

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 21, 2018**

Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many.

— Isaiah 53:11b

TOO MUCH INFORMATION!

There is a common expression: “Too much information!” We usually use it when people tell us details about their lives that we don’t want or need to know. Today, when James and John ask Jesus a simple question, making their request for places of honor in the kingdom, a simple answer might have been in order. Instead, as he often does, Jesus answers a question with a question; today it’s about drinking the cup of suffering. Then, once the others are indignant over James and John’s outrageous request, he proceeds to give them what may have been “too much information” for followers who were simply interested in the pursuit of glory. But this information, though it can sometimes seem “too much” for us, is essential for our lives as disciples. In Isaiah, in Hebrews, and in Mark today, we learn this information. It is in suffering, in weakness, in self-giving service to others, that we come to understand the kingdom. It is the information we need to find our place and come to be honored in the reign of God.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

As election campaigns move into high gear, sometimes the phrase “the Catholic vote” is heard. It’s an interesting concept, since Catholics started out in this country as a very fragile group: fewer than forty thousand of us at the time of the first census in 1790, and only about 2 percent of the population by 1830. It was a priestless church for all intents and purposes, lay-led clusters of Catholics waiting patiently for the occasional visit of a priest, sustained by gathering when they could on Sunday for devotional prayer like litanies and the rosary. They tried to hold on to their ancestral faith as best they could. Archbishop Jean-Louis Cheverus told one family in Maine to “every day say your prayers on your knees with affection, and every Sunday gather to hear the Gospel, to pray in common, and to quiz the children on the catechism.”

Inevitably, some became Protestant, but many more stayed Catholic from generation to generation, with very little encouragement or sacramental ministry from the clergy. Archbishop John Carroll, the first American bishop, tried to make Church law flexible: shortening the length of the fast before Communion, easing the Lenten fast, and even relaxing the rule of Sabbath rest at harvest time. Catholicism in England had been quietly sustained in this way for two centuries, and the first American Catholics carried on as had their ancestors, providing a fertile soil for the unprecedented success and phenomenal growth of the Church in our country.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Eph 2:1-10; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 12:13-21
 Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22; Ps 85:9ab-14; Lk 12:35-38
 Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 12:39-48
 Thursday: Eph 3:14-21; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19; Lk 12:49-53
 Friday: Eph 4:1-6; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 12:54-59
 Saturday: Eph 4:7-16; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 13:1-9
 Sunday: Jer 31:7-9; Ps 126:1-6; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52

Finance Corner:

Social Ministry



Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **October** offerings:

10/14: 1st Collection: \$1676. Peter Pence/Ret. Fund Religious: \$994.
 10/21: Capital Expenditures. 10/28: Rural Food.

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. 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
 Mon., Oct. 22, 9am Prayer Service
 Tues., Oct. 23, 9am Mass
 Wed., Oct. 24, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
 Thurs., Oct. 25, 9am Mass In Thanksgiving for the Tamborninis
 Fri., Oct. 26, 9am Mass Peter Leveque
 Sat., Oct. 27, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer
 Sun., Oct. 28, 8am Mass Papke family intention
 Sun., Oct. 28, 9:30am Mass for the People
 Sun., Oct. 28, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 World Mission Sunday
 Monday: St. John Paul II
 Tuesday: St. John of Capistrano
 Wednesday: St. Anthony Mary Claret
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

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, Columbina Albin, Michael Dan, Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa Santos, Zeidan family, Papke family, Greg, Scott

ERROR-FREE
 A mistake doesn't become an error
 until I refuse to correct it.

—Anonymous

Thursday, October 25, is Fr. Gary Logan's 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. It would be nice to send him a card: Tuscan Terrace, 2364 Melbrook Way, Santa Rosa, CA 95405.

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:

"Let us defend ourselves from the risk of being actors rather than witnesses. We are called to be living memory of the Lord."

~MASS OF REPARATION~

The Cathedral of St. Eugene, located at 2323 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa, will be hosting a Mass of Reparation on Wednesday, October 24th, at 6:00 pm. Bishop Vasa, of the Diocese of Santa Rosa, will celebrate the Mass offering prayers for healing and forgiveness especially for sins committed by members of the clergy including bishops. We beg our Lord for forgiveness and we beg for the grace to forgive and to be forgiven. The Mass which begins at 6:00 pm. will be preceded by the recitation of the Rosary beginning at 5:30 pm. Please join 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

jcaura@marriageforlifefsf.com

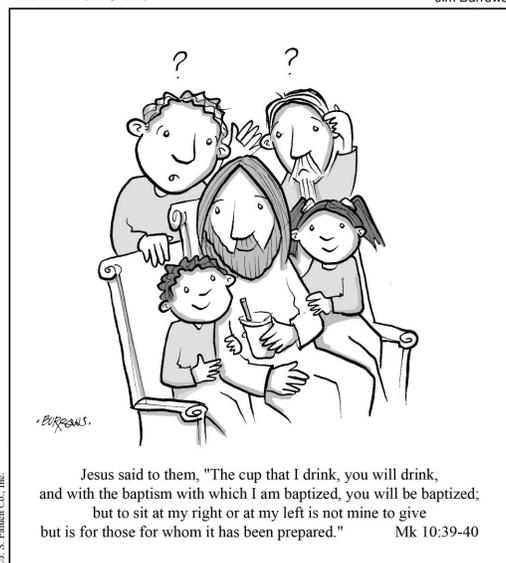
Last date in 2018: Oct 27

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.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



THE GREATEST TEST

The greatest test of courage on earth is to bear defeat without losing heart.

—Robert Ingersoll