



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 11, 2018

The LORD keeps faith forever,
secures justice
for the oppressed, gives food
to the hungry.

— Psalm 146:7

THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

The core vocation in the Gospel of Mark is the vocation, or call, to discipleship. Today's Gospel passage provides us with one last example of what the vocation to discipleship means, and one example of what it doesn't mean. A destitute widow shows us that discipleship means following Jesus' way of service, even if it requires giving one's livelihood (or life). The scribes show us by their bad example that discipleship should entail a vocation to extend God's care to those who are most in need.

In our reading from the book of Kings another widow and her son are close to death. They too give what little they have, but they are rewarded by Elijah with food enough for a year. And the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews reminds us that Jesus sacrificed his life "to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him" (Hebrews 9:28).

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Veterans Day began with the signing of a symbolic treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the "Great War") on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The auspicious date was actually a well-established religious holiday, the feast of Saint Martin of Tours, a beloved soldier saint of the army of Rome. After World War II, Armistice Day was changed to Veterans Day in the United States and Remembrance Day in Britain, but of course the feast of Saint Martin endures.

Martin was named after Mars, the god of war, and against the advice of his parents he went on his own to church. He became a catechumen at the age of ten. By fifteen he was enlisted in the cavalry in France. Coming across a poor man, Martin had an impulse to divide his bright red soldier's cape and clothe him. He later had the insight that he had served Christ, and the other half of his cape became a lifelong sign to him of his duty to serve the poor. Housed in a tiny church *capella* or "chapel," the cape became a great object of pilgrimage on the way to Compostella, and a favored place for the prayers of soldiers. Martin was not so eager to serve as bishop as he had been as a soldier, and legend says that he hid in a barn filled with geese to avoid episcopal election. To this day, the customary meal for November 11 is goose! Traditionally, this is the last feast day before winter closes in, and begins a period of fasting once known as "Saint Martin's Lent" or "Martinmas," that later developed into the season of Advent

--Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ti 1:1-9; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19
Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25
Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37
Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8
Sunday: Dn 12:1-3; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

A THANKFUL HEART

A thankful heart is not only the greatest virtue, but the parent of all the other virtues.

—Cicero

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!



For the month of **November** offerings:

11/1: All Saints: \$275. 11/4: 1st [only] Collection: \$3298.
11/11: Operating Expenses. 11/18: Capital Expenditures.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Wed., 11/14/18, at 10AM in Hall

Finance Council: Wed., 12/12/18, at 11AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: Fri., 11/30/18, 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 Tuesday of month)



✠ ♥ † Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ † Schedule

Sat., Nov. 10, 5pm Mass ✠ Muriel McGuinness

Sun., Nov. 11, 8am Mass ✠ Emilio Gonzalez

Sun., Nov. 11, 9:30am Mass for the People

Sun., Nov. 11, 11:15am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

Mon., Nov. 12, 9am Prayer Service

Tues., Nov. 13, 9am Mass

Wed., Nov. 14, 9am Mass

Thurs., Nov. 15, 9am Mass

Fri., Nov. 16, 9am Mass

Sat., Nov. 17, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., Nov. 18, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., Nov. 18, 9:30am Mass

Sun., Nov. 18, 11:15am Mass ✠ Al Gerhardt

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Josaphat

Tuesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Thursday: St. Albert the Great

Friday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

Saturday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Pray for
the Sick



Prayer Requests:

Call 874-3812 to add/remove names.

Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Holly White, Jamie Silva, Lorri McCamen, Sarah, Clifford J., Terri Andrews, Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Mary Anne Parque, Sr. Marjorie Krusky, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Fr. Logan, Dave Creeth, Jim P., William, Annie Tobin, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally Tillsbury, Mary Karp, Columbina Albin, Michael Dan, Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa Santos, Papke family, Hal, Greg, Scott, Carlos, Susan Bonomine, Zeidan family

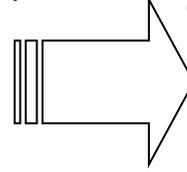
A GOOD STORY

Christianity is the story of beggars who tell other beggars where to find bread.

—Anonymous

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.

Featured Parish Bulletin Advertiser:



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Flowers for the Altar throughout the Year

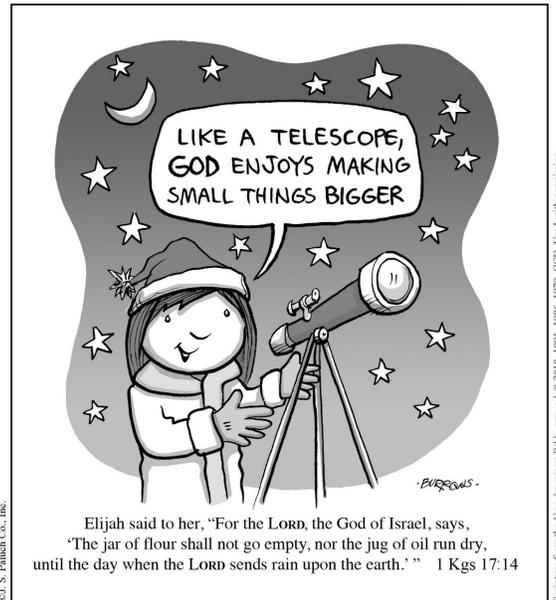
Flowers for the altar are a spiritual investment for a loved one, to celebrate any occasion, or just to express gratitude for our blessings. Flowers are also a gift to all of us as we enter and see the glorious display around the altar and experience the liturgy framed by such exquisite beauty. We appreciate your donations! To contribute for St. Philip Church flowers, please call 874-6072.



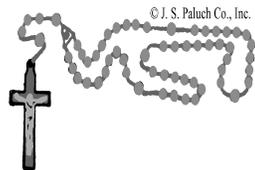
RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for OCTOBER 2018
 On October 9, we welcomed 98 families representing 137 adults, 43 children, and 35 seniors for a total of 215 people receiving nutritional support. This program is funded through the Rural Food Collection on the last Sunday of each month as well as through private donations and the generous support of our volunteers.
The Program would not be possible without the generosity of our donors and of our dedicated volunteers. This month 56 volunteers gave 163 hours of their time to support the Program. A special thank you to those volunteers who began their ministry in the 1990s: Elaine Joyce, our longest serving volunteer who began in 1992! Also, Sheila Hansen who began in 1993 and directed the program for many years, Sylvia Melrose who began in 1994 and welcomes our clients each month to the program. Thanks to and Bob & Kathy Tiller who manage our snack/special foods table and began in 1999.
 Please continue to collect paper grocery bags, especially with handles, and egg cartons. You can bring these items with you when you come to volunteer each month or leave them in the Parish Hall.
RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
 Sat., Nov. 10, from 9 -10:00am, repackaging – in Parish Hall
 Mon., Nov. 12, from 12:30 -2:30pm, to set up the Parish Hall
 Tues., Nov.13, from 8:30 -11:00am, to distribute food/assist clients.
 We need more volunteers on Tuesday to help our clients and their loaded grocery carts to their vehicles.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Elijah said to her, "For the LORD, the God of Israel, says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" 1 Kgs 17:14



Please donate any extra **rosaries** or holy medals to Ella for her ministry recipients. Just put them in the sacristy or the back of one of our churches. Blessings on you!

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.

*"Mary, Undoer of Knots, pray for us."
 See the full Novena and its history at
www.theholyyrosary.org/maryundoerknots*

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 a restoration committee member for your own limited print: Peg 707-867-6073 or Bob 707-875-9148.

♥ **Important Memo to Parish:** "After 20 years at St. Philip and St. Teresa I am retiring as musical director. It has been my great privilege and joy to be of service. My retirement decision has involved much reflection and has not been easy to make, but I believe it is the right decision and will open up opportunities for me in other areas, such as travel and family time. I will miss everyone greatly. Sincerely, Janis Wilson"

Pope Francis Tweet
 "God is faithful and our hope in Him is like a fixed anchor in heaven."