

Third Sunday of Lent March 4, 2018

I, the LORD, am your God . . .
You shall not have other gods
besides me.

— Exodus 20:2a, 3

KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH

There's no better way to deepen our Lenten practice than to review the Ten Commandments. The first three, having to do with our right relationship to God, get the most ink. The one we busy people probably have the most problem with is keeping holy the Sabbath.

If we take this commandment literally, babies will go undiapered and dishes will stay on the table, or perhaps meals will not be served. The sick will go unattended and nothing that has anything to do with physical labor will be done. Is mental labor really work? How about changing that dirty diaper (poor baby!)?

We need to depend on God to discern how to observe real Sabbath time in our lives. The point of this commandment is that God has given us a great gift: one whole day per week when we are free to rest, worship God, sing, feast, love, and rejoice. As Psalm 19 proclaims: "The law of the LORD is perfect, / refreshing the soul" (19:8). Our Sabbath rest is a great gift, to be received from God with joy, not with nitpicking.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If your parish is reading from Year B of the Lectionary today, and not Year A, as is normally done when there are elect present for the scrutinies and preparing for Easter baptism, you hear about Jesus driving the money-changers from the temple. If you wished to get as close as possible to this site today, you would in fact be at a Muslim shrine, the Dome of the Rock, built on the ruins of Herod's temple.

Archeologists believe that this striking, gold-domed crown of a shrine is set precisely where the Holy of Holies once was. Jews believe that the rock is the exact spot where Abraham was prepared to sacrifice Isaac. It is not a mosque, as some think, but a shrine, the oldest one in the Muslim world. For them, the rock is the place from which the Prophet Mohammed ascended on a visit to heaven. The Crusaders mistook the shrine for the actual Temple of Solomon, and the infamous Knights Templar used it as their headquarters and model for their churches elsewhere. The geometric perfection of the shrine is a mathematician's dream. The inscriptions are not exactly hospitable though, since they encourage Christians to "depart from error" and declare that "Jesus son of Mary was only a messenger of God." In ancient times, those who prayed here after walking around the rock were given a certificate entitling the bearer to admission to paradise. The ticket had to be buried with them.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

Monday:	2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday:	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday:	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday:	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday:	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday:	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday:	2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

FORGIVENESS

If a bad person wrongs you, forgive the person,
lest there be two bad people.

—Anonymous

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly
needed and appreciated!

For the month of **February/March** offerings:

2/25: 1st Collection: \$1715. Rural Food: \$2187.

3/4: Capital Expenditures. 3/11: Operating Expenses.



Social Ministry

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 3, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., March 4, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., March 4, 9:30am Mass ✠ Peter Mizera

Sun., March 4, 11:15am Mass Papke family special intention

Mon., March 5, 9am Mass

Tues., March 6, 9am Mass ✠ Robert Mikus

Wed., March 7, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

Thurs., March 8, 9am Mass ✠ Brian McLeod

Fri., March 9, 9am Communion Service

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

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Lent; First Scrutiny

Wednesday: Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

Thursday: St. John of God

Friday: St. Frances of Rome; Abstinence

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, Robert and Amanda

THE SURLY BIRD!?

Some doctors say that cheerful people resist disease better
than grumpy ones. The surly bird catches the germ.

—Anonymous



Set clocks forward one hour
next Saturday night, March 10.
(Daylight Savings Time begins)

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

Parish Notes: The Endowment Account with Christian Brothers Financial Services of San Francisco for the benefit of our parish of St. Philip/St Teresa provides a financial resource for this parish that will last forever. Contact Fr. Fergal McGuinness to discuss further: fmguinness@srdiocese.org.

St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner Party

Saturday, March 17, 2018

No Host Bar: 6pm Dinner: 7pm

\$25 Dinner ticket

Tickets sold after Sat/Sun Masses
or weekday mornings at the office

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



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.

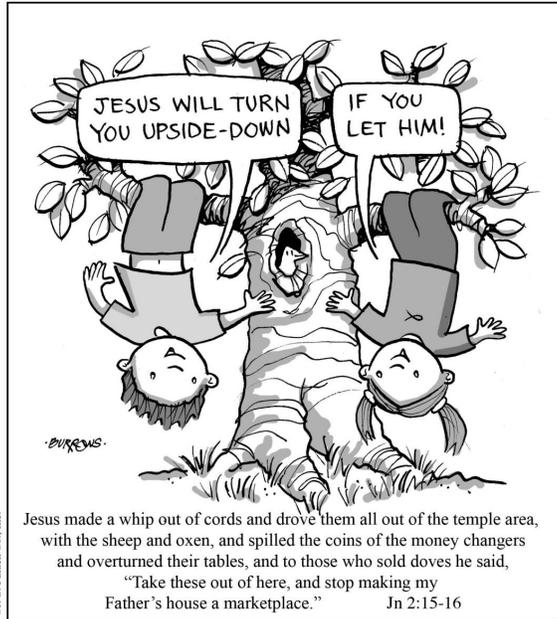
Penance Services with Individual Confessions:

St. Philip's on Wednesday 3/14/18 at 7pm

St. Teresa's on Thursday 3/15/18 at 9:30am

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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: Fri. 3/9, Tues. 3/20, Fri. 3/23, and Tues. 3/27. Please text your registration to Pat at 707-477-2971 or email Patrick@fairyhill.com.

Pope Francis Tweet!

"We offer a gift pleasing to Jesus when we spend time with a person who has difficulties or we help someone for the sake of helping."

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.



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.