



The Most Holy Trinity June 7, 2020

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son.

— John 3:16a

GRACE AND ETERNAL LIFE

Moses is a man after our own hearts, for haven't we all dealt with more than our share of stiff-necked people? Indeed, haven't we all gotten a little stiff-necked ourselves at times? Complaining . . . impatient . . . quick to anger. How lucky for Moses —how lucky for all of us—that God is exactly the opposite! And we don't even have to guess about it. The Lord tells us so directly. Accordingly, Moses does what we all need to do. Even with the tablets in hand, he bows down and asks for God's forgiveness and grace.

Encouraging us to live together in peace—and in God's favor—the Apostle Paul knows all about this grace, joyfully invoking Christ's grace on us along with God's love and the Holy Spirit's. "Rejoice," he says. And when it comes to rejoicing, John offers us the gladdest words of all: the assurance of eternal life through Jesus.

--J. S. Paluch Co.

SAINT BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS (1844-1879)

April 16

With Immaculate Mary's "Ave Maria" for its refrain, Andy Williams' "Village of Saint Bernadette" peaked at #7 on *Billboard's Top 40* at Christmas 1959, airing on radio stations all over America. Imagine! April 16 marks the feast of Bernadette Soubirous, the teenager who, combing a refuse heap for firewood, saw a "beautiful lady" who identified herself in words Bernadette faithfully reported to the bishop, though she did not understand their meaning: "I am the Immaculate Conception." Relentlessly interrogated, she never wavered in her story or sweetness. Chronically ill all her life and dead at thirty-five, Bernadette left behind the shrine at Lourdes where healing waters still flow from the spring that her "beautiful lady" pointed out to her.

--Peter Scagnelli, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon:	1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12
Tues:	1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
Wed:	1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
Thurs:	Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
Fri:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
Sat:	1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
Sun:	Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

HOLY TRINITY

The Father is my trust, the Son is my refuge,
the Holy Spirit is my protection. O holy Trinity, glory to Thee.
—Byzantine Horologion, Troparion at Nocturns, sixth century

Rush to the wounds
of Jesus and gain
strength from them.

St. István Sándor

Hungarian Salesian who was martyred
in 1953 under the communist dictatorship
for teaching the faith to young people.

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June 8

Finance Corner: Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!



For the month of May/June offerings:

PLEASE mail to St. Philip/St. Teresa Parish,

P. O. Box 339, Occidental CA 95465. Or donate at our website www.stphilipsteresa.org via Paypal or card. *Include your offering envelope # with your donation.*

In May: 1st Collections: \$5600. Add'l Oper.: \$1500. Rural Food: \$4078.
6/7: Dioc. Priest Ben. Welfare. 6/14: Capital Expenditures.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council [PC]: TBA

Finance Council [FC]: TBA

Liturgy Committee: TBA

St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044

St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Penny, 559-367-7403

Every Friday, Centering Prayer: cancelled for now

Coffee & Goodies: cancelled for now



Mondays & Wednesdays-Seniors Lunch at 12noon:

cancelled for now

† ♥ + Mass Intentions † ♥ + Schedule

Fr. Bala is more than willing to fulfill Mass Intentions in his daily Private Mass celebration. (There is a customary \$10 stipend for any Mass Intention.) But it is left to the wish of those who have already submitted (or have yet to submit) to the office their Intentions, as to choice of a private or public Mass. Email to philip.teresa@yahoo.com Or leave a message at the alternate office number: 707-408-2650.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity

Monday: Tenth Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Ephrem

Thursday: St. Barnabas

Saturday: St. Anthony of Padua

Prayer Requests: Leave a message at 707-408-2650 to add, edit, or delete names.

Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Lorri McC., Sarah, Clifford J., Terri A., Fred P., Theresa S., Sara, Mary Anne P., Barbara, Dave C., Jim P., William, Parson P., Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Mary K., Michael D., Richard M., Kathleen, Peter, Rosa S., Susan B., Joyce D., Anita C., George H., Mimi H., Steve, Barry, Lorrin K., Hugh P., Robert S., Britney N., Jacque W., Rebecca A., April K., Jacinta G., Leo A., Ed C. family, Kathy R., Donna W., Jim K., Sherry S., Papke family., Gail F., Marie N., Joseph, Christine, James, Pat P.



Memo from Parish Bookkeeper Val:

"Many more people are using Paypal. They need to know to add their envelope # to every transaction [as a "special instruction"] if they want their donation accounted for [on tax donation record]. Thank you!"

Pastor Speaks...

I am personally sorry to read and watch for the last few days about the death of George Floyd and the protests in the United States. I have prayed for the eternal rest of Floyd and for the consolation of his family and friends.

I remind you here of the call of Pope Francis to the US Conference of Catholic Bishops at this juncture. That call was of great encouragement and assurance of Prayer in the wake of Death of George Floyd and the protests in our nation.

Archbishop Jose Gomez of Los Angeles, President of the USCCB, has issued a Statement at this occasion. In its conclusion, he made an appeal saying, "...We should not let it be said that George Floyd died for no reason. We should honor the sacrifice of his life by removing racism and hate from our hearts and renewing our commitment to fulfill our nation's sacred promise – to be a beloved community of life, liberty, and equality for all."

Father Bala

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE: MAY 2020

Under stormy skies, 100 families received nutritional support on May 12. In between rain showers one could hear the expressions of appreciation among recipient families as volunteers filled their vehicles with much needed food. We will maintain our use of social distancing, hand sanitizer, gloves and masks as indicated for the next few months. This program is funded through the Rural Food Collection each month, private donations and volunteers. Thank you for your donations as we strive to meet the nutritional needs of all attendees at our distributions.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES in the Parish Hall:

Saturday, June 6, 9-10:00 am repackaging. Monday, June 8, 10:00am – 12:00pm set up. Tuesday, June 9, 8:30 – 11:00am distribution of food to clients.

Hofmann died in the Ardennes Forest in December 1944. I'm still here.

I went nostalgic this past week and so I fingered up the Internet to show the football record of my high school's 1941 and 42 seasons. My school was LaSalle High in Philadelphia, member of a ten team Catholic League.

My nostalgia focused on LaSalle's game with West Catholic High, an annual powerhouse – at West Catholic's home field. Here's the post game report on record: *La Salle Ties West Catholic: C. Donohoe Scores Clinching Tally. Adding a storybook ending to a game that glistened with hard, thrilling action throughout, the Explorers of La Salle*

evaded a near certain West Catholic victory when Charlie Donohoe snatched a pass from Charlie Schaefer after it had bounced off an opponent's hands, and scampered the remaining five yards for the touchdown that knotted the count at 6-6. I recall that so well because I was there as a loyal sophomore rushing out onto the field to jeer at the West Catholic stands and went home in a double decker bus full of schoolmates who made the contraption sway from side to side as we drove away.

The old report also listed the LaSalle players: *Donahue, Cifelli, Reilly, Schneider, Hofmann, Morrow, another Donahue, Villari, Schaefer, Hauck, Gibbons, Modjalewski.* And West Catholic had its *Minahans, Murphys, Kearneys, Bonners and Dillons . . .* Which pretty much defined the ecclesial and ethnic tribalism within which I grew up. The only Philadelphia I knew - now gone with the wind.

And then I began to think beyond just the facts of that day and time about what its passing meant and means today (like, you know: philosophize). That was almost eighty years ago. We were on the threshold of radical changes that have since refashioned the whole complexion of the nation, the world. We did not anticipate change back then; homogeneity was the rule. Other races and ethnicities were left to be caricatured by Hollywood as entertainment. And judging from the news of today, generations since are still having a hard time dealing with diversity.

It's as though many of us Christians have forgotten what that whole Pentecost demonstration of long ago proclaimed – the manifestation of a theologically based unity in diversity (as exemplified by our Triune God): *Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, . . . Now there were devout Jews from every nation . . . staying in Jerusalem . . . "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? . . . how does each of us hear them in his own native language?* [And here the text expands to permeate the known world of the time.] *We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, Mesopotamians, Judeans and Cappadocians, from Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt, Libya, Cyrene, travelers from Rome . . . Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."* They said . . . "What does this mean?"

It means we human beings and all the things upon and above and beneath the earth and stars – are brothers and sisters – kinfolk – and as human beings we should think and behave as such. It's about time we began to know each other while retaining the wonders of diversity – which characterizes somehow the very nature of God.

--Geoff Wood, 6/7/2020