

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
November 25, 2018**

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead and ruler
of the kings of the earth.

— Revelation 1:5

CHRIST IS KING

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It's easy to understand today's scriptures as events that happened long ago and far away, or predictions that will come true somewhere, some day. But they invite us to claim Christ as our King here and now. Jesus' words to Pilate in the Gospel remind us that his kingdom transcends time and place. And the prophecies from Daniel and Revelation give us reason to be faithful to Christ our King right here and right now.

By concluding the year with this feast we are proclaiming our faith that Jesus Christ is the one and only King over all seasons, all peoples, and all of creation. No matter what nation we belong to or what language we speak, he "has made us into a kingdom" (Revelation 1:6)—one people united in love and peace for all eternity.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although our Puritan forebears at Plymouth Rock were almost a hundred years removed from their Catholic roots, the old liturgical calendar still had an unconscious claim on their hearts. We've already seen how on Saint Martin's Day, November 11, medieval continental Europe observed a great harvest day of Thanksgiving, with games, dances, parades, and a festive dinner of roast goose. With the goose went ample draughts of "Saint Martin's Wine," the first wine of the new harvest. Martinmas celebrated full barns and larders stocked for the winter. Even after the Reformation, the tradition of eating goose on Saint Martin's Day was retained in Holland, and it was there that our Pilgrims encountered this tradition. When Governor Bradford sent four hunters out into the Massachusetts wilderness in the autumn of 1621, they did indeed find some geese and ducks, and were persuaded by the indigenous people to try turkey, too.

Just as the liturgical calendar has been tweaked over the years, President Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving to the third Thursday in November in 1939, probably to extend the Christmas shopping season. The protest was so great that in 1941 the day established by President Lincoln, the last Thursday in November, was restored. If the Pilgrims had known of the Martinmas connection, they might never have celebrated at all!

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:4-5, 8-14; 1 Thes 3:12 - 4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Bob Burke's Kids' Program, A nonprofit service group for children with serious medical and physical challenges, invites you to their annual Christmas social fundraiser at the Union Hotel on Wed., **Dec. 5**, from 5:30 to 8:30PM. There will be a buffet, cookies, raffles, Santa, & performances by local groups. A voluntary donation is appreciated to join us for this wonderful evening. For more information, call Linda Burke at 887-1222.



Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!



For the month of **November** offerings:

11/18: 1st Collection: \$1979. Capital Expenditures: \$892.
11/25: Rural Food. Dec. 2: Operating Expenses.

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. 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
Mon., Nov. 26, 9am Prayer Service
Tues., Nov. 27, 9am Mass ✠ Ed Duffy
Wed., Nov. 28, 9am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
Thurs., Nov. 29, 9am Mass
Fri., Nov. 30, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
Sat., Dec. 1, 10:30am ✠ Holly White Funeral Mass, at St. Teresa's (Sat., Dec. 1, 1pm ✠ Emilio Gonzalez memorial event at Hall)
Sat., Dec. 1, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
Sun., Dec. 2, 8am Mass for the People
Sun., Dec. 2, 9:30am Mass
Sun., Dec. 2, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emilio Gonzalez

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday: Thirty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time
Friday: St. Andrew
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

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, Susan Bonomine, Zeidan family

GRATITUDE

What is gladness without gratitude, and where is gratitude without a God?

—Coventry Patmore

Advent/Christmas preparation: Copies of *The Little Blue Book* will be available at the entrance table of each church. A voluntary donation is appreciated, if possible.

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.



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.

Advent Concert Series

With Dana, Doug, & James Harman

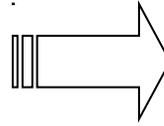
Visit their website for details: www.danacouey.com

Dec. 13, 7PM, at St. Rose Church, Santa Rosa
Dec. 14, 7PM, at Resurrection Parish, Santa Rosa

Pope Francis Tweet

"Faithfulness is the characteristic of free, mature and responsible human relationships."

Featured Parish Bulletin Advertiser:



Union Hotel restaurant

locations in Occidental & Santa Rosa
banquets ~ orders to go ~ open daily
707-874-3555

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

Christmas Star Child Gifts St Philip/St Teresa Community:

Each church tree's star has the name and age of a child from our Rural Food Program. On the stars are several ideas for a gift suggested by the parent to help you in your gift selection. Purchase ONLY ONE item in the \$25-35 price range. The gifts are meant to be given by the parents to their children. (PLEASE-NO VIOLENT GAMES OR GUNS.)

Please TAPE the star to your wrapped gift and return to St. Philip or St. Teresa Church **NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, DEC. 9.** (Or drop off the gift at the parish office between 9:30am-11:30AM weekdays before Friday Dec. 7.) Sorry, we cannot accept gifts after this date. We will be distributing the gifts on Dec. 11 and will need to organize them by families on Sunday, Dec. 9.

For questions or concerns (ex., you lost your star or find that you cannot return a gift with your star), please call Peg at 867-6073.

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.

