

**Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 18, 2018**

I will place my law within them  
and write it upon their hearts;  
I will be their God, and  
they shall be my people.  
— Jeremiah 31:33

**SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE**

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.  
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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Over the next two weeks, as we hear of the interior anguish of Jesus, we are led to the Garden of Gethsemane, the scene of a night of suffering, failure, and loss. In Hebrew, the word means "olive press," and it was an olive grove, although only a few trees remain. Olives can't be eaten off the trees, they need to be cured—knocked from the trees at harvest time, scooped into a stone basin, and cracked open by a heavy millstone. The crushing stone weight was itself called a "gethsemane," and once it was lowered onto the olives, oil from the fruit and the inner stone would drip into a groove and flow into jars. The night before his death, Jesus experienced such anguish that scripture says his own blood perspired from him, an image no one who understands olive oil production could miss.

Today, the Mount of Olives is within the city of Jerusalem and the site of the Church of All Nations, also known as the Basilica of the Agony. It was built in 1924, funded by Catholics in twelve different countries. An open-air altar on the grounds is used by Anglicans on Holy Thursday every year. Nearby is the Russian Church of Mary Magdalene, built by the czar in 1888, its magnificent golden domes a distinctive landmark. There is also another tiny Catholic Church, called *Dominus Flevit*, or "The Cry of the Lord," built in a teardrop shape in the mid-1950s. For centuries, the Franciscan order has had the care of the shrines of the Holy Land, and our Good Friday collection helps sustain these precious sites.  
—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

Monday:	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
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56
Sunday:	Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22: 8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

**BE AWARE**

We need to be aware that happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door we didn't know we had left open.

—Anonymous

**REPENTANCE**

God has promised pardon to one who repents, but has not promised repentance to one who sins.

—St. Anselm

**Social Ministry**



**Finance Corner:**

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **March** offerings:

3/11: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$2710. Operating Expenses: \$988.  
3/18: AMA collection. 3/25: Rural Food.

**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)

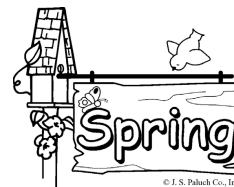


**✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule**

- Sat., March 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
- Mon., March 19, 9am Mass
- Tues., March 20, 9am Mass
- Wed., March 21, 9am Mass
- Thurs., March 22, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo Memorial Mass
- Fri., March 23, 9am Mass
- Sat., March 24, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer
- Sun., March 25, 8am Mass for the People
- Sun., March 25, 9:30am Mass ✠ Wanda McManus
- Sun., March 25, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

- Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny
- Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Tuesday: Spring begins
- Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo



**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. Gary Logan, Columbina Albini*

**Many Thanks for Preparing and Attending Our**

**St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner  
Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Sponsored by the St. Philip/St. Teresa Boosters Club

**Prayer Vigil for Peace**  
 Lawrence Livermore Lab  
 (Nuclear Weapons Laboratory)  
 Good Friday, March 30, 2018  
 7am (yes-early!)  
 Vasco and Patterson Pass Roads, Livermore, CA

*This is an interdenominational service,  
 with music, prayer, speakers and sacred dance.  
 For more info: Kathleen Robbiano 707-331-5718*

**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 MARCH 2018**

On March 13 we welcomed 89 families representing 187 adults, 32 children and 33 seniors for a total of 220 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.

**The 2018 Client Survey contained many expressions of gratitude including this heartfelt note: "Thank you for your generosity in helping me and my family. My husband, while working, hurt his hand and could not work for the rest of the year. Thanks to all of you, we had food for my daughters. Thanks from the bottom of my heart."**

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**

- Sat., April 7** from 9-10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall
- Mon., April 9**, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall
- Tues., April 10**, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute food & 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.*

Young Adults! Are you discerning a Call to be a Sister or a Priest? What does your heart desire? The National Religious Vocation Conference is hosting a Young Adult "Encounter" Retreat on April 14, 2018 from 2:00 - 8:00pm at the Dominican Sisters Center in San Rafael. The day will consist of Prayer, Adoration, Reflection Walks, Circle Conversations, Journaling, Vocation Stories by Priests and Sisters and a Vigil Mass. Questions? Contact Sister Carla, carlaop@gmail.com or call 415-686-4183. Registration is online at <http://bit.ly/Encounter2018> for young adult men and women ages 18-35.



**Fr. Gary Logan**, our former pastor, is now living in a small residential home for the elderly and memory-impaired. If you would like to visit, please call the staff at 527-9390. The location is Tuscan Terrace, 2364 Melbrook Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95405. (A greeting card could be a nice way to stay in touch, too.)

**The Little Ones**

Jim Burrows



But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jer 31:33

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**Pope Francis Tweet!**

"I thank all women who every day strive to build more humane and welcoming societies."

**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.



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**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