



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 6, 2018

It was not you who chose me,
but I who chose you and
appointed you
to go and bear fruit.

— John 15:16

LIVING BRANCHES

The Gospel and second reading for this Fifth Sunday of Easter emphasize the need for us to remain in Christ, and he in us. This shared life finds expression in the image of the one vine and many branches. We become living branches of the vine, members of the Body of Christ through baptism, Eucharist, and confirmation, sacraments of sharing God's own life. The First Letter of John describes the fruit of this vine as active love of neighbor: "And his commandment is this: we should believe . . . and love one another" (1 John 3:23).

Our first reading from Acts shows us an example of someone who shares in Christ's life in the person of Saint Paul. Paul's fearless witness, even at the risk of his life, is proof to everyone that the risen Lord's Spirit truly fills him with life and is bearing fruit in him.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In ancient Rome, the beautiful month of May was dedicated to the goddess Flora, the patroness of flowers and new life. May 1 was considered the beginning of abundant growth, and a day for public festivals aimed at expelling winter. Even after Christianity took hold, the customs of the pagan feast lingered behind. Long ago, there was a thirty-day devotion to Mary, sometimes called "Lady Month," which began on August 15. By the eighteenth century, the custom of assigning devotions to months of the year was developing. June, for example, was the month of the Sacred Heart, and October was for the Holy Rosary. Beginning with the Jesuit Order in Rome and spreading throughout the world, May has been celebrated as the month of Mary, the Blessed Mother, for more than two hundred years. That was a welcome remedy to some enduring pagan practices, such as maypole dancing and the crowning of the May Queen. Some historians say that in ancient times the May Queen was actually a human sacrifice. Devoting May to Mary is undoubtedly a better thing to do. --Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

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: 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; Mk 16:15-20

"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.

Prayer Requests: Teresa Kooi, Pat Kampmann, Pete, Thomas Tolar, Susan Brown, Holly White, Kathleen, Jamie Silva, Lorri McCamen, Sarah, Clifford James, Terri Andrews, Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Mary Anne Parque, Steve, Sr. Marjorie, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Jim Pearson, Annie Tobin, William, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O'Donnell, Bill Zandoski, Daniel, Papke family, Mary Karp, Randy Tonelli, Scott, Fr. Gary Logan, Columbina Albini, Michael Dan

Finance Corner:

Weekly Offering



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Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

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

4/29: 1st Collection: \$1860. Rural Food: \$1302.
5/6: Operating Expenses. 5/13: Ascension.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Tues., 5/15/18, at 10:00AM in Hall
Finance Council: Wed., 6/27/18, 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 Monday/Wednesday after 9AM 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 5, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
Sun., May 6, 8am Mass ✠ Joe Novello
Sun., May 6, 9:30am Mass for the People
Sun., May 6, 11:15am Mass Brian Kobler & family
Mon., May 7, 9am Communion Service
Tues., May 8, 9am Mass
Wed., May 9, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
Thurs., May 10, 9am Mass
Fri., May 11, 9am Mass ✠ Ludo von Rautenstrauch
Sat., May 12, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
Sun., May 13, 8am Mass for the People
Sun., May 13, 9:30am Mass
Sun., May 13, 11:15am Mass ✠ Barbara Bavaresco

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Thursday: St. Damien de Veuster
Saturday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras

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.

Pope Francis Tweet

"Today, at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Divine Love, as we recite the Rosary, we pray especially for peace in Syria and throughout the world. I invite you to pray the Rosary for peace during the entire month of May."

PRIDE

What better proof of your pride could you have given than to claim you were not proud?

—St. John Climacus

WONDER

People go abroad to wonder at the height of mountains . . . and they pass by themselves without wondering.

—St. Augustine

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for April 2018

On April 10th we welcomed 86 families- representing 112 adults, 38 children and 28 seniors- for a total of 178 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.

Results from the 2018 Rural Food Client Survey are being displayed at both St. Philip and St. Teresa churches during the month of April. Please look at the information provided so that you can appreciate how the generous support of our parish community affects the lives of those we serve. We will be making adjustments to our program to continue to provide groceries and produce that are healthy and nutritious.

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

(Please consider joining our ministry to people in need)

Saturday, May 5, from 9:00-10:00am for repackaging in Parish Hall
Monday, May 7, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall
Tuesday, May 8, 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 will 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 tax deductible donation of \$175. Please contact restoration committee members for your own limited print: Peg 707-867-6073 or Bob 707-875-9148.

Alzheimer's Shaw Day Center Volunteers

Catholic Charities is looking for volunteers to assist in our Shaw Day Center for Memory Care. Our program runs Monday – Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm, and scheduling is flexible. Volunteers work in our day center and assist in activity programming for people with dementia, assist staff with clients during meals, and more! As a volunteer, you will be part of a strong community that provides essential supports to individuals with dementia and their families.

Volunteers must complete a background check and pass a TB Test. Contact for info: nmendoza@srcharities.org

SAVE THE DATES!

Casino Night @ St. Philip Hall – June 9
Gospel Sing-along @ St. Teresa – June 24

Inspiring Hope "Shed Building" event on June 9th at Piner High School. Inspiring Hope is a One Day Volunteer Event giving back to Sonoma County families impacted by the devastating wildfires. Volunteers from all over the North Bay will join together to build and deliver 100 sheds in one day. The sheds are built for the purpose of storing tools and equipment for those who will be rebuilding their homes. Kick-off begins at 9:30am, lunch is provided, and construction will conclude by 4pm. Pre-register your team & for more information: www.hopcityinspiringhope.org

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Thanks for Preparing and Attending Our
Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, April 22, 2018
Sponsored by the St. Teresa Restoration Committee

Gardening Ministry - St Philip

If you'd like to help on a future first Saturday morning (9-11AM), just wear comfortable clothing, gloves, and maybe a hat! We appreciate all your help in keeping the gardens and grounds beautiful.

Catholic Charities: "Challenging Poverty, Caring for Seniors, and Counseling Immigrants"

The Immigration Program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa is offering the provisional waiver service by an immigration attorney (pardon to spouses, parents, and children with exceptions) for a more affordable cost than private law immigration firms. Additionally, we offer the initial application for FREE. For further information, contact us at 707-578-6000.

SCAMS ALERT!! Please beware of the ongoing fake emails and robo-calls, supposedly from/about someone you know at our parish or elsewhere, asking for money or help or personal data. If in doubt, always contact the real person [or company] first to determine if the email or call is legitimate, before you decide whether or not to respond to the request.