



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time July 9, 2017

“Come to me, all you who labor
and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.”

— Matthew 11:28

A HUMBLE KING

Like a tonal center in music, the note to which we keep returning in today’s readings is humility. We wait in joyful expectation for the coming of our Lord as King. But what we are told to expect and rejoice over is a meek and humble king, riding on an ass. Not horses or chariots of the great and mighty, but a humble beast carries the Ruler whose dominion stretches “from the River to the ends of the earth” (Zechariah 9:10). This King comes to banish the tools of the warrior and bring peace. No wonder that a weary world rejoices and gives thanks to God!

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The premier poet of the English language, Geoffrey Chaucer, introduced one of his most beloved characters, the “Wife of Bath,” by this telling remark: “Husbands at church door she had five.” Four times widowed, she was setting off on a pilgrimage, notably without number five. The church door is a curious detail, pointing to the fourteenth-century wedding custom of marrying on the porch of the parish church. The goal was to give maximum publicity to the consent of the groom and bride, and so consent was moved from the bride’s home to a public venue. The priest would stand in the doorway and begin by sprinkling the couple with holy water. He needed to make sure they weren’t too closely related and give them some instruction. He would direct the groom to pay the bride’s family a dowry, and then announce the monetary amounts to the interested passersby. Only then would the guests enter the church for the wedding Mass, during which the bride and groom would hold lighted candles. The gradual move from home to church and the shift from the bride’s father to the priest’s authority helped to protect the freedom of brides who weren’t quite as confident as the Wife of Bath.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 65:10-14; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23 [1-9]

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 **July** offerings:

7/2: 1st Collection: \$1898. Operating Expenses: \$1302.

7/9: Black & Indian Mission/World Mission. 7/16: Mission Appeal.

Weekly Offering



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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 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
Mon., July 10, 9am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
Tues., July 11, 9am Mass
Wed., July 12, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
Thurs., July 13, 9am Mass
Fri., July 14, 9am Communion Service
Sat., July 15, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
Sun., July 16, 8am Mass ✠ Judith Munson Andrews
Sun., July 16, 9:30am Mass for the People
Sun., July 16, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Benedict
Thursday: St. Henry
Friday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha
Saturday: St. Bonaventure

DESPERATION

The kingdom of God is not for the well-meaning but for the desperate.

—James Denney

HOPE

Never deprive someone of hope—
it may be all they have.

—Anonymous

Our new pastor, Fr. Fergal McGuinness, will be with our parish starting August 1, 2017. Please make him feel welcome in the great West County tradition of genial company and collaboration.

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.

NOTE: The office will be closed July 27 & 28 while Fran is away at a family gathering out of town.

The Little Ones

Los Más Pequeños

Jim Burrows



At that time Jesus exclaimed:
"I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to little ones. Mt 11:25

En aquel tiempo, hablando Jesús, dijo:
"Te alabo, Padre, Señor del cielo y de la tierra,
porque ocultaste estas cosas a sabios e inteligentes,
y las revelaste a los niños". Mt 11:25

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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. Fr. Loren requests "no gifts please".

Pope Francis Tweet

How beautiful it is to see when young people are "street preachers," joyfully bringing Jesus to every street and every corner of the earth!

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 8th 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.