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## Sixth Sunday of Easter May 26, 2019

May the peoples praise you, O God;  
may all the peoples praise you!

— Psalm 67:6

### THE GIFT OF PEACE

“There arose no little dissension and debate.” Did that happen at work this week? Most of us can recall run-ins with coworkers, even with the boss. Did it happen while socializing with friends? Go easy on politics, religion . . . even sports. At home? Even the most peaceful household experiences a little “give and take” now and then. So where was it that “there arose no little dissension and debate”? That tumultuous conflict occurred among our first Christian ancestors, disrupting the community life of the early church. But today’s Acts of the Apostles shows how beautifully the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in today’s Gospel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution. What evolved was that “reconciled diversity,” often encouraged by Pope Francis and even envisioned in today’s Revelation passage; and a wondrous experience of Jesus’ promised Gospel gift: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

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### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord’s Day among our ancestors in the faith was “The Eighth Day,” meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That’s why it is still Easter! -Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch

### 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 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20  
 Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56  
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28  
 Sunday: for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

**Next Sunday, on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, First Communion** will be held at St. Philip Church during the 11:15AM Mass. 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:

5/19: 1<sup>st</sup> Collection: \$1280. Capital Expenditures: \$982.  
 5/26: Rural Food. 6/2: Operating Expenses and Ascension.

### 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:** Fri., 7/19/19, 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 Tues. of month)



### ✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

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

Mon., May 27, 9am Prayer Service

Tues., May 28, NO 9am Mass

Wed., May 29, NO 9am Mass

Thurs., May 30, 9am Mass April Keplinger (healing)

Fri., May 31, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

Sat., June 1, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., June 2, 8am Mass [Ascension] ✠ Al Bello

Sun., June 2, 9:30am Mass ✠ Linda Anne Smith

Sun., June 2, 11:15am Mass for the People

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Monday: St. Augustine of Canterbury; Memorial Day

Friday: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday: St. Justin; First Saturday

Sunday: Ascension

**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., Columba 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, Jacinta Gorringer, April K.

**“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.

### Pope Francis Quote

“The peace of Jesus is a gift. We cannot obtain it through human means. The peace of Jesus is something else: the peace of Jesus teaches us to endure. To endure is to carry life on our shoulders, our difficulties, our work, everything, and to have the courage to go forward.”

**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!

**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.

### RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for MAY 2019

On May 14 we welcomed 89 families representing 125 adults, 37 children and 33 seniors for a total of 195 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.

### RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We can use your help in the following ways:

- Any day: Develop recipes for clients use, using products we provide
- Publish a one-page client newsletter six times/year
- Help with the food ordering process
- Shop for our clients at Redwood Empire Food Bank
- Collect paper grocery bags with handles and egg cartons

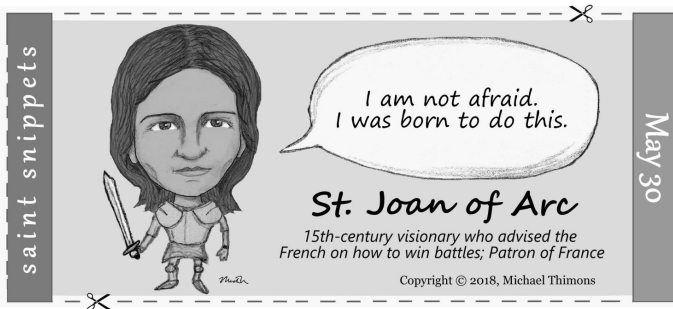
**Monday:** Unload our storeroom and delivery truck.  
Set up the hall for food distribution.  
Pick up produce at Andy's Produce.

**Tuesday:** Help our clients take groceries to their vehicles.

Contact Hal McGuirk, Cathy McCool or Rod DeMartini if you can help with any of these tasks. THANK YOU!

**Saturday, June 8, from 9-10:00am repackaging -- Parish Hall**  
**Monday, June 10, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall**  
**Tuesday, June 11, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients.**

**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.



*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 Dolores at 874-6072.*

### Parish Picnic is coming!

**Sunday, June 9, 2019**

12:30-3:30 pm at:  
Respini Ranch  
11333 Occidental Road  
Sebastopol



### 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!

### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



### CONTENTED

A contented person is one who enjoys the scenery along the detour. —Anonymous