

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 26, 2022

"No one who sets a hand to the plow and looks to what was left behind is fit for the kingdom of God."

DISCIPLESHIP'S COSTS

In today's first reading, God tells the prophet Elijah to prepare Elisha to succeed him. Succeeding Elijah will be no easy task; he has spent his life facing threats from the kings he has confronted about their infidelity to the God of Israel. The psalm illustrates the emotional and spiritual distress that the prophets' steadfast faithfulness to God brought them. Paul's description of the Christian's freedom from the law as opposed to "the desire of the flesh" puts this struggle at the very heart of Christian identity. The reading from Luke's Gospel recounts Jesus' decision to journey toward Jerusalem, where he knows he will meet his earthly fate. Following Jesus—like succeeding Elijah as prophet—will now become more difficult. Unlike his calls to the first disciples, Jesus encounters those who are not ready or are not strong enough to journey with him.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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:

Am I someone whom others see as standing in the bright light of truth?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Am 2:6-10, 13-16; Ps 50:16bc-23; Mt 8:18-22
 Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 19:2-5; Gal 1:11-20; Jn 21:15-19
Day: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19
 Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Am 8:4-6, 9-12; Ps 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131; Mt 9:9-13
 Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17
 Sunday: Is 66:10-14c; Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

SAVE THE DATE: Our Parish Picnic returns on Saturday, **August 6, 2022.**

Join us for barbecue, games, and a chance to re-connect with friends. Hope to see you there!



Finance Corner: Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **June/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 via Paypal or card. Please include your offering envelope # [if you have one].

6/12: 1st col: \$3324. 2nd col: \$620. 6/19: 1st col: \$1620. 2nd col: \$386.

6/26: Rural Food. 7/03: Peter Pence.



Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council [PC]: Wed., 6/29 at 3pm in Hall
Finance Council [FC]: TBD
Liturgy Committee [LC]: TBA
St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044
St. Philip Ladies Guild: Every 3rd Friday. Details TBA

✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule 2022

6/25 Sat. 5pm Mass for ✠ Bob Tiller
 6/26 Sun. 8am Mass for the People
 6/26 Sun. 9:30am Mass ✠ Edward Winfield Loftus
 6/26 Sun. 11:15am Mass

7/02 Sat. 5pm Mass for the People
 7/03 Sun. 8am Mass ✠ Eugene DeMartini
 7/03 Sun. 9:30am Mass
 7/03 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.



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.

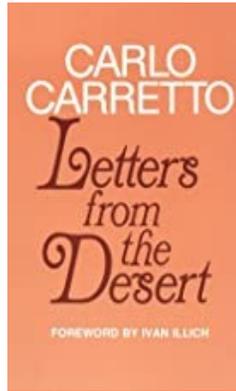
RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in the Parish Hall and parking area:

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.

The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head



Was Jesus speaking of himself when he spoke those words about "the Son of Man"? Biblical scholars tend to agree that the phrase, which in Aramaic is *bar nasha*, can refer to any human being.

We might say - then - that "human beings" (or people or folks in general) have no place to lay their heads. Which is a way of saying: that human beings are migratory animals - always on the go.

And yet I can think of many places where I have laid my head. Since infancy the list includes Guilford Road, Corlies Street, then Rutland and later Tudor Street and then (at age 15) a long train ride to a surplus army cot in a minor seminary near the New York town of Garrison on the Hudson. And God knows how many pillows ever since in Washington, Rome, and all over our continent.

And yet again, isn't that the equivalent of having had no place to lay my head - there having been so many transient ones?

This is not to say that the words don't apply to Jesus himself; that he is talking about his own "no place to lay his head". Throughout the Gospels he is in a hurry. For instance in today's reading he has no time to "get even" with inhospitable Samaritans who post "No Jews need apply" upon every motel in town. His disciples want to burn the place down, but with Jesus it's like " . . . let it go - there is such a thing as a Good Samaritan."

And then there is his constant summons: "Follow me." Nor will he slow down for the most sympathetic of reasons. There's an urgency to his mobility - for him cemeteries have to do with a defunct past; plowing ahead is what's needed, sowing seed, harvesting Being in all its essence, our mouths emitting blossoms instead of insults. So obviously Jesus is leading us somewhere he thinks

we must go - so where is that? Well old Moses told us long ago: *It is not in the heavens . . . nor is it across the sea . . . No! it is something very near to you, in your mouth and in your heart.* Indeed, Jesus seems to be leading us to where we ARE - and have always been but didn't know it.

Or better still, he is leading us to *WHEN* we are, for it's not so much our arriving or already being at a place but our experiencing a place that brings about a change. For instance, regarding my teenage train ride to that minor seminary on the Hudson River, a distance of one hundred and thirty miles of space, I was fascinated by the names of stations along the way: Tarrytown, Ossining, Croton-on-Hudson, Verplanck, Peekskill, Garrison, each triggering my imagination - and the River, so broad, so silently potent. In other words, it was the event as an awakening, the moment! - not so much the place but its resonance - not so much the "where" of it all but the "there" of it all. And the beginning of a "nearness" - the presence, the present of what it means To Be.

You are my inheritance, O Lord. / You will show me the path to life, / fullness of joys in your presence, / the delights at your right hand forever.

Psalm 16:11

--Geoff Wood, 6/19/2022

The Apple Tree Project: School Supplies for the Children in Our Rural Food Program

School will be starting in August, and with it, the need for costly school supplies for the children in our program. You can help!

Beginning June 25, there are collection jars in St. Philip and St. Teresa Churches. Please support our program with your personal donation.

Backpacks and school supplies will be purchased by parish volunteers and given to the families at the August Rural Food Distribution. Questions? Please Contact Diane at 707-823-6044. Thank you for helping our children.

