



**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 11, 2018**

God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
— John 3:17

COMMUNAL RESPONSIBILITY

The people of God forgot the covenant and flouted God's laws. They did not listen to the prophets among them, who spoke for God in warning them. Prophets are sent from God to remind us why we are here, but they are often, even in our own time, mocked, disregarded, and mistreated rather than thanked and listened to.

The book of Chronicles tells the results of these sins: the destruction of the temple and all of Jerusalem, murder, mayhem, and finally exile to a foreign land. Why are these stories in the Bible? Just to inform us of what happened to our ancient forebears? What good would that be unless there were a message and a warning for us as well? Are we people who follow the teachings of God, who obey the words of Christ in the second covenant in his blood? Or do we continue to wreak works of darkness and violence? We are reminded by these readings that we will be judged as a people, not just as individuals.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Year B of the Lectionary has the Letter to the Ephesians today. Ephesus, today in Turkey, was in the first century a great Greek city, the center for the worship of Diana, the goddess of the hunt. It was a vast city even by modern standards, having nearly half a million people in the time of Paul. Yet that was a time of economic recession and moral decay. No wonder Saint Paul stayed here the longest. It gave him an enormous and religiously curious audience. His preaching stirred up the artisans who depended on the pilgrims who came to honor (and buy mementos of) seventeen gods and goddesses enshrined in the city's temples. You can still see the open-air theater where Paul's homily triggered a riot. Paul did have success here, and many conversions among Jews and Gentiles. They seem to have struggled with hope, perhaps because of their suffering from economic woes and isolation.

Some old traditions say that the Apostle John lived out his days here, and that the Blessed Mother was cared for by him. There's no biblical basis for this, but it is certain that a small house just outside the city has been treasured by Christians and Muslims for centuries as the last dwelling of Mary. Long ago, the harbor silted up and the city was nearly abandoned, becoming a small village. As is so often the case, that accident of history preserved the ancient city, so that archeologists have been very successful in revealing ancient Christian sites. One such site is the Church of Mary, probably the first church to be dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, and the site of the Council of Ephesus in 431. Today, a visit to Ephesus is one of the most rewarding journeys for any pilgrim. —Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

Monday:	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday:	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

NOT ENOUGH

It is not enough for me to love God,
if my neighbor does not love God.
—St. Vincent de Paul

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **March** offerings:

3/4: 1st Collection: \$2681. Capital Expenditures: \$1454.
3/11: Operating Expenses. 3/18: AMA collection.



Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Tues., 3/20/18, at 12Noon in Hall
Finance Council: Mon., 4/23/18, at 11:00AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: Fri., 3/23/18, at 9:30AM in Hall

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

Coffee & Goodies: 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)



✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

- Sat., March 10, 5pm Mass ✠ Wanda McManus
- Sun., March 11, 8am Mass Randy Tonelli
- Sun., March 11, 9:30am Mass for the People
- Sun., March 11, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
- Mon., March 12, 9am Mass
- Tues., March 13, 9am Mass
- Wed., March 14, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
- Wed., March 14, 7pm Penance Service with Individual Confessions, St. P
- Thurs., March 15, 9am Mass
- Thurs., March 15, 9:30am Penance Service with Individual Confessions, St. T
- Fri., March 16, 9am Communion Service
- Sat., March 17, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
- Sun., March 18, 8am Mass for the People
- Sun., March 18, 9:30am Mass ✠ Wanda McManus
- Sun., March 18, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent; Second Scrutiny;
Daylight Saving Time begins
- Friday: Abstinence
- Saturday: Saint Patrick

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

Teresa Kooi, Pat Kampmann, 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, Mary Anne Parque, Dorothy Komarek Denton, Steve, Sr. Marjorie, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Jim Pearson, Ronald Porter, Annie Tobin, William, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O'Donnell, Bill Zandoski, Daniel, Papke family, Mary Karp, Randy Tonelli, Fr. Logan, Columbina Albini

St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner Party! Next Saturday, March 17th.
Call today for tickets: 874-1851



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)

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.

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for FEBRUARY 2018

On February 13 we welcomed 110 families representing 141 adults, 37 children and 41 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.

In January and February, Rural Food clients were invited to participate in a survey regarding our service and the groceries and produce that we provide each month. This will enable us to continue to make improvements in this vital ministry as our parish enters a fourth decade of service in the Rural Food Program.

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, March 10**, from 9:00 --10:00am repackaging in Parish Hall
- Monday, March 12**, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall
- Tuesday, March 13**, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and to assist clients

Exclusive Limited Print of Ansel Adam's original picture of St. Teresa Church from 1953: All proceeds will 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 restoration committee members for your own limited print:: Peg 707-867-6073 or Bob 707-875-9148.

Tables, chairs, or any other church property request:

If you would like to borrow our hall tables or chairs, etc., please first contact Hal (874-3304) or the parish office (874-3812) to let us know your request so we check for availability on our calendar. Thank you for your help in following parish procedure in this.

Penance Services with Individual Confessions:

- St. Philip's on Wednesday 3/14/18 at 7pm
- St. Teresa's on Thursday 3/15/18 at 9:30am



REPENTANCE

Of all human acts, repentance is the most divine. The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none. —Thomas Carlyle

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.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



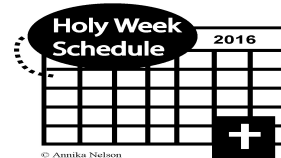
But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God. Jn 3:21

A Lenten Discussion of the Book of Acts: Pat Griffith will conduct a Discussion of the Book of Acts during Lent. Acts is more than just a story of the early Church following the Ascension of Jesus. It gives us insight into the growth pains of the Church as it transitions from a small Jewish-Christian community in Jerusalem to a universal Church extending to the gentiles through Paul's ministry, showing how God creates change through the Holy Spirit. The Discussion will be held in the Parish Hall from 10:00Am to 11:30AM on the following remaining dates: Tues. 3/20, Fri. 3/23, and Tues. 3/27. Please text Pat at 707-477-2971 or email Patrick@fairyhill.com.

Pope Francis Tweet!

"When you meet other people in the Lord, you can be sure God's surprises will follow."

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.



- March 29: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper**
7pm at St. Philip Church, Occidental
(No 9am Mass at St. Teresa, Bodega)
- March 30: Good Friday Solemn Liturgy**
12noon at St. Teresa Church, Bodega
- March 31: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass**
8pm at St. Philip Church, Occidental
(No 5pm Mass at St. Teresa Church, Bodega)
- April 1: Easter Sunday Masses**
8am at St. Philip Church, Occidental
9:30am at St. Teresa Church, Bodega
11:15am at Philip Church, Occidental