



Second Sunday of Lent March 13, 2022

The LORD is my light
and
my salvation;
whom should I fear?

— Psalm 27:1

A GLIMPSE OF GOD

Have you ever had a glimpse of God? Perhaps you perceived God's presence in a quiet moment of prayer, a tender conversation with a loved one, or a difficult situation that was resolved unexpectedly. Peter, James, and John in today's Gospel were given a glimpse of Christ's glory on the mountain, as Jesus was transfigured before them. Abram put his faith in God and saw God's power in a wondrous sign of covenant love. We have the promise of eternal life with God in heaven. This promise brings with it responsibility, as people who are called to live as Christ's very own in the world. Lent is the perfect time to resolve to listen more attentively to the Lord and follow God's ways, assured that in doing so, we put our faith in the one, true, and faithful God.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. 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:

How can I be more attentive to God's word?

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent;
Daylight Saving Time begins
Wednesday: Purim (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
Thursday: St. Patrick
Friday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem; Abstinence
Saturday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Finance Corner: Your generosity

is greatly needed and appreciated! For the month of **March** 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] with your donation. **3/06: 1st coll.: \$1517. 2nd coll.: \$1131.**



3/13: Capital Expenditures.. 3/20: Cath Relief Serv/Camp Human Dev.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council [PC]: TBA
Finance Council [FC]: Tues., 3/22/22, at 3pm on Zoom
Liturgy Committee [LC]: Fri., 4/01/22, at 9:45am in Hall
St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044
St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Penny, 559-367-7403

✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule 2022

3/12 Sat. 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
3/13 Sun. 8am Mass John Geving
3/13 Sun. 9:30am Mass for the People
3/13 Sun. 11:15am Mass
3/19 Sat. 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
3/20 Sun. 8am Mass ✠ Hugh Peterson
3/20 Sun. 9:30am Mass ✠ William "JK" McGill
3/20 Sun. 11:15am Mass for the People

Prayer Requests: Please leave a message at 707-408-2650.

Parson P., Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Michael D., Richard M., Kathleen, Peter, Rosa S., Susan B., Joyce D., Anita C., George H., Mimi H., Steve, Barry, Hugh P., Robert S., Britney N., Chuck, Rebecca A., April K., Jacinta G., Leo A., Ed C. family, Kathy R., Donna W., Sherry S., Gail F., Marie N., Christine, James G., Gary S., Peter R., Gerry N., Diane K., River M.; Nikkie; Mr. C., Michelle, Christian A., Samantha S., Gary E., Frederick Kasl, John Geving

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for MARCH 2022

On Tuesday, March 8, warm sweaters, jackets and sweatshirts were waiting for our Rural Food recipients. Clients were able to select a style and fabric that would work best for their needs. This additional offering was made available by parishioners who provided gently used clothing and coordinated by a Rural Food Volunteer.

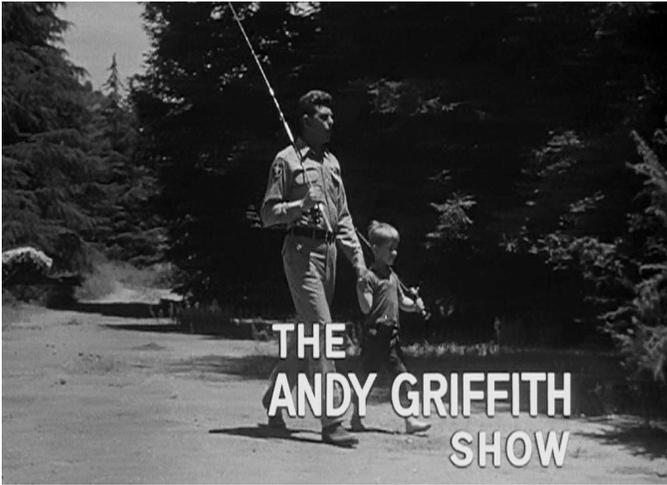
Sixty-four families, (153 individuals) selected fresh produce, milk, eggs, poultry, beef, fish or vegetarian items, commodities, snacks and bread. All are welcome to receive nutritional support from our Program.

We have opened the hall to in-person shopping by clients to choose specific foods from our program for their families. It also allows volunteers to re connect with clients we haven't been in touch with since COVID.

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, April 9, 9-10:00am repackaging; Monday, April 11, 9:00 - 11:00am set up; and Tuesday, April 12, 7:30-11:00am to distribute food to clients.



***“Put out into deep water and lower your nets
for a catch”***

My wife and I have been great fans of Andy Griffith reruns – and I don’t even want to probe the psychology that makes us do that. Maybe it’s just because they’re funny. For instance there is that episode in which the schoolboys hate history and are giving their teacher fits. She complains to Andy who thinks up a way of solving the problem. He agrees with the boys that history is boring, who would want to sit through a class in history – and there is a pause – and then: who would want to hear about the shot heard round the world. And the boys agree – except again there is a pause – on their part. The shot heard round the world? ask the boys. Their attention has been caught, thought is triggered within their brains by a metaphor.

Even Barney Fife creases his brow: what shot heard round the world? [Which allows Andy to recount the story of Paul Revere and Lexington and Concord Bridge](#) – pivoting their young minds into an interest they didn’t know they had, to think of history as Eventful.

Lenten Day of Reflection on the Divine Mercy. Join Maureen Sheridan Scott, of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, who will share reflections from her pilgrimage to the village of St. Faustina, and Dan Ramos, of St. Eugene’s Cathedral, who will speak about the power of the Devotion to the Divine Mercy. This event will be presented via Zoom on Sunday, March 27th from 1:00 - 2:30 pm. If you wish to attend, please contact the Santa Rosa Diocesan Council of Catholic Women at 707 331-3126 (Char) or email SantaRosaDCCW@gmail.com.

And of course Andy is referring to a poetic treatment of that moment in history, Emerson’s memorial poem at Concord Bridge, which translated a mere skirmish into verse, a language appropriate to an Event, into something truer than just factual:

By the rude bridge that arched the flood,
Their flag to April’s breeze unfurled,
Here once the embattled farmers stood,
And fired the shot heard round the world . . .

On this green bank, by this soft stream
We set today a votive stone;
That memory may their deed redeem
When, like our sires, our sons are gone.

Metaphor! Making an event transcend transient Time (i.e. 1775) by making it ever present potentially; seeing it as deeper or far reaching or as “fundamentally” true. There is a tendency in modern times due to the prevalence of science that only what’s proven in a laboratory is true – that poetic language is entertaining but inapplicable when it comes to solving problems. And I’m sure Simon (laboring as he did all night in shallow water?) was too weary to trust working overtime in deeper water as Jesus suggested.

Even as so many millions of people – given their constant need to get everyday things done – have little time to think – or think deep about who and why and what and where (in time and space) they are . . . and time slips by, netting little . . . To such (and I am among them) the Jesus of today’s Gospel says – “I know you are weary from fishing in shallow waters – but lower your nets in quest of the deeper meanings of your life and draw up a greater understanding of why you exist and how to exist.” That is what faith is about – especially if it is more than ankle deep.

As The Soul Prospers <http://asthesoulprospers.blogspot.com/>

Each week Pat Griffith writes a reflection based on the upcoming Sunday scriptures and posts them to the above blog.” Pat is a member of St. Philip’s and has been writing reflections since 2006. He has led Bible studies and taught Old Testament classes. “As the soul prospers” is taken from a verse in the Third Letter of John, and is an inspiration for reflecting on how every aspect of our human condition can and should reflect the completeness and prosperity of the soul. **You can access the blog any time. The weekly email notification has additional thoughts and notice of additional blogs.**