
 Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14; Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30

**Prayer Requests:** 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!

For the month of **June/July** offerings:

6/25: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1550. Rural Food: \$2406.  
 7/2: Operating Expenses. 7/9: Black & Indian Mission/World Mission.

**Weekly Offering**



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

**Parish Council:** Wed., 7/5/17, at 10AM 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 1, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith  
 Sun., July 2, 8am Mass ✠ Tom Cuneo & Laperle Pampanin  
 Sun., July 2, 9:30am Mass ✠ Paul C. Spedick & Paul C. Spedick, Jr.  
 Sun., July 2, 11:15am Mass ✠ Maureen Shaw  
 Mon., July 3, 9am Mass for the Poor Souls  
 Tues., July 4, 9am Mass  
 Wed., July 5, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo  
 Thurs., July 6, 9am Mass  
 Fri., July 7, 9am Communion Service  
 Sat., July 8, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith  
 Sun., July 9, 8am Mass ✠ the Camara family  
 Sun., July 9, 9:30am Mass for the People  
 Sun., July 9, 11:15am Mass ✠ Eugene DeMartini

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Thomas  
 Wednesday: St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal  
 Thursday: St. Maria Goretti  
 Friday: First Friday  
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

**TYRANNY**

Tyranny is always better organized than freedom.  
 —Charles Péguy

**FREEDOM**

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it.

—Abraham Lincoln

**Attention: The Family Support Center in Santa Rosa has an ongoing need of more baby wipes, disposable diapers, and infant formula for their families. For more information on how to give donations or items, call Diane Benson at 707-823-5460.**

## RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for JUNE 2017

On June 13 we welcomed 104 families representing 159 adults, 49 children and 33 seniors for a total of 241 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.

**I want to share the observations of David Goodman who is the Executive Director of the Redwood Empire Food Bank that supplies most of the food and produce that we distribute at Rural Food.**

"I spend a good amount of time talking with people facing hunger. Although their paths are different, there are a couple consistent facets to their journeys. The first is that **nobody ever planned on seeking food assistance**. The food recipients are surprised, upset, bewildered, frightened, and grateful all at the same time. Over and over I hear people say that they worked all their lives, even helped others through challenging times, yet here they are, asking for help. In our society, we have a well seated myth: If you receive an education, get a job, and work hard, everything will be okay. My conversations with people in need of help have uncovered the fallacy of this myth. **Many people do all the right things and still find themselves in need of support**. People lose jobs, people don't earn enough, people have disabilities, people divorce, spouses and partners die, people simply live beyond their savings. In all of these situations, we as a community should have a sufficient quantity and quality of food available to help. As polarized as these times are, we must agree on one thing, people are in need of food for one of two reasons: decisions they've made or circumstances beyond their control. In either case, **hunger cannot be the price they pay.**"

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, July 8**, from 9-10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall

**Monday, July 10**, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall

**Tuesday, July 11**, 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.

## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



If, then, we have died with Christ,  
we believe that we shall also live with him.  
We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more;  
death no longer has power over him. Rom 6:8-9

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Fr. Loren's Retirement Reception

A drop-in reception to celebrate the retirement of our pastor Fr. Loren Allen will be held on Sunday, July 30, from 2-4 pm in the Parish Hall in Occidental. Fr. Loren is looking forward to this opportunity to meet and greet parishioners and to enjoy food and refreshments in an informal setting. Please RSVP no later than July 20, either by signing the reservation form on the entry table in church, by calling Fran at the parish office (707-874-3812), or by emailing to [philip.teresa@yahoo.com](mailto:philip.teresa@yahoo.com). Fr. Loren requests "no gifts please".

### Pope Francis Tweet

"We must not turn our backs on the new forms of poverty and marginalization that prevent people from living a life of dignity."

### If you're looking for personal spiritual direction ...

**Angela Center has four spiritual directors available by appointment:**

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