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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time November 19, 2017

**YOU
are children
of the
LIGHT**

Blessed are you
who fear the LORD.

— Psalm 128:1a

SHARING OUR GIFTS

Autumn is the season for harvesting and sharing the fruits of our labors. This week's scriptures use images of the harvest, family life, pregnancy, and investment to describe the abundant harvest in the reign of God. We discover that sharing the gifts we have been given brings eternal rewards for everyone.

In the Gospel parable a master entrusts his possessions to three servants before going on a journey. Each is given some talents. What they do with those talents determines what the master will do with them when he returns. How about us? What are we doing with our talents? How will our Master treat us when he returns?

— J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Earlier this autumn, we looked at how our Eucharistic Prayers have been enriched by the approval of several new prayers to augment the old Roman Canon. For us, there are the four standard prayers, three for Masses with Children, and the most recent addition, the former Swiss Eucharistic Prayer with four alternative forms (now known as the Eucharistic Prayer for Masses for Various Needs and Occasions).

We also have two Eucharistic Prayers for Masses of Reconciliation. The source for these two prayers is the request by many bishops for a special prayer for the "Holy Year" of 1975. Originally, the committee in charge was commissioned to write a single prayer, but the theme proved so rich that it gave rise to two. The first is based on and develops biblical texts on reconciliation. The second starts with the experience of living in today's fractured world, and how the Spirit calls us to reconciliation and peace. Not everyone was happy with all this creativity, saying that if too many were published, it would be difficult for the Vatican to control further requests. Everyone thought the pope would put strict limits on the prayers, but in the end he said he was willing to open doors that had long been closed. Although he approved them for a period of only three years, they were never formally removed from the *Sacramentary* and have been incorporated into the new Roman Missal.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44 Thanksgiving: Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Prayer Requests: Call 874-3812 to add/remove names.

Sergio, Gary, Teresa Kooi, Pat Kampmann, 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, Mary Anne Parque, Dorothy Komarek Denton, Steve, Sr. Marjorie Krusky, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Sheila & Art Hansen, Jim Pearson, Ronald Porter, Annie Tobin, Darren and Michael, William, Parson Pfsorich, Mary O'Donnell, Bill Zandoski, Papke family, Mary Karp, Randy Tonelli

Social Ministry



Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **November** offerings:

11/12: 1st Collection: \$2258. Operating Expenses: \$1805.
11/19: Capital Expenditures. 11/26: Rural Food.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Thurs., 11/30/17, at 10:00 AM in Hall

Finance Council: Thurs., 12/14/17, at 11:00 AM in Hall

Liturgy Committee: Wed., 12/13/17, at 10:00 AM in Hall

St. Teresa Ladies Guild: Contact Diane, 823-6044

St. Philip Ladies Guild: Contact Susan, 829-1189

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., November 18, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer
 Sun., November 19, 8am Mass Juliete & Gospa Prayerhouse
 Sun., November 19, 9:30am Mass Tommy & Hannah O'Donnell
 Sun., November 19, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
 Mon., November 20, 9am Communion Service
 Tues., November 21, 9am Communion Service
 Wed., November 22, 9am Communion Service
Thurs., November 23, 9am Thanksgiving Day Mass (Bodega)
 Fri., November 24, 9am Communion Service
 Sat., November 25, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
 Sun., November 26, 8am Mass for the People
 Sun., November 26, 9:30am Mass ✠ Sean White
 Sun., November 26, 11:15am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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

USING TALENTS

If we use God's talents, we shall find that they
become multiplied in the use.

We thought we had two; we find we have five.

—Richard Meux Benson

NOTE: Please see this week's bulletin insert for our parish
December Special Masses schedule.

Pope Francis Tweet

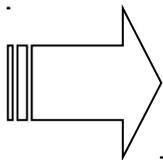
"Nothing and nobody can block the light that Christ
puts in our hearts and on the face of His friends."

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. A limited edition has 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 limited print: Peg at 707-867-6073 or Bob at 707-875-9148.

As our hearts continue to go out to the countless families affected by the wildfires, we are encouraged by the powerful response from all people of goodwill. The Chancery reopened on Monday October 16th, but will not be fully staffed as some staff have left the area due to the evacuations. The only Chancery phone number working at present is the main number, 707-545-7610. Chancery staff do have email access but are not working. We have created a web page on our Diocesan website to donate specifically to help alleviate the incredible financial toll the fires have had on our school communities, and parish families. Please go to:

www.srdiocese.org/signofhope to make a donation as soon as possible. Every little bit helps! (You can also sign up to offer one hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament each week, as well as submit your own story of how you have experienced your own sign of hope in the midst of this trial.) Thank you! --Dave Adams, the Chancery

Featured Parish Bulletin Advertiser:



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Rural Food Program Alert!!! The devastating wild fires 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.). I will inform Catholic Charities Rural Food and the Redwood Empire Foodbank 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.

Class: Messianic History of Ancient Israel (Understanding the Old Testament): Beginning with Abraham, the Hebrews had a Manifest Destiny to bring salvation to all nations of the world. This was ultimately completed by Jesus, the Messiah, through his disciples. God's Messianic Plan is the core to Ancient Israel's history and is the thread that connects most of the books of the Old Testament, pointing the way to Jesus, Messiah and Christ. Understanding "The Messianic History of Ancient Israel" greatly simplifies an overall understanding of the Old Testament and understanding of Jesus' fulfillment of the Messianic Plan. Pat Griffith will be conducting this class on Thursday evening, November 30th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm and on Saturday, December 2nd from 8:30 to 3:30 pm. (Lunch will be provided.) The class will be in the hall at St. Philip. This is a great way to prepare for Jesus' Nativity. Register by emailing Pat at Patrick@fairhill.com or texting him at 707-477-2971.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



We are not of the night or of darkness.
 Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do,
 but let us stay alert and sober. 1 Thes 5:6

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CELEBRATE 2018

Save the Date! Sunday, January 28, 2018

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Union Hotel, Occidental

Please join us at our 6th annual Celebrate event, benefiting the historic churches and facilities of our parish. This year, also benefiting fire victims in Sonoma County with greatest economic need, though targeted Catholic Charities and Saint Vincent De Paul funds.

Please note:

- 1) New day and time! We are starting earlier (at 4:00 pm) and on a Sunday (the week before Super Bowl)
- 2) Ticket price is \$90, with 1/2 the ticket sale proceeds going to fire victims (deductible!)
- 3) We need both silent and live auction items that will create lively bidding
- 4) 100% of the proceeds from this years Fund-a-Need will be earmarked for the identified fire victims funds (matching fund donors needed!)
- 5) We would love your drinkable wine contributions, for use at the event. There will be a collection basket at the back of the churches beginning November 11 and 12. (Please sign your bottle.)

You can purchase tickets or donate items after mass, through any committee member or at the parish office. THANK YOU!

Celebrate Committee: Cathy McCool 861-9302, Mary Briggs 827-3471, Pat Pettibone 875-8826, Diane Benson 823-5460, Mary Griffith 225-2546, Susan Small 829-1189, Jane Vitale 526-6856, Barbara Gonnella 874-3390

A THANKFUL HEART

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

—Cicero