



**Third Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2019**

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.”

— Revelation 5:12

LIFELONG SERVICE

“I am going fishing.” What an announcement! If asked who made it, and not told it was a Bible quote, we might guess “Grandpa” or “Uncle Fred,” or admit, “I said that last summer!” But it is a Bible quote, from today’s Gospel. The person who said it also once declared, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Yes, it’s Peter! So today’s announcement seems quite the comedown. Last Sunday Jesus said, “As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” But Peter seems determined to return to his pre-apostolic occupation, until Jesus intervenes, making Peter’s later announcement deeper, “Lord, you know that I love you,” and Peter’s apostolic calling clearer, “Tend my sheep.” Peter does so. Acts presents the consequences: Peter declares, “We must obey God rather than men.” As Revelation proclaims, “Worthy is the Lamb”—to receive Peter’s lifelong service, and ours. — © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Gospel today sees Peter and his colleagues after the Resurrection, returning to Galilee and resuming the family business. They are fishing by night. Although it is true that fish feed by night, the mention of darkness here is more about the human spirit than it is about fishing advice. Modern life keeps darkness effectively under control; much of the world has been glowing radiantly through the night for a century. Yet just as surely as the Risen Christ breaks into Peter’s fishing, so does he break into the usual patterns of our own darkness, electric lights notwithstanding. It is Easter, and we are the people of the light.

In our tradition, Evening Prayer, celebrated in monasteries, parishes, cathedrals, and homes everywhere, is a kind of solemn protest against the darkness and its claims, an act of praise for our light-bearing God, and a commitment to carrying that light forward. Sunset is a turning point of our day, felt less acutely in an electrified world, but still an effective reminder that one day darkness overtakes us all. Yet our Eastering has taught us in a hundred ways that the victory belongs to the Bearer of Light. Easter summons us to transform our everyday “blackouts,” perhaps in a way as simple as a whispered prayer of thanks at evening for the blessings of the day. — Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
 Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Our lovely senior lunch program serves meals on Mondays & Wednesdays to a group of fun and dedicated diners in St Philip Hall at noon. We are extending an invitation to all seniors to attend any time you would like to join us. (Monthly menu available online at www.stphilipsteresa.org)

Finance Corner:



Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

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

4/28: 1st Collection: \$1245. Rural Food: \$2122.
 5/5: Operating Expenses. 5/12: No 2nd collection.

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:

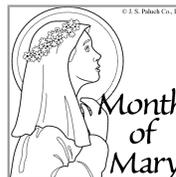
All seniors welcome! (No lunch Monday before 2nd Tues. of month)

✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

Sat., May 4, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
 Sun., May 5, 8am Mass ✠ Joe Novello
 Sun., May 5, 9:30am Mass for the People
 Sun., May 5, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
 Mon., May 6, 9am Prayer Service
 Tues., May 7, 9am Mass for the conversion & just punishment of the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse
 Wed., May 8, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
 Thurs., May 9, 9am Mass Papke Family special intention
 Fri., May 10, 9am Mass ✠ Dana Couey-Harmon
 Sat., May 11, 5pm Mass ✠ Bob Tiller
 Sun., May 12, 8am Mass ✠ Deborah Marcelius & Lucille Munson
 Sun., May 12, 9:30am Mass for the People
 Sun., May 12, 11:15am Mass ✠ Barbara Bavaresco

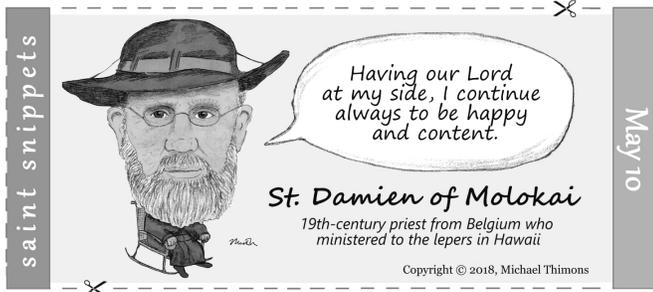
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter; Cinco de Mayo
 Friday: St. Damien de Veuster



Ave Regina Caelorum

Queen of the heavens we greet you.
 Queen of the angels now we entreat you.
 You are the flower and the portal,
 From which came the light immortal.
 Matchless maiden God did raise you,
 For the universe to praise you.
 Hear us, O hear us, our Mother;
 Show your children Jesus, our brother.
 Amen.



WORDS AND DEEDS

When people hear us speak God’s word, they marvel at its beauty and power; when they see what little impact it has on our daily lives, they laugh and poke fun at us.
—Second-century Christian

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 Pforich, Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Mary K., Columбина 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

POPE FRANCIS QUOTE

“God searches for you, even if you don’t search for Him.
 God loves you, even if you have forgotten Him.
 God looks for beauty in you, even if you think you have uselessly squandered all your talents.”

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.



St Philip and St Teresa CAREGIVING MINISTRY:

Ministering to the sick, elderly and needy of the parish by:

- Visiting, shopping
- Transportation (to support groups, doctor appointments, religious functions, etc)
- Socializing and companionship
- Providing specialized information.

Program is available to people in the area in need of our support. Contact: Dolores Novello (707-874-6072) or the office (707-874-3812)

Thanks to everyone for helping make our Pancake Breakfast on last Sunday, April 28th, a great success!

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.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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