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## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time March 3, 2019

Every tree is known by its own fruit.  
For people do not pick figs from  
thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes  
from brambles.

— Luke 6:44

### THE INSIDE SHOWS

In this third Sunday of our reading from the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus speaks of the inner soul and its outer expression. He uses images as he teaches. He addresses all of us.

Jesus sees a plumb line connecting the soul with the soul's expression-words and actions. He uses exaggeration to drive home his point. We are urged to clear out the debris that blinds us. He knows that we have an uncanny ability to be blind to our own weaknesses, though they be as big as a board. He knows, too, how willingly we seem to ferret out others' smallest speck-like flaws.

And this, too, is for our general consumption; solid old goodness and solid old badness will show eventually. The old Latin saying, which echoes Jesus' images, is true: "What is bred in the bone will out in the flesh." By and by, the inside will show through.

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many Catholics who are not active in the Church will still seek out ashes this Wednesday. Likewise, many Jews who are not otherwise observant will follow the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, with great exactness, fasting and refraining from work and entertainment. People customarily dress in white as a symbol of purity and a reminder of God's promise that our sins will be made white as snow. While the overture to Ash Wednesday for Christians may be a festive Mardi Gras celebration, for Jews it is the New Year feast of Rosh Hashanah. Ten days before the Day of Atonement to God, people are expected to repair breaks in human life. These are days for offering forgiveness and seeking to repair harmed relationships with family, friends, or coworkers. Everyone is expected to seek out someone and "clear the air" by asking for understanding for any mean words or thoughtless deeds in the past year.

Perhaps the ashes you receive will be invested with deeper meaning if you follow a similar plan. This year, Rosh Hashanah will be September 29, and Yom Kippur October 8. A conversation with some Jewish friends or neighbors about their experience of a season of repentance may be a blessing on your Lent.

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27  
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31  
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

### THE DIFFERENCE

The difference between perseverance and obstinacy is  
that one often comes from a strong will,  
and the other from a strong won't.

—Henry Ward Beecher



WEEKLY



### Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **February** offerings:

2/24: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1780. Rural Food: \$1888.  
3/3: Capital Expenditures. 3/10: Operating Expenses.

### 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 2, 5pm Mass for the conversion and just punishment of  
the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse

Sun., March 3, 8am Mass Vicki Cassman

Sun., March 3, 9:30am Mass for the People

Sun., March 3, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

Mon., March 4, 9am Prayer Service

Tues., March 5, 9am Mass Vicki Cassman

Ash Wed., March 6, 9am Mass & Ashes at St. Philip's ✠ Tina  
Bartolo

Ash Wed., March 6, 12noon Mass & Ashes at St. Teresa's

Ash Wed., March 6, 7pm Mass & Ashes at St. Philip's

Thurs., March 7, 9am Mass ✠ Holly & Sean White

Fri., March 8, 9am Mass Vicki Cassman

Sat., March 9, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., March 10, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., March 10, 9:30am Mass for the strength of bishops to be holy  
shepherds in protecting & leading their sheep from all harm

Sun., March 10, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Casimir

Wednesday: **Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence; Almsgiving**

Thursday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Friday: St. John of God; Abstinence

Saturday: St. Frances of Rome

**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., Sr. Marjorie, Barbara, Fr. Logan, Dave Creeth, Jim P., William, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Mary K., Columbina A., Michael Dan, Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa S., Susan B., Zeidan family, Joyce Doughty, Pineda family, David Bettencourt, Gina, Lorrin K., Anita C., Steve, Al Bello, Barry, and all who are suffering in natural or manmade conditions

Note: Annual Ministry Appeal 2019 will be announced at church in March.

### Pope Francis Quote

*“Let us ask the Holy spirit to sustain us during these days and to help us transform this evil into an opportunity for awareness and purification.”*

### RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for February 2019

On February 12 we welcomed 93 families representing 129 adults, 38 children and 33 seniors for a total of 200 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 recycleable grocery bags for our clients

### RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Saturday, March 9,** from 9-10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall

**Monday, March 11,** from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall

**Tuesday, March 12,** from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients.

Want to get more involved but not sure how? Come on Monday or Tuesday to see what we do. We need more volunteers on Tuesday to help our clients and their loaded grocery carts to their vehicles. We can 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.*

Attention: Lent booklets (black) are available at the church entry tables starting the first week of Lent.



**Ash Wednesday, March 6, (Fast and Abstinence)**

9am Mass & Ashes at St. Philip

12noon Mass & Ashes at St. Teresa

7pm Mass & Ashes at St. Philip

For those who wish, the Union Hotel will do a supper at 5pm: meatless pasta, salad and bread (\$20 includes tax and gratuity; just bring a \$20 bill).

### THANKS

No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.  
—Ambrose of Milan

Note: Our Endowment Account balance as of January 31, 2019 was \$108,269.

### A Visitor's Comments

On Feb. 21 I received an unsigned note in the mail and I'd like to share part of it with the whole parish:

"Our family was a first-time visitor to your church last Sunday. What a wonderful experience for us! Everyone was so welcoming and friendly....Thank you so much."

This sense of welcome for the many visitors who come to our churches is something in which all of us can take justifiable pride. I think it can also be a source of encouragement for us to continue to receive all our visitors as we would Christ himself.

Fr. Fergal

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 this restoration committee member for a limited print: Peg 707-867-6073.



# COMING SOON!

## St. Patrick's Corned Beef & Cabbage

### Dinner

In our Parish Hall

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**

**No Host Bar: 6pm Dinner: 7pm**

Dinner tickets (\$25) on sale after Sat/Sun Masses  
(and weekday mornings in the office)