

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time November 3, 2019

The LORD lifts up all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.
— Psalm 145:14

A GREAT AND GLORIOUS GOD

Our readings today ponder two powerful truths: God is infinitely greater than we are; and God provides every kind of help so we can discover and share in God's glory. The reading from Wisdom reminds us that we are tiny compared to "the LORD of the whole universe." Nevertheless, God preserves and nurtures us out of perfect love. If we feel tiny, weak, and sinful compared to God, we are blessed! God's greatness sustains and strengthens us. Saint Paul encourages the Thessalonian Christians with the same message. He reminds them that God alone makes the Church holy. He prays that everything they undertake will be for the glory of God. Luke's Gospel shows us what this looks like in real life: Zacchaeus, feeling small and excluded, looks for Jesus. Jesus finds him and gives him the strength he needs to repent of his sins and glorify God.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every week, some treasures from our tradition are shared here. Where does all this history come from? The history of God's people of prayer is always coming to light, mostly because scholars have dedicated their lives to research. They translate and ponder prayers and songs; explore the places used for worship; look at the vessels, books, and vestments; and read works from legal documents to letters and diaries. In the 1930s, Hitler's rush to arm Germany closed seminaries as priests and seminarians alike were drafted into service.

One professor, Father Josef Jungman, forced from his classroom, spent the war years in an Austrian library. His careful work disclosed much of what we know of the history of the Mass. His great work, *The Mass of the Roman Rite*, describes the evolution of Eucharistic celebration and inspired generations of scholars to explore a tradition surprisingly rich and varied. It was said of him that he had a command of the past that cast new light on the present, and opened up a clear direction to the future. His contributions to the Second Vatican Council helped shape the way that we worship today. At the end of his life, in 1975, his studies completed, he told a friend that he was waiting patiently for the Lord's knock at the door to take him to the heavenly banquet.

—Rev. James Field, @ Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22
Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14; Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15;
2 Thes 2:16 — 3:5; Lk 20:27-38 [27, 34-38]

Our Advent Parish Mission,
December 2-4, 2019, will be directed by
Rev. Christopher La Rocca, OCD.

Finance Corner:



Your generosity is greatly
needed and appreciated!

For the month of **October/November** offerings:

10/27: NO Masses due to Kincade fire, so no collections.
11/1: All Saints. 11/2: All Souls.
11/3: Rural Food [from 10/27]. 11/10: Operating Expenses.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Wed., 12/4/19, at 11AM in Hall

Finance Council: TBA

Liturgy Committee: Thurs., 11/7/19, 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 Tues. of month)

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Sat., Nov. 2, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
Sun., Nov. 3, 8am Mass the conversion & just punishment of
the perpetrators and concealers of sexual abuse
Sun., Nov. 3, 9:30am Mass for the People
Sun., Nov. 3, 11:15am Mass ✠ Dina DeMartini
Mon., Nov. 4, 9am Prayer Service
Tues., Nov. 5, 9am Mass
Wed., Nov. 6, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
Thurs., Nov. 7, 9am Mass
Fri., Nov. 8, 9am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
Sat., Nov. 9, 5pm Mass for the strength of bishops to be holy
shepherds in protecting & leading their sheep from all harm
Sun., Nov. 10, 8am Mass for the People
Sun., Nov. 10, 9:30am Mass ✠ Holly & Sean White
Sun., Nov. 10, 11:15am Mass ✠ Sr. Marjorie Krusky

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time;
National Vocation Awareness Week;
Daylight Saving Time ends

Monday: St. Charles Borromeo

Saturday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

BEGIN WITH ARDOR

If we wish to make any progress in the service of God
we must begin every day of our life with new ardor.

—St. Charles Borromeo

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for OCTOBER 2019

NOTE: We still need more blankets to distribute on Nov. 12.

On October 8 we welcomed **99** families representing **139** adults, **42** children, and **37** seniors for a total of **218** people receiving nutritional support.

During Fiscal Year 2019 the St. Philip/St. Teresa Rural Food Program acquired over 96,000 pounds of food from the Redwood Empire Food Bank. We purchased additional food, eggs, and produce from our local community. This represents the equivalent of over 80,000 meals.

Our clients continue to express appreciation for our service and we expect that Rural Food will continue to serve more clients in the coming months. The Program is able to continue efforts to end hunger in our area because of funds received from the Rural Food Collection on the last Sunday of each month, private donations and the very generous support and dedication of our dedicated volunteers.

Please continue to collect paper grocery bags with handles and clean egg cartons. We are very pleased that our clients and parishioners are recycling grocery bags. This action helps reduce our costs.

Thank you for your continued generous support of this program.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, November 9, from 9-10:00 am repackaging -- Parish Hall
Monday, November 11, from 10a - 12noon to set up Parish Hall
Tuesday, November 12, 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 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 Peg Duffy for a limited print: 707-867-6073.

SAVE THE DATE!

CELEBRATE 2020 --January 26, 2020

Tickets on sale beginning December 7, 2019

GOVERNMENT

Government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people.

—Henry Clay

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.

NOTE from our Pastor, Fr. Bala; Welcome back! Hope all is well with you. Please keep in mind...

Jeremiah 29:11

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Prayer Requests: Call office to add/remove names: 874-3812. (Names are cycled off the list periodically.)

Fr. Logan, Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Lorri McC., Sarah, Clifford J., Terri A., Fred P., Theresa S., Sara, Mary Anne P., Barbara, Dave C., Jim P., William, Parson P., Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Mary K., Columбина A., Michael D., Richard M., Kathleen,, Peter, Rosa S., Susan B., Joyce D., Anita C., George H., Mimi H, Steve, Barry, Lorrin K., Hugh P., Robert S., Britney N., Jacque W., Rebecca Adams, April K., Jacinta G., Gen B., Donald T.

"Masculinity: God's Promise for Men Today" –

A night of prayer and reflection on Monday Nov 4th at St. Joseph's in Cotati. 6pm Dinner in the hall, then 7pm in the Church for prayer led by Fr. Raul. All men (and their sons age 10+) are invited to hear former MLB catcher Darrell Miller, current Deacon candidate for the Diocese of Orange, share his reflections on the faith and being a man of God today. The evening is sponsored by the Diocese Office of Youth Ministry in celebration of Vocation Awareness week, hosted by Fr. Raul. Please RSVP to Stephen Morris dsryouth@srdioocese.org or 707-566-3343.

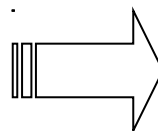
"Remember Lord, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith." These beautiful words at Mass recall our beloved dead. A Mass intention is a way to remember a beloved friend or family member, whether in death, for healing, in celebration of a special day, or simply for prayer and guidance. Come by the office (or call 707-874-3812) to arrange the Mass. A customary donation of \$10 is appreciated.

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Jim Burrows



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