

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ June 3, 2018

The cup of salvation
I will take up,
and I will call upon
the name of the LORD.

- Psalm 116:13

PRECIOUS BLOOD

On this solemnity we focus our attention on the Body and Blood of Christ. We listen to the story of the renewal of the old covenant, which Moses sealed by splashing the blood of animals on the altar of sacrifice, as well as on the people. Jesus, whose blood is the blood of the new covenant, shed that precious blood on the cross, saving us from sin and promising us everlasting life. Blood is the life source that courses through our bodies. The precious blood of Christ is the life source for our spirits. Today may we, like the psalmist, offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, whose Body and Blood strengthen us to bring the Good News to everyone we meet.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The origins of today's solemnity lie in thirteenth-century Belgium. In those days, people seldom received Holy Communion, and never from the chalice. A nun in a troubled convent, Juliana of Liège, devoted her life to stirring up love for the Eucharist, lobbying for a feast day to honor the Blessed Sacrament with Masses and processions.

Juliana may have been inspired by the Ascension Day processions in nearby Bruges. Crusaders brought a treasure home to Bruges from Constantinople in 1204: a reliquary said to contain a cloth from Joseph of Arimathea with which he had helped prepare the body of Jesus for burial. The stain on the cloth was said to be the holy blood itself, and so the people of Bruges built a great basilica to house the relic. Bruges became a great center of pilgrimage because of this treasure, and the procession of the Holy Blood is still one of the greatest festivals in Belgium today. The bishop carries the relic through the narrow streets, and the people wear medieval costumes and act out scenes from the Bible.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7; Ps 91:1-2, 14-16; Mk 12:1-12

Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27 Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28b-34

Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Is 12:2-6; Eph 3:8-12, 14-19; Jn 19:31-37

Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 2:41-51

Sunday: Gn 3:9-15; Ps 130:1-8; 2 Cor 4:13 — 5:1; Mk 3:20-35

Sunday, June 24: **6th Gospel Sing-Along**, 3pm at St. Teresa Church in Bodega. Proceeds support our parish music liturgy program. For more information call Janis at 707-829-9590.

Prayer Requests: Call 874-3812 to add/remove names.



Teresa Kooi, Pat Kampmann, Thomas Tolar, Susan Brown, Holly White, Kathleen, Jamie Silva, Lorri McCamen, Sarah, Clifford James, Terri Andrews, Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Mary Anne Parque, Steve, Sr. Marjorie, Barbara,

Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Jim Pearson, Annie Tobin, William, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O'Donnell, Bill Zandoski, Daniel, Papke family, Mary Karp, Randy Tonelli, Fr. Logan, Columbina Albini, Michael Dan, Lisa, Richard Macche, and for all those suffering from homelessness

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!



For the month of May/June offerings:

5/27: 1st Collection: \$2144. Rural Food: \$2030.

6/3: Operating Expenses. 6/10: Diocesan Priest/Sem Ben Welfare.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Wed., 7/11/18, at 10:00AM in Hall Finance Council: Wed., 6/27/18, at 11:00AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: TBA

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

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



Mondays & Wednesdays-Seniors Lunch at 12noon:

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

Sat., June 2, 5pm Mass & Brendan Smith

Sun., June 3, 8am Mass 🕆 Margaret Anna McCool

Sun., June 3, 9:30am Mass for the People

Sun., June 3, 11:15am Mass
⊕ Emily & Joe Palmer

Mon., June 4, 9am Communion Service

Tues., June 5, 9am Mass Most Rev. Robert Christian, OP

Wed., June 6, 9am Mass
⊕ Tina Bartolo

Thurs., June 7, 9am Mass Fri., June 8, 9am Mass

Sat., June 9, 5pm Mass 🕆 Brendan Smith

Sun., June 10, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., June 10, 9:30am Mass Andrew Zeller

Sun., June 10, 11:15am Mass
⊕ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Monday: Ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Boniface Wednesday: St. Norbert

Friday: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday: The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.



CHARITY

Charity is that with which no one is lost, and without which no one is sayed.

—St. Robert Bellarmine

THE START

It's the start that stops most people.

—Anonymous

Pope Francis Quote

"We must never forget that the natural environment is a collective good, the patrimony of all humanity and the responsibility of everyone."

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for May 2018

On May 8 we welcomed 95 families representing 136 adults, 50 children and 33 seniors for a total of 219 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.

Summer months at Rural Food provide an opportunity for students, visiting grandchildren and families to join us for set up and distribution. We welcome the extra help!

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

(Please consider joining our ministry to people in need)
Saturday, June 9, from 9-10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall
Monday, June 11, from 12:30 - 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall
Tuesday, June 12, from 8:30 - 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients

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 tax-deductible donation of \$175. Please contact a restoration committee member for your own limited print: Peg at 707-867-6073 or Bob at 707-875-9148.

Catholic Charities TOURS

Join us for a tour of programs, meet some of the people we serve, and learn about all the ways Catholic Charities serves our diocese.

Tours last only an hour... the experience lasts a lifetime. Please call 707-528-8712 ext.161 to reserve your spot.

Tours are held at the Family Support Center, Santa Rosa

Attention: The Family Support Center in Santa Rosa has an ongoing need for 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.

"Remember Lord, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith." These beautiful words at Mass recall our beloved dead. A Mass intention is a way to remember a beloved friend or family member, whether in death, for healing, in celebration of a special day, or simply for prayer and guidance. Come by the office (or call 707-874-3812) to arrange the Mass. A customary donation of \$10 is appreciated.

Tables, chairs, or any other church property request:

If you need to use our hall tables, chairs, etc., please contact Hal (874-3304) or the parish office to find out the availability so we can try to accommodate and process your request. Items must be returned promptly. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Looking for a special gift in honor or in memory of a loved one? The Rural Food program has a beautifully designed card that is sent to the recipient indicating that you made a gift to the program. The cards are available on pamphlet tables at both St. Philip & St. Teresa Churches or by contacting Rod DeMartini, Program Coordinator, at roddemar@comcast.net.



CASINO NIGHT

"A Little Bit of Italy"

Next Saturday, June 9, 6:30PM at Parish Hall Spaghetti cook-off, Games, Prizes & Fun

Tickets at the door or call 874-6072.

St Philip and St Teresa CAREGIVING MINISTRY:

Ministering to the sick, elderly and needy of the parish by...

- Visiting, shopping
- Transportation (to support groups, doctor appointments, religious functions, etc)
- Socializing and companionship
- Providing specialized information.

Program is available to people in the area in need of our support. Contact: Dolores Novello (707-874-6072) or the office (707-874-3812)

Catholic Charities: "Challenging Poverty, Caring for Seniors, and Counseling Immigrants"

The Immigration Program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa is offering the provisional waiver service by an immigration attorney (pardon to spouses, parents, and children with exceptions) for a more affordable cost than private law immigration firms. Additionally, we offer the initial application for FREE. For further information, contact us at 707-578-6000

Our social senior lunch program serves meals



on Mondays & Wednesdays to a group of fun and dedicated diners in St Philip Hall at noon.

We extend an invitation to all seniors to attend any time you would like to join us. Cost is only \$4. (Sample monthly menu in the office)