

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 18, 2018

Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.

— Mark 13:31

ENCOURAGEMENT

This Sunday's Gospel is our final selection from Mark for this liturgical year. It is taken from the end of Jesus' teaching in Jerusalem immediately preceding the account of his arrest and passion. In it Jesus gives his disciples hope to sustain them through his passion and death and any persecution or suffering that they would encounter after his resurrection.

The words from the book of Daniel also provided hope and encouragement to the people of Daniel's time. The encouragement in these scriptures is meant for us as well, for none of us will escape tribulation in our lives. Followers of Jesus will be able to endure suffering with joyful hope, knowing that Christ's love will lead us along the way of discipleship and give us eternal life with God.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

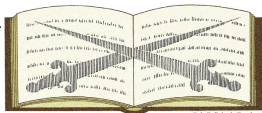
November is a month of remembrance for the dead, and cemeteries have long been a focus for prayer. Our tradition holds great respect for bodily remains, since the body was created and redeemed by God, was once the "dwelling place of the Holy Spirit," and has a destiny of life with God in glory. The funeral practices of the early church contrasted greatly with those of the pagans, who had a great dread of the dead body. The ancient Christian funeral liturgy ended with the relatives and friends giving a final kiss to the body. It expressed affection and showed their faith that the grave would not be the last word. This kiss horrified pagans, who thought that any contact with the dead was degrading.

Every year on their loved one's "birthday to life," the Christians would return to the place of their burial to mark their profound communion with those whose lives were hidden in Christ. Typically, they buried the dead with their faces turned toward the east, symbolizing the rising of the Sun of Justice, Christ, at the end of days. They were attracted to the catacombs or burial grounds just as we are today. They would often celebrate the Eucharist at the tomb. Before long, as soon as Christians were allowed to build places for worship, they relocated cemeteries from beyond the city walls to surround the church. This was not so much because the church made the ground holy, but because the bodies of the saints hallowed the ground on which the church was built, a subtle but beautiful difference.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
- Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
- Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
- Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Thanksgiving Day—Suggested: Sir 50:22-24; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
- Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
- Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
- Sunday: Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37



THE GLORIOUS BIBLE

It is one of the glories of the Bible that it can embrace many meanings in a single passage.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

Social Ministry

Finance Corner:



Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **November** offerings:

- 11/11: 1st Collection: \$2073. Operating Expenses: \$1580.
- 11/18: Capital Expenditures. 11/25: Rural Food.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

- Parish Council:** Wed., 1/23/19, 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. 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
- Mon., Nov. 19, 9am Prayer Service
- Tues., Nov. 20, 9am Mass ✠ Holly White
- Wed., Nov. 21, 9am Mass Fr. Gary Logan (Silver Jubilee of Ordination)
- Thurs., Nov. 22, 9am Mass *Thanksgiving Day*
- Fri., Nov. 23, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
- Sat., Nov. 24, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer
- Sun., Nov. 25, 8am Mass for the People
- Sun., Nov. 25, 9:30am Mass ✠ Holly White
- Sun., Nov. 25, 11:15am Mass Gail Mitchell

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Wednesday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Thursday: St. Cecilia; Thanksgiving Day
- Friday: St. Clement I; St. Columban; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro
- Saturday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions

Prayer Requests:

Call 874-3812 to add/remove names. Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., 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

THANKS

One act of thanksgiving when things go wrong with us is worth one thousand thank-yous when things are agreeable to our inclination.

—St. John of Ávila



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.

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for November, 2018

On November 13 we welcomed 110 families representing 149 adults, 55 children and 37 seniors for a total of 241 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.

Even in an area known for its incredibly rich agricultural resources, 36% of households in Sonoma County still go hungry each day. The Sonoma County Hunger Index reported that, even with numerous agencies providing food and support for hungry residents, the meal gap has remained steady for several years. The St. Philip/St. Teresa Rural Food Program has been responding to those in need for over thirty years thanks to the generosity of our volunteers and donors.

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. Please consider one of the volunteer opportunities listed below. Over 160 St Philip/St. Teresa volunteer hours are needed each month to provide this program for our Rural Food families.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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.



Save the Date!

CELEBRATE 2019

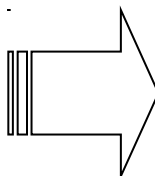
SUNDAY - JANUARY 27, 2019
 3PM AT THE UNION HOTEL

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.

Pope Francis Tweet

"The first step to knowing Jesus Christ is to recognize our own poverty and our need to be saved."

Featured Parish Bulletin Advertiser:



Parent-Sorensen Mortuary
 301 South Main Street, Sebastopol
James M. Smith, FDR
 707-829-5433

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 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.

Rural Food Program Alert!!!

The devastating wildfires have displaced many people and it is evident that the rebuilding process will take many months. Family and friends of our Rural Food clients and individuals relocating to temporary housing in our service area will need support. In view of this, we are suspending the residency requirement for our service area (this includes communities from Occidental to Monte Rio, Cazadero, Jenner, Bodega Bay, Bodega, and Freestone.). Catholic Charities Rural Food and the Redwood Empire Foodbank will be informed so that they can refer people to our program. I encourage our parishioners and volunteers to refer individuals and families that may be in need of food. Of course, this will place additional need for volunteers in anticipation of more requests for assistance. November, December and January have always been our busiest months so please help us with set-up and/or distribution. Please be in communication with me (roddemar@comcast.net) and/or leave messages at the parish office (874-3812) if you have any questions or suggestions. Thank you, Rod DeMartini, Program Coordinator

Advent Concert Series

With Dana, Doug, & James Harman
Visit their website for details: www.danacouey.com
 Dec. 13, 7PM, at St. Rose Church, Santa Rosa
 Dec. 14, 7PM, at Resurrection Parish, Santa Rosa
 (And other dates/churches)

On Wednesday, November 21, the 9AM Mass Intention at St. Philip will be in honor of the Silver Jubilee of Fr. Gary Logan's ordination. If you'd like to send him a card, his address is: Fr. Gary Logan, c/o Tuscan Terrace, 2364 Melbrook Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

Marriage for Life: Catholic Marriage Preparation

The next marriage prep date is January 19, 2019. It will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral at Gough & Geary Streets in San Francisco. It is an authorized one-day format and the cost is \$225 per couple and it includes lunch. Engaged couples can register online at www.marriageforlifeSF.com. You may change dates at any time. The website has complete information, or just call Connie and Joe at 415-664-8108.