



**Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 21, 2017**

“I will ask the Father,
and he will give you . . . the
Spirit of truth.”
— *John 14:16-17*

PEOPLE OF HOPE

Throughout this Easter season the readings have drawn us into the experience of the early church. We have tasted the excitement and zeal of the first Christians. Now, with them, we listen to the words of Saint Peter, who reminds us that when people notice that we are people of hope, we should be ready to explain why. This challenges us. Do others even notice that we are people of hope? In a world often marked by cynicism and hopelessness, do we stand out as people who offer hope and reassurance to others? In today's Gospel Jesus promises that when he leaves the earth he will not leave us orphaned. Today he promises to send his Advocate, the Spirit of truth who will be with us always. Let us acknowledge the presence of the Holy Spirit and ask the Spirit to make us people of hope. -- © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The custom of genuflection is not found everywhere in the Catholic Church. In fact, it is a bit of breach of etiquette to genuflect in most Eastern Catholic Churches. If you're visiting an Eastern Catholic or an Orthodox church, the "when in Rome" rule should be adopted. Watch what the home team is doing! Usually, Eastern Catholics and Orthodox reserve a small portion of the eucharistic bread for the dying in a cupboard or eucharistic dove, but it is not a center of attention or devotion. The rule is to make a profound bow, called a "metasis," toward the altar—bowing deeply while making the sign of the cross.

East and West split years before we Westerners began to reserve the Blessed Sacrament prominently in our churches. Thus, the East never changed the original custom of bowing toward the altar. Increasingly, as tabernacles became more widespread in the West and moved into prominent placement within churches, we replaced the bow toward the altar with a genuflection toward the Blessed Sacrament when its place of reservation is visible.

In a church where the Blessed Sacrament is reserved in a special chapel or off the main axis of the building, normally you should bow toward the altar when you enter your pew, because the eucharistic table is the principal sign of Christ's presence in the church building. If you have ever participated in the liturgy of Dedication of a Church and Altar, there is no mistaking the altar's significance: it is first slathered with chrism and then adorned with a brazier billowing clouds of incense that fill the whole church as a sign of prayer and presence!

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20
 Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
 Sunday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Prayer Requests: to add/remove names, call 874-3812

Nina Mikolasko, Sergio, Gary, Teresa Kooi, Pat Kampmann, Nino S., Maureen Shaw, 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, Fr. Sergott, Mary Anne Parque, Dorothy Komarek Denton, Jennifer Trentham, Sr. Marjorie Krusky, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Sheila Hansen

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **May** offerings:

5/14: 1st Collection: \$2101. No 2nd collection.
 5/21: Capital Expenditures. 5/28: Rural Food & Ascension.

Weekly Offering



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Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Wed., 7/5/17, at 10AM in Hall

Finance Council: Mon., 6/5/17, at 1:30PM in Hall

St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044

St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Dolores, 874-6072

Every Friday, Centering Prayer: 9:30 AM at St Philip

Coffee & Goodies: Following 8 AM Sunday Mass and Monday/Wednesday after 9 AM 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., May 20, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
 Sun., May 21, 8am Mass
 Sun., May 21, 9:30am Mass for the People
 Sun., May 21, 11:15am Mass ✠ Laurence Marciel
 Mon., May 22, 9am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
 Tues., May 23, 9am Mass
 Wed., May 24, 9am Mass
 Thurs., May 25, 9am Mass
 Fri., May 26, 9am Communion Service
 Sat., May 27, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer
 Sun., May 28, 8am Mass for the People
 Sun., May 28, 9:30am Mass Andrew Zeller
 Sun., May 28, 11:15am Mass

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Monday: St. Rita of Cascia;
 Friday: St. Philip Neri
 Saturday: St. Augustine of Canterbury
 Sunday: Ascension [transferred from Thursday]



➔ **PARISH NOTES:**

- The Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated on Sunday, 5/28, instead of Thursday, 5/25.**
- Memorial Day (Monday, 5/29) 9AM Mass will be held at our Calvary Cemetery in Bodega.**

EXTREMES

If you wish to go to extremes, let it be in
 sweetness, patience, humility, and charity.

—St. Philip Neri

Exclusive Limited Print of Ansel Adams' original photograph of St. Teresa Church from 1953: All proceeds will support needed restoration of St. Teresa of Avila Mission. Only 500 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 a restoration committee member for your limited print: Peg at 707-867-6073 or Bob at 707-875-9148.

Looking for a special gift in honor or in memory of a loved one? The Rural Food program has a beautifully designed card that is sent to the recipient indicating that you made a gift to the program. The cards are available on pamphlet tables at both St. Philip & St. Teresa Churches or by contacting Rod DeMartini, Program Coordinator, at roddemar@comcast.net.

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for MAY 2017

On May 9 we welcomed 85 families representing 132 adults, 27 children and 34 seniors for a total of 193 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 need more volunteers on Monday to help unload our storeroom and delivery truck as well as set up the Parish Hall for the Tuesday distribution. Also help is needed on Tuesday to help our clients and their loaded grocery carts to their vehicles.

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, June 10, from 9-10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall

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

Tuesday, June 13, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients.



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.

Many thanks to all who have planned and participated in our spring parish events: St. Patrick's Day Dinner, St. Teresa Pancake Breakfast, and Casino Night Spring Festival. Your creativity, generosity, and dedication are greatly appreciated, as always!

Save the Date:

Sunday, June 4: 5th Gospel Sing-Along, 3pm at St. Teresa Church in Bodega. \$10 Admission; proceeds support our parish music liturgy program. For more information call Janis at 707-829-9590.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

PEOPLE NEED HOPE.
LET'S SHARE OURS
WITH THEM!



Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope. 1 Pt 3:15

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*Congratulations and Prayers
this Sunday, May 21st,
to the Kilcullens and Roskis,
our Confirmation families!*

Mother Teresa Poem: DO IT ANYWAY

People are often unreasonable,
illogical and self-centered;
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind,
People may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives;
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful,
You will win some false friends and true enemies;
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank,
People may cheat you;
Be honest anyway.

What you spend years building,
Someone could destroy overnight;
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness,
They may be jealous;
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today,
People will often forget tomorrow;
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have,
And it may never be enough;
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis,
It is between you and God;
It was never between you and them anyway.