

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 14, 2018

The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword.

— Hebrews 4:12a

WORDS OF WISDOM

The spirit of wisdom, as we discover in today's first reading, comes to those who pray for her. Wisdom, like the word of God, carries a message of consolation as well as of great challenge. The Letter to the Hebrews tells us that the word of God, infused with the wisdom of God, is "sharper than any two-edged sword." We cannot shrink from the wisdom of God, or from the word that has the power to penetrate our hearts and minds. Jesus, the living word of God, the embodiment of wisdom, has strong, deeply penetrating words for the rich young man who comes to him seeking answers to his most profound questions. Just when the young man thought he had done enough to fulfill God's commands, more was asked of him. This is no less true for us.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

They say that it is not so much that Columbus discovered America, but rather that after he arrived, the new world "stayed discovered." The sponsorship of Ferdinand and Isabella assured that the news would flash around Europe with an air of authority that other "discoverers" lacked. One of the oft-mentioned early visitors is Saint Brendan the Navigator, a sixth-century Irish monk who had trouble staying at home. He is said to have sailed to "the Isle of the Blessed" in a leather-bound boat, and to have been away from his monastery for seven years. Upon his return, the stories of adventures to a new land attracted pilgrims to his monastery in the Blasket Islands, off the west coast of Ireland. Columbus is said to have referred to *The Voyage of Saint Brendan*, a very popular adventure in those days. Only after his American journey is Brendan said to have gone to tamer lands to the east, England and Scotland.

In 1976, Tim Severin set out on a two-year voyage to America from Ireland in a leather-bound boat, traveling in summer and hopscotching from the Faroes to Iceland to Newfoundland, and encountering along the way exactly what Saint Brendan describes: icebergs, whales, and porpoises. Scholars warn not to dismiss this too quickly: just as the ancient Egyptian monks sought to live in the desert, for the Celtic monks exile in a boat was the Irish equivalent. Five centuries after Brendan, other Irish monks may have visited here as a refuge from Viking terror.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

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THE PATH

People find their way to paradise more by a path of footprints than by a pack of road maps.

—Anonymous



SOBRIETY

Be sober, as God's athlete. The prize is incorruption and life eternal.

—St. Ignatius of Antioch

Social Ministry



Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **October** offerings:

10/7: 1st Collection: \$2959. Operating Expenses: \$1187.

10/14: Peter Pence/Ret. Fund Religious. 10/21: 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., Oct. 13, 5pm Mass ✠ Harry McGuinness

Sun., Oct. 14, 8am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

Sun., Oct. 14, 9:30am Mass for the People

Sun., Oct. 14, 11:15am Mass ✠ Ulises Valdez

Mon., Oct. 15, 9am Mass

Tues., Oct. 16, NO Mass

Wed., Oct. 17, NO Mass

Thurs., Oct. 18, NO Mass

Fri., Oct. 19, NO Mass

Sat., Oct. 20, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., Oct. 21, 8am Mass ✠ Deborah Judith Marcellus & Martin Munson Andrews

Sun., Oct. 21 9:30am Mass for the People

Sun., Oct. 21, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Teresa of Jesus

Tuesday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

Wednesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch

Thursday: St. Luke

Friday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, & Companions

Saturday: St. Paul of the Cross; Blessed Virgin Mary



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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, Columбина Albini, Michael Dan, Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa Santos, Zeidan family, Papke family, Greg

PARISH NEWS: The annual diocesan priests retreat is next week. Therefore, there will be no weekday Masses from Tues. 10/16 through Friday 10/19 at our parish churches. Please pray for the retreatants.

The total **Parish Endowment Account** value is \$72,937 as of the close of business September 30, 2018.

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

Saturday, November 10, from 9-10:00am, repackaging -- Parish Hall
Monday, November 12, from 12:30 – 2:30pm, to set up the Parish Hall
Tuesday, November 13, from 8:30 – 11:00am, to distribute the food and assist clients.

We need more volunteers on Tuesday to help our clients and their loaded grocery carts to their vehicles.

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.

SHARES ESCRIP UPDATE: Enroll for free to earn money for our parish. Go to this website, escrip.com/shares and follow the basic steps to enroll. You only need to input your name, zip code, email, and phone number to enroll. Then select up to 3 charities to receive your shares escrip (each will earn up to 3% per Lucky or FoodMaxx receipt). One charity of course is our own parish: **St Philip Church Group ID # 500043872**. After you've enrolled online, everytime you shop at Lucky's or FoodMaxx, just input your phone number at the checkout when you start to pay for your groceries. If you need help enrolling, contact the parish office (874-3812). We can do the enrollment process for you with your permission.

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:

"Each of us is the wounded man, and the Good Samaritan is Jesus, who approached us and took care of us."

MARRIAGE FOR LIFE:

Approved Catholic Marriage Preparation

One Saturday Class: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Website: www.marriageforlifefsf.com

Location: St. Mary's Cathedral, San Francisco, California

Cost: \$225 per couple - includes materials, lunch, snacks

Lead Couple: Joe and Connie D'Aura

Information: Tel. 415-664-8108 / 683-3828fax

jcdaura@marriageforlifefsf.com

Last date in 2018: Oct 27

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.

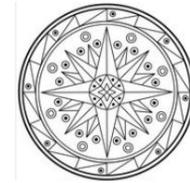


Mandala Art Workshop

Come Learn & Make Your Own!

A Day Retreat by Vallombrosa Center
(The Center is a ministry of the SF Archdiocese)

Saturday, Oct. 20



from 9AM to 1PM

Vallombrosa Center
250 Oak Grove Avenue
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Cost: \$40

Center contact: David 650-325-5614
davidl@vallombrosa.org

"A mandala is a symmetrical design composed of circles and squares. Mandalas have been made throughout history by all cultures and can be thought of as diagrams of the inner Self. Mandalas help us access a calm, center point within ourselves. No artistic skill or experience is necessary to successfully create a simple mandala. The well-known Swiss psychologist Carl Jung believed that a mandala is a representation of the Self, and used mandala-making to help his clients achieve wholeness...

Mandala-making is regenerative, has a relaxing effect on the mind and body, connects us to our center where dualities are balanced and gives form and expression to intuitive insight. Artist Sarah Dwyer has been making mandalas, exhibiting and teaching arts for several years in the San Francisco Bay Area and Los Angeles. Sarah has an MFA in Painting from Mills College."