

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 29, 2017**

“You shall love the Lord, your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind.”

— Matthew 22:37

POWER STRUGGLE

Power struggles occur on every level of society, from the world stage to relationships at work, to our own homes. We struggle for position in the hierarchy of power: Who has power over whom? How do they wield it? What is the source of that power? What is the healthy response?

In this Sunday’s Gospel reading the Pharisees engage Jesus in a power struggle over whether Jews should show tribute to Caesar by paying taxes. Jesus’ response puts this and every struggle for power into perspective. In harmony with the words of Isaiah and Paul, Jesus teaches us that God is the ultimate source of all power—the power of earthly rulers, the Pharisees, Jesus, the Church, and the power within ourselves.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

This week we have in All Souls’ Day a commemoration that is linked to the Halloween customs. The big-spending sugar shock holiday is a long way removed from Thursday’s grateful remembrance of the souls who are hidden from our sight, but alive to Christ. Old pagan superstitions might find us holding our breath when going by the graveyard, whereas others might actually go to the cemetery to tend the family graves, to share good food, and remember dear ones. Nowhere does a culture embrace this day as fully as in Mexico. The “Day of the Dead” is a national holiday that unfolds over three full days.

For three thousand years, the indigenous people of Mexico have been mocking death in an annual festival, and the invading Spaniards were shocked at the spectacle. To the Aztecs, life was a dream, and death was the entry into full life. Skulls were thus a symbol of joy and release from life’s sorrows. The missionaries found all this a bit creepy, but they moved the three-day feast from August to synchronize it with the Christian calendar. So today, graves are decorated, altars are built in the home to honor the family dead, children feast on candy skulls, and people dress up in elaborate skeleton outfits. The devout spend hours in the cemetery, and there is a lively sense of the communion of saints, the living and the dead.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Thursday: Wis 3:1-9; Ps 23:1-6; Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Friday: Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-18; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday: Mal 1:14b — 2:2b, 8-10; Ps 131:1-3; 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13; Mt 23:1-12

NO FOOLING

You may fool those who work above you;
you may fool those who work around you;
but you will rarely fool those who work under you.

—Anonymous

INCLUSIVE LOVE

Love of our neighbor is included in the love of God.

—St. Thomas Aquinas

Social Ministry



Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

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

10/22: 1st collection: \$2376. Fire Relief: \$3934. **

10/29: Rural Food. 11/1: All Saints. 11/2: All Souls.

**NOTE: The \$3934 of Fire Relief collection will be used for housing needs of fire displaced persons, through St. Vincent DePaul & Catholic Charities.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

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

Finance Council: TBA

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 28, 5pm Mass Brother Darren Wallace
Sun., October 29, 8am Mass Brother Darren Wallace
Sun., October 29, 9:30am Mass Sharon Pleiman
Sun., October 29, 11:15am Mass ✠ Dina DeMartini
Mon., October 30, 9am Mass Brother Darren Wallace
Tues., October 31, 9am Mass Brother Darren Wallace (Bodega)
Tues., October 31, 5:15pm **Vigil Mass** Michael Tran (Occidental)
Wed., November 1, 9am **Holy Day** Mass for the People (Bodega)
Wed., November 1, 12pm **Holy Day** Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo (Occidental)
Thurs., November 2, 9am Mass for ALL SOULS at cemetery (Bodega)
Fri., November 3, 9am Communion Service
Sat., November 4, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
Sun., November 5, 8am Mass for the People
Sun., November 5, 9:30am Mass for the Massell family
Sun., November 5, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: Halloween
Wednesday: All Saints **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**
Thursday: Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls’ Day)
Friday: St. Martin de Porres; First Friday
Saturday: St. Charles Borromeo; First Saturday

Prayer Requests: 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, Ronald Porter, Annie Tobin, Darren and Michael, William, Parson Pfsorich, Mary O'Donnell, Bill Zandoski

NOTICE: On ALL SOULS DAY, Thursday, November 2, the 9AM Mass will be celebrated out at our Bodega Calvary Cemetery, in honor of the day.

Pope Francis Tweet

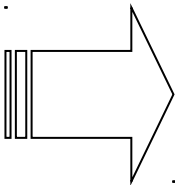
"Let us all work together to promote peace among peoples and guarantee respect for human rights."

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@srdioocese.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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Parish Kitchen and Hall Use

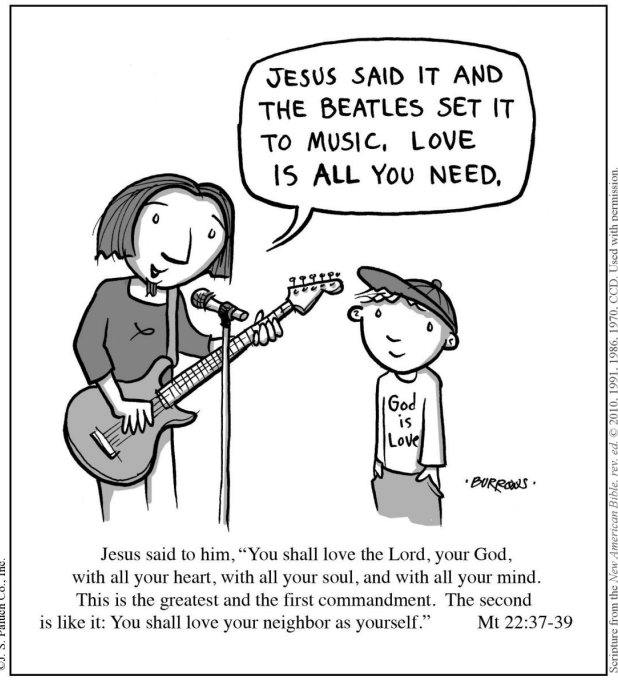
Our Hall Coordinator, Hal McGuirk, is in charge of scheduling all kitchen and hall requests. Please contact Hal at 874-3304 in advance to get necessary information about availability and regulations. Thank you.

As our hearts continue to go out to the countless families affected by the wildfires, we are encouraged by the powerful response from all people of goodwill. The Chancery reopened on Monday October 16th, but will not be fully staffed as some staff have left the area due to the evacuations. The only Chancery phone number working at present is the main number, 707-545-7610. Chancery staff do have email access but are not working. We have created a web page on our Diocesan website to donate specifically to help alleviate the incredible financial toll the fires have had on our school communities, and parish families. Please go to www.srdioocese.org/signofhope to make a donation as soon as possible. Every little bit helps! (You can also sign up to offer one hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament each week, as well as submit your own story of how you have experienced your own sign of hope in the midst of this trial.) Thank you! --Dave Adams, the Chancery

Santa Rosa Youth Rally: Middle school and high school students are invited to a youth rally on Thursday, Nov. 2nd, 6:30-8pm, at St. Eugene's Becker Center. Includes music, snacks, and a free will offering for the rebuilding of St. Rose School. Parents welcome to attend.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Rural Food Program Alert!!!

The devastating wild fires 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.). I will inform Catholic Charities Rural Food and the Redwood Empire Foodbank 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

Catholic Charities is working with the St. Philip/St. Teresa Rural Food Program to help identify individuals in our service area who may benefit from **Cal Fresh Disaster Relief** funds. This Program provides funds for the purchase of groceries. Cal Fresh workers will be in our service area until the end of this month, assisted by several volunteers from our Rural Food program. Parishioners are encouraged to get the word out and encourage potential recipients to contact Juan Torres at Catholic Charities (707-293-3861) or Rod DeMartini, Rural Food Program Coordinator at roddemar@comcast.net

Young Catholic Adults are invited to attend Friday, Nov. 10th, from 6-8PM: "Faith, Hops & Love"- A Fun-rai\$er Night to Benefit Fire Victims. This is an evening of friends, faith, food, and beer at

Lagunitas Brewing in Petaluma. Tickets cost \$12 (for ages 21-40ish).
For tickets and info, search online **Santa Rosa Catholic Events**.