



## Fifth Sunday of Easter May 19, 2019

“Behold,  
God’s dwelling is  
with the human race.”

— Revelation 21:3

### MISSIONARIES OF MERCY

Paul’s back! After last week’s “violent abuse,” opponents organized a lynch mob that beat Paul nearly to death. But call Paul the “energizing evangelist,” transforming deadly cruelty into life-giving zeal. Paul’s past courage should inspire our commitment; Revelation’s future “new heaven, new earth” should inspire our optimism. But Revelation’s present assurance, “Behold, God’s dwelling is with the human race,” should challenge us to become “missionaries of mercy.” Because Pope Francis declared that the Church’s credibility is completely dependent on our showing unconditional mercy. Mercy, said Francis, makes the Church, the world, and everyone young again, reawakened to life’s noblest virtues. Fittingly, in today’s Gospel Jesus reinforces that theme: “This is how all will know you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Frequent fliers today have many ways to accrue air miles, so one doesn’t always have to endure long hours in cramped seats to earn free hours in cramped seats. In St. Paul’s day, there were no such perks, nor would there have been any legal system for him to protest the shipwrecks he endured. He had other rewards in mind. The churches that he established in the catalogue of cities from today’s first reading must have been very different from one another. Language, culture, customs, religious history, obstacles to community, social challenges, the places where they met, their clothing, their bread and wine, all distinct, particular to the area.

There were social customs as well: in a Christian household, the only place where a slave would be able to stand legally as an equal with the master would be at the table of the Lord, because at that table a new world of reconciliation was imaged. While Paul revered local customs, he was relentless about challenging the ways that people lived their Christian lives and how their worship reflected them. It is much the same today, as a global Catholic Church seeks to respect local customs and culture, allowing for differences in many things, yet always giving expression to the underlying presence of Christ, who binds us all together into his body.

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

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26  
 Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a  
 Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-5; Jn 15:1-8  
 Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11  
 Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-10, 12; Jn 15:12-17  
 Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-3, 5; Jn 15:18-21  
 Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Ps 67:2-8; Rv 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

### YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE

First Communion will be held at St. Philip Church during the 11:15 AM Mass on June 2, 2019. We have four 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!

### Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!



For the month of **May** offerings:

5/12: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$2328. No 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.  
 5/19: Capital Expenditures. 5/26: Rural Food.

### 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 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  
 Mon., May 20, 9am Prayer Service  
 Tues., May 21, 9am Mass  
 Wed., May 22, 9am Mass & Reception ✠ Sr. Marjorie Krusky  
 Thurs., May 23, 9am NO Mass  
 Fri., May 24, 9am NO Mass  
 Sat., May 25, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer  
 Sun., May 26, 8am Mass  
 Sun., May 26, 9:30am Mass  
 Sun., May 26, 11:15am Mass ✠ Bob Tiller

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun: Fifth Sunday of Easter  
 Mon: St. Bernadine of Siena  
 Tues: St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions  
 Wed: St. Rita of Cascia  
 Sat: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII; St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi

**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

**“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.

### From Father Fergal:

On Wednesday May 8th I received a letter from Bishop Vasa informing me that, as of June 24th, I will be Pastor of St. Apollinaris Parish in Napa. I spent six years there in the late 1990's when I worked at Justin-Siena High School, so my sadness at leaving St. Philip and St. Teresa Parish is assuaged by the fact that I am returning to a parish that has very happy memories for me. I will continue, for the time being, to split my time between the parish and the Tribunal.

Bishop Vasa has appointed Father Balaswamy Govindu as the new (and full-time) Pastor of St. Philip & St. Teresa Parish. Father Bala is a very pastoral priest who will be an excellent and experienced shepherd for this parish. I know that all of you will welcome him with open hearts and arms.

Also, while I am on vacation for this weekend and next, please welcome Father David Shaw to our parish for weekend Masses. Father Shaw retired in 2018 after 29 years as Pastor of Resurrection Parish in Santa Rosa.

### Pope Francis Quote

"If we live like children of God and we let ourselves be guided by the Holy Spirit, we do good to all creation as well."

**Doors and Windows!** Please be mindful. We all need to make special effort to lock all doors and turn off all lights before leaving the parish hall & churches. We appreciate your cooperation - Thanks!

**Are you, (or do you know someone) interested in learning more about the Catholic Church?** In becoming a Catholic? Talk to the pastor or call the office to set up an appointment.

**Tables, chairs, or any other church property request:** If you need to use our tables, chairs, etc., please contact Hal (874-3304) or the parish office to let us know your request. Thank you for your help.



### PRAYER AND HUMILITY

Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword;  
wear humility rather than fine clothes.

—St. Dominic

*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.

### Parish Picnic is coming! Sunday, June 9, 2019

12:30-3:30 pm, Respini Ranch

### Provided on the Menu:

BBQ chicken for adults; BYOB.  
Hot dogs & Burgers for the kids.  
Soft drinks for all.

**Pot Luck: Sign-up on Sheet** by Last Name Initial for:  
Salad/Side Dish **A-M**; Dessert **N-Z**

**Games:** Car slot racing, Jump house, Bean bag toss, Horseshoes & more!



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### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

ACTS OF LOVE ARE SPECIFIC AND CONCRETE. WE'LL NEED MORE TOWELS.

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, "I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another. This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Jn 13:33-35

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