

Fourth Sunday of Easter May 12, 2019

"I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth."

— Acts 13:47b

SHEPHERDS LIKE JESUS

Each year this Fourth Sunday of Easter celebrates Jesus the Good Shepherd. Today's Gospel seems especially timely, for as Christians worldwide suffer persecution like Paul and Barnabas, Jesus promises his sheep enduring, invincible safety: "They shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand." But we who are free to live our faith peacefully sometimes take our membership in Jesus' flock for granted, wandering astray to seek our own pleasure and prosperity. The simple cross that Pope Francis always wears seems to show us how Jesus responds to that. Francis's cross features an image of Jesus, who has sought and found a lost sheep, then joyfully set it on his shoulders to carry it gently home. May Good Shepherd Sunday inspire us, so often lost and found ourselves, to assist Jesus in seeking, finding, and gently carrying home our fellow precious lambs. -- © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass is such an expected feature of the Mass these days that it is surprising to realize that for many centuries, receiving Communion was a relatively rare event in the life of a faithful Christian. "Easter duty" means that Catholics must celebrate reconciliation if aware of serious sin, and receive Holy Communion during the Easter season. For a while, this was a requirement of Easter week, and later extended to the whole season of fifty days, and even beyond that by a few weeks. For the majority of people long ago, this meant Communion was a once-a-year moment. A rather complex bureaucracy grew up around this rule in the Middle Ages. Amazingly, people received a kind of token at confession admitting them to Communion in their home parish, which then kept careful records and reported them to the bishop.

Surviving records can tell us a great deal about our ancestors. In fact, people were encouraged to journey to the church of their baptism in order to fulfill their duty, and therefore the Easter duty includes in its origins a grateful pilgrimage to the font in which you were first embraced by Christ. If your "Holy Mother Church" is within a drive, why not make a pilgrimage to that font a feature of your Easter celebration of these fifty days? - Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
 Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
 Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
 Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
 Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
 Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
 Sunday: Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33-35

Parish Notice: for May 15th to 29th

Please welcome our visiting priest,

Fr. David Shaw, who will cover weekend liturgies and some weekday services while our pastor is away.

Finance Corner:



Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **April/May** offerings:

4/19: Holy Land: \$262.
 5/5: 1st Collection: \$3569. Operating Expenses: \$1480.
 5/12: No 2nd collection. 5/19: Capital Expenditures.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Wed., 6/5/19, at 10:00AM in Hall

Finance Council: Tues., 6/25/19, at 11:00AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: TBA

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 Tues. of month)



✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

Sat., May 11, 5pm Mass ✠ Bob Tiller
 Sun., May 12, 8am Mass ✠ Deborah Marcellus & Lucille Munson
 Sun., May 12, 9:30am Mass for the People
 Sun., May 12, 11:15am Mass ✠ Barbara Bavaresco
 Mon., May 13, 9am Mass for the strength of the bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting and leading their sheep from all harm
 Tues., May 14, 9am Mass ✠ Bob Tiller
 Wed., May 15, 9am NO Mass
 Thurs., May 16, 9am NO Mass
 Fri., May 17, 9am NO Mass
 Sat., May 18, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
 Sun., May 19, 8am Mass ✠ Alex Colmar
 Sun., May 19, 9:30am Mass ✠ Jack & Janet Young
 Sun., May 19, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
 Monday: Our Lady of Fatima
 Tuesday: St. Matthias
 Wednesday: St. Isidore the Farmer
 Saturday: St. John I

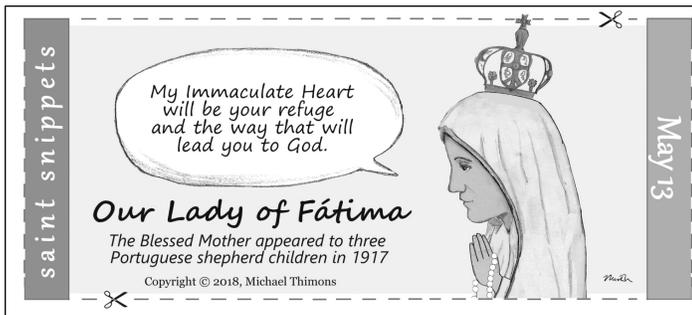


MOTHER BLEST

Though she was the Mother of the Lord, yet she desired to learn the precepts of the Lord, and she who brought forth God, yet desired to know God. —St. Ambrose

MOTHERHOOD

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever. —Anonymous



Prayer Requests: Call 874-3812 to add names. (Names cycled out periodically) Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., 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., Columbina A., Michael Dan, Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa S., Susan B., Zeidan family, Joyce Doughty, Lorrin K., Anita C., George H. and Mimi H, Steve, Barry, Colleen Lunardi

"Every morning, God comes to find us where we are. He summons us to rise at His word, to look up and to realize that we were made for heaven."

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for April 2019

On April 9th we welcomed 95 families representing 126 adults, 31 children and 33 seniors for a total of 190 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.

We welcomed several new volunteers who joined us to set up for and distribute food on Monday and Tuesday. It was great to get to know and work together with them to provide food for our neighbors in need. Thank you to those who helped transport produce and offered valuable suggestions while we adjust to our new delivery and distribution plans.

Please continue to collect paper grocery bags, especially with handles, and egg cartons. These items can be dropped off in the parish hall.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, May 11, from 9-10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall

Monday, May 13, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall

Tuesday, May 14, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients.

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.



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YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE:
First Communion will be held at St. Philip Church during the 11:15 AM Mass on June 2, 2019. We have 4 children receiving the sacrament this year. Please be mindful of their seating needs and those of their families at this special occasion Mass, and please pray for the happiness and well-being of all involved in the ceremony. Thank you and God bless!

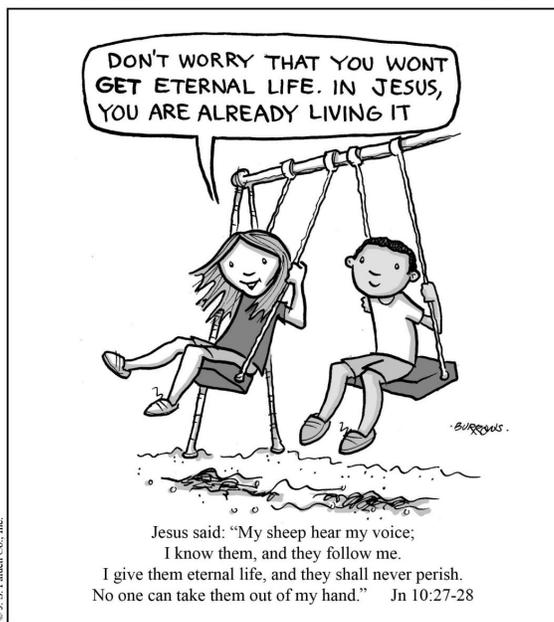
Exclusive Limited Print of Ansel Adam's original picture of St. Teresa Church from 1953: All proceeds support needed restoration of St. Teresa of Avila Mission. A limited number of prints have been printed from Ansel's original negative. Each reprint is individually numbered. Prints are available for a donation of \$175. Please contact restoration committee member Peg Duffy for a limited print: 707-867-6073.

"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 ever need to borrow items for a family event, please first contact Hal, our parish hall coordinator, to make an official request: 874-3304. Thank you for your considerate attention to proper procedure in this matter.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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