



Make disciples of all nations

The Ascension of the Lord May 28, 2017

He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

— Acts 1:9

SHARE THE HOPE

The readings for today's celebration of the Ascension of the Lord once again remind us that as Christians we are people of hope. In the second reading Saint Paul eloquently exhorts the Ephesians to enlighten their hearts so that they will know the hope and glory that come from being people who place their trust in the Lord Jesus. In the story of the Ascension, recounted in the first reading, the Lord Jesus assures the disciples that the Holy Spirit's power will come upon them. Finally, in the Gospel, the Lord lets the disciples know that their mission is to spread the hope of the gospel to all the nations. This wonderful feast keeps our eyes focused on the hope in which we were grounded on the day of our baptism.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

If you could somehow transport a third-century Christian into your twenty-first-century Sunday Mass, once the initial shock wore off he or she would be more or less at home with the structure of the first part of the liturgy, the Word. The second part might be more difficult to comprehend. The stumbling block would be the book. We have a book, a missal that is set down on the altar with a very precisely prescribed set of words for the priest to say and the people to sing at the Eucharistic Prayer. In the early days of the church, there were no set "formulas" for this prayer. The ancients would have raised eyebrows at our "bookishness" since they preferred to let the prayers roll forth from a gifted leader of prayer. There was a basic shape to the prayer of thanksgiving, and almost general agreement that the words of Christ at the Last Supper ought to be included.

By the second century, Justin Martyr wrote that the presider "gives thanks at some length . . . and when he has finished the prayers and the thanksgiving, all the people present give their assent by saying 'Amen.'" In the world before books, people could memorize long passages of prose and poetry, and so it is easy to see how particular phrases or expressions passed from church to church.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 114:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
Sunday: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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

BIG MOUTHS

What should not be heard by little ears
should not be said by big mouths.

—Anonymous

Finance Corner:

Weekly Offering



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Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

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

5/14: 1st Collection: \$1594. Capital Expenditures: \$786.

5/28: Rural Food & Ascension. 6/4: Operating Expenses.

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 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 ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
Mon., May 29, 9am Mass at Bodega Calvary Cemetery [Memorial Day]
Tues., May 30, 9am Mass Kate Young
Wed., May 31, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
Thurs., June 1, 9am Mass
Fri., June 2, 9am Communion Service
Sat., June 3, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
Sun., June 4, 8am Mass
Sun., June 4, 9:30am Mass for the People
Sun., June 4, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord
Monday: Memorial Day
Wednesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday: St. Justin
Friday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter; First Friday
Saturday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions; First Saturday

→ PARISH NOTES:

Memorial Day (Monday, 5/29) 9AM Mass will be held at our Calvary Cemetery in Bodega.

MEMORIAL DAY

They fell, but o'er their glorious grave
Floats free the banner of the cause they died to save.

—Francis Marion Crawford

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.

Attention: The Family Support Center in Santa Rosa still seriously needs baby wipes, disposable diapers, and infant formula for their families. For more information on how to give donations or items, call Diane Benson at 707-823-5460.

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.

Kudos re: CASINO NIGHT

Last Saturday, May 20th, Casino Night was the usual great mix of fun and fundraising at the Parish Hall. Blessings and appreciation to all you who planned, volunteered, and participated!

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

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



First Communion will be Sunday, June 4, at the 11:15 Mass. Please pray for our students as they prepare for their special day: Olivia Esparza, Charles Kilcullen, Benjamin Mota Parodi, Chloe Sierra, Alisha Simmons, Thomas Simmons, and Jesse Zbinden.

Mass Intentions: Anniversary? Confirmation? First Communion? Graduation? Marriage? Memorial? These are key events in our spiritual life. There is no better way to celebrate these occasions than to have Mass offered for those who are important to us. A call to the parish office will set a date for the Mass. Most persons choose to offer a "stipend" of \$10, but this is always optional.

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.

Pope Francis Tweet

"Dialogue allows us to plan for a future in common. Through dialogue we build peace, taking care of everyone."