



28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 15, 2017
 I can do all things
 in him who strengthens me.
 — *Philippians 4:13*

THE HEAVENLY BANQUET

The mountain of the Lord described in today's first reading is a place where there is no more hunger, no more weeping, and no more division of any kind. We need to pause and ponder these images every now and then, especially given the fact that we live in such a fractured world. The responsorial psalm continues to paint a picture of a place where only goodness and kindness flourish. These readings describe the heavenly banquet, to which God calls each of us through baptism and continues to call us throughout our lives. Let us "RSVP" to God's invitation and live our lives consistent with gospel values so that one day we will be welcomed to the table of the kingdom.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In 1971, the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship completed a survey of the presidents of the national liturgical commissions around the world. How were children doing in the liturgical reform? Probably to their surprise, the cardinals learned of special weekday Masses for children designed to teach them how to participate on Sunday, Masses with separate components for children. The decision was made quickly to develop adaptations for Masses where children were a majority of the assembly. Changes would include a simpler structure, understandable texts, a simplified Lectionary, more active participation, and most surprisingly, new Eucharistic Prayers. By 1973 the work was done, and with very specific advice from Pope Paul VI, including the need for two new Eucharistic Prayers, the *Directory for Masses with Children* was published on December 20, a timely Christmas gift for the children of the world.

The prayers are the first to be written fresh in a modern language—not Latin, but French and German—then translated into English, Italian, and Spanish. With a sense of caution, these new prayers were approved for three years, until 1977, but it soon became apparent that they had truly been embraced.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32
 Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41
 Wednesday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
 Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
 Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
 Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
 Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

YOUR ACTIONS COUNT

Knowledge may give weight, but accomplishments give luster, and many more people see than weigh.
 —Earl of Chesterfield

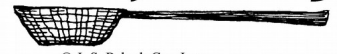
GOD'S GOODNESS

Let us throw ourselves into the ocean of God's goodness, where every failing will be cancelled and anxiety turned into love.
 —St. Paul of the Cross

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

Weekly Offering



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For the month of **October** offerings:

10/8: 1st collection: \$2725. Peter Pence/Ret Fund Religious: \$1194.
 10/15: Capital Expenditures. 10/22: Fire Relief

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

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

Finance Council: Thurs., 10/26/17, at 1:00 PM 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., October 14, 5pm Mass ✠ Don Pleiman
 Sun., October 15, 8am Mass ✠ Jim & Billie Keegan
 Sun., October 15, 9:30am Mass Scott & Joan Zeller (anniversary)
 Sun., October 15, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
 Mon., October 16, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
 Tues., October 17, 9am Mass
 Wed., October 18, 9am Mass
 Thurs., October 19, 9am Mass
 Fri., October 20, 9am Communion Service
 Sat., October 21, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer
 Sun., October 22, 8am Mass Brother Darren Wallace
 Sun., October 22, 9:30am Mass for the People
 Sun., October 22, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
 Tuesday: St. Ignatius of Antioch
 Wednesday: St. Luke
 Thursday: Ss. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, and Companions
 Friday: St. Paul of the Cross
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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

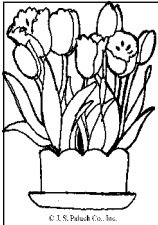
Sergio, Gary, Teresa Kooi, Pat Kampmann, Nino S., Pete, Thomas Tolar, Susan Brown, Felicia Gonzalez, Holly White, Kathleen, Jamie Silva, Lorri McCamen, Sarah, Clifford James, Terri Andrews, Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Fr. Sergott, Mary Anne Parque, Dorothy Komarek Denton, Steve, Sr. Marjorie Krusky, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Sheila & Art Hansen, Jim Pearson, Lorrin Kroska, Annie Tobin, Darren and Michael, William, Parson Pfsorich

Pope Francis Tweet

"God does not disappoint! He has placed hope in our hearts so it can blossom and bear fruit."

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.

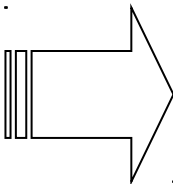
Parish Notes: The Endowment Account with Christian Brothers Financial Services of San Francisco for the benefit of our parish of St. Philip/St Teresa provides a financial resource for this parish that will last forever. Contact Fr. Fergal McGuinness, Pastor, to discuss further: 707-874-3812 or fmcguinness@srdiocese.org



Flowers for the Altar during 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, call 874-6072.

Featured Parish Bulletin Advertiser:



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Fatima Centenary and Consecration

Bishop Vasa has invited all the faithful of the Diocese of Santa Rosa to consecrate themselves to Christ through Mary in this year when we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Fatima apparitions. The act of consecration will take place after the Masses on the weekend of December 9 & 10. There is also a month-long preparation program in video format entitled, "33 Days to Morning Glory". This is available at www.srdiocese.org/33days. The sign-in email is santarosa@formed.org and the password is Formed17. In order to prepare for this and understand it better, our parish will be having a presentation and discussion in St. Philip's Hall at 2:00 pm on Saturday October 28. All are invited. Further information and the Bishop's full letter can be found on page 12 of the September 2017 North Coast Catholic, available online at srdiocese.org.

Disaster Relief California Fires:

The Red Cross and many nonprofits are helping locals. Check srcity.org/emergency for more info.

Alternative: You may put money/check in a clearly marked envelope and put it in either collection or mail it to the parish office: P.O. Box 339, Occidental CA 95465

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows

YOUR PLACE AT THE TABLE IS READY. NO RESERVATION NEEDED.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will provide for all peoples a feast of rich food and choice wines, juicy, rich food and pure, choice wines. Is 25:6

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Local Updates:

- RURAL FOOD PROGRAM for October was cancelled, due to county fires and affected access to food truck delivery, etc. Next Rural Food distribution date scheduled is November 14.
- Senior Lunch at St. Philip Hall was cancelled for the same reasons on October 11. Call 525-0143 to check when lunch may start again.
- Call if you (or a loved one) are safe (after being in a fire or evacuation zone or listed as missing) to let the Sonoma County emergency list know at 565-3856.
- Bay Equity Loans in Santa Rosa on 4th St. and George Petersen Insurance on W. College Ave. in Santa Rosa are offering free use of their landlines for evacuees without phones to contact family (during business hours).
- The Red Cross is in need of more volunteers to help check-in and distribute items at evacuation shelters.
- See www.srdiocese.org/signofhope for bishop's blog updates on fire disaster

Mass Intentions: Anniversary? Confirmation? First Communion? Graduation? Marriage? Memorial? These are key events in our spiritual life. There is no better way to celebrate these occasions than to have Mass offered for those who are important to us. A call to the parish office will set a date for the Mass. Most persons choose to offer a "stipend" of \$10, but this is always optional.

Goodbye means God be with you. A simple yet powerful prayer, especially with a handshake or hug.