



Second Sunday of Lent March 17, 2019

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

— Psalm 27:1

STAND FIRM IN THE LORD

It is not hard to imagine, in this age of wars, evil groups bent on the destruction of humanity, and political follies, that the words of Saint Paul were so accurate, even for his time. It seems that the world never changes. Paul says, "Many . . . conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is their destruction . . . Their minds are occupied with earthly things" (Philippians 3:18, 19). The result is the destruction of innocent people and of the Earth itself. But Paul says to the Philippians, "our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (3:20). He will "change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body" (3:21). Note that he says "body" rather than "bodies." He is talking about the whole community of believers, who, following the example of Jesus and of Paul, will come into the glory of God. So "stand firm in the Lord" (4:1).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

By now, many may have failed in Lenten discipline to some measure or another: the daily doughnut is simply too alluring, or a furtive puff on a cigarette irresistible. There is meaning even in the failure, though, a kind of reminder that we cannot save ourselves. Part of the power of Lent is that we do it together, and although individuals decide on different ways to keep it, it is fundamentally the same journey. We fall, we get up, we keep moving. The desire to "give something up" for Lent is an age-old impulse in the Christian heart. We get better at it over the years, and move more deeply into the meaning and message of acts of sacrifice; so there is no shame in stumbling, as long as we are not discouraged by the failure and give up. We are clearing space in our lives, after all, and some of the things we desire to give up are worth rooting out completely anyway.

What do we do with the space we have cleared out by our sacrifice? The Lenten question of giving up is balanced by the Easter question of our response to Christ's embrace of us in love: "What are you taking on for Easter?"

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	2 Sm 7:4-16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13-22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
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:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday:	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

AMBITIONS

Many ambitions are nipped in the budget.

—Anonymous

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Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

St. Patrick
5th-century British missionary known as "the Apostle of Ireland"

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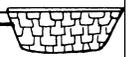
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Christian Giving

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

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For the month of **March** offerings:

3/10: 1st Collection: \$1790. Operating Expenses: \$1118.
3/17: Diocesan Seminarians. 3/24: AMA collection.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Wed., 3/20/19, at 10AM in Hall

Finance Council: Wed., 4/3/19, at 11AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: Fri., 5/3/19, 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 Wednesday/Friday 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 16, 5pm Mass for the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse

Sun., March 17, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., March 17, 9:30am Mass ✠ Pat & Mike Joyce

Sun., March 17, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

Mon., March 18, 9am Prayer Service

Tues., March 19, NO 9am Mass

Tues., March 19, 10:30am Funeral Mass for Bob Tiller at St. Teresa's

Wed., March 20, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

Thurs., March 21, 9am Mass Vicki Cassman

Fri., March 22, 9am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

Sat., March 23, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., March 24, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., March 24, 9:30am Mass for the conversion & just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse

Sun., March 24, 11:15am Mass ✠ Yvon Heckscher

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Lent; St. Patrick's Day

Monday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem

Tuesday: St. Joseph

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

Prayer Requests: Call 874-3812 to add names. (Names cycled out periodically) Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Jamie S., Lorri McC., Sarah, Clifford J., Terri A., Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Mary Anne P., Barbara, Dave Creeth, Jim P., William, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Mary K., Columбина A., Michael Dan, Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa S., Susan B., Zeidan family, Joyce Doughty, David Bettencourt, Gina, Lorrin K., Anita C., Steve, Al Bello, Jan, Barry, George H. and Mimi H.

The parish extends condolences to the Tiller family on the passing of Bob Tiller. On Monday, March 18, a Rosary will be said at 6pm in St. Teresa Church. On Tuesday, March 19, a Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30am in St. Teresa Church.



IRELAND

No reptiles are found there [in Ireland], and no snake can live there; for, though often carried thither out of Britain, as soon as the ship comes near the shore, and the scent of the air reaches them, they die.

—Venerable Bede

POPE FRANCIS QUOTE

“If we open ourselves up to welcome God’s mercy for ourselves, in turn we become capable of forgiveness.”

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for March 2019



On March 12 we welcomed 99 families representing 115 adults, 25 children and 34 seniors for a total of 174 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.

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.

(Looking for recipes using Rural Food items. Call office with ideas.)

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Information on April dates and times in future bulletins.

Want to get more involved but not sure how? Come see what we do. We need more volunteers on distribution day to help our clients and their loaded grocery carts to their vehicles. We can also use some behind the scenes help with paperwork, ordering, etc. THANK YOU!



Flowers for the Altar during the Year 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.

Note: Because of the Diocesan Seminarian second collection this weekend, the AMA collection will be moved to next weekend, March 23-24.

Tables, chairs, or any other church property request:

If you need to use our tables, chairs, etc., please contact Hal first and let him know your request: 874-3304. Thank you for your help.

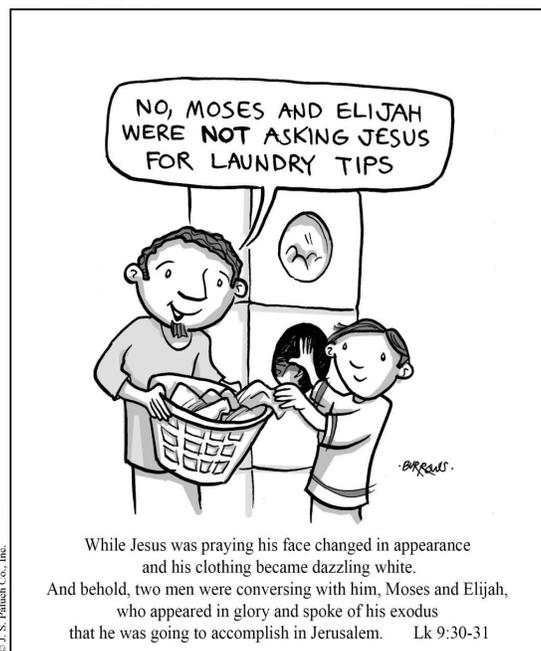
Looking for a special gift in honor or in memory

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 entry tables at both St. Philip & St. Teresa Churches, or by email your request to: roddemar@comcast.net

Are you, (or do you know someone) interested in learning more about the Catholic Church? In becoming a Catholic? Talk to Fr Fergal or call the office to make an appointment– He’ll be happy to meet with you and answer your questions. 874-3812

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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 donation of \$175. Please contact restoration committee member Peg for a limited print: 707-867-6073.

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 x161 to reserve your spot.

Please be mindful of others during the cold/flu season. If you are sick, please refrain from holding hands during the Our Father/kiss of peace and from receiving the CUP during communion. You are welcome to receive communion. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. Get well soon!

Mass Intentions: Anniversary? Confirmation? First Communion? Graduation? Marriage? Memorial? These are key events in our spiritual life. There is no better way to celebrate these occasions than to have Mass offered for those who are important to us. A call to the parish office will set a date for the Mass: 874-3812. (Note: the customary offering is \$10.)

