

God hears those who call out day and night



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 20, 2019

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?
My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
— Psalm 121:1-2

PERSISTENCE

Today's readings are about persistence, passionate persistence. Exodus tells of a battle won despite weariness because Moses, with help from Aaron and Hur, held his hands raised. Timothy asks that same persistence of his community and us. Luke tells of a court case won by a widow, despite the dishonesty of the judge, because she will not leave him alone. The psalm reminds us that God is everywhere, guarding us from harm day and night, coming and going, now and forever. The readings are about persistence, the relentless, unwavering pursuit of what must not be lost. The readings are about God's passionate persistence in pursuing us, seeking to win our hearts.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Although the hours of daylight are rapidly dwindling, many people would say that these October days bring the year's most splendid weather. Americans are riders and joggers, not strollers, and so the pleasures of the season are often lost on us. This is not the case with many Jewish people, who observe an ancient rule in walking to synagogue on the Sabbath. On city streets and suburban sidewalks in many cities, we may notice around sunset the nicely dressed families walking and chatting on Friday afternoon. After a short prayer at dusk, the families stroll home again for a relaxing and festive meal. They return to synagogue in the morning, and then spend an afternoon in family leisure until three stars appear in the night sky and Sabbath ends.

Catholics, on the other hand, pile into the car and drive even a short distance to Mass; some even divide the family to participate at different hours. For Jews, the leisurely walk marks a dividing line between hectic life commitments and a day of abundant joy and enrichment. Before we became an automobile culture, Catholics embraced a similar pace, and in most places walked to church. These lovely days of fall invite us to tap into an old and life-giving tradition. If you live within a mile of your church, walk next week. If you must drive, park at a good distance and walk the rest of the way. Talk about your life, greet strangers, notice the crunch of leaves under your shoes. You may be surprised at how different Sunday Mass feels when it is framed by leisure! -Rev. James Field, @ Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Mon: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21
Tues: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38
Wed: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48
Thurs: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53
Fri: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94; Lk 12:54-59
Sat: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9
Sun: Sir 35:12-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Finance Corner:



Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of October offerings:

- 10/13: 1st Collection: \$1828. Peter Pence: \$926.
10/20: Capital Expenditures. 10/27: Rural Food.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

- Parish Council: TBA
Finance Council: Tues., 10/22/19, at 11AM in Hall
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)

Mass Intentions Schedule

- Sat., Oct. 19, 5pm Mass + Brendan Smith
Sun., Oct. 20, 8am Mass for the People
Sun., Oct. 20, 9:30am Mass for the strength of bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting & leading their sheep from all harm
Sun., Oct. 20, 11:15am Mass + Laurence Marciel
Mon., Oct. 21, 9am Prayer Service
Tues., Oct. 22, 9am Mass + Holly & Sean White
Wed., Oct. 23, 9am Mass Zellers Anniversary Mass
Thurs., Oct. 24, 9am Mass
Fri., Oct. 25, 9am Mass + Beverly Walker
Sat., Oct. 26, 5pm Mass + Marcella & Joseph Kiefer
Sun., Oct. 27, 8am Mass for the healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse
Sun., Oct. 27, 9:30am Mass for the People
Sun., Oct. 27, 11:15am Mass + Al Gerhardt

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

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

POPE FRANCIS QUOTE

"How do we root out hypocrisy? There's a good medicine that can help us not be hypocrites: point the finger at ourselves and say to the Lord "Look at the way I am, Lord!" -- and say it with humility."

Graphic for Bl. Karl of Austria, Ruler of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and peacemaker during World War I. Includes quote: 'We must help each other to get to Heaven.' and date October 21.

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.

Message from Fr. Bala:

20 October is World Mission Sunday. Therefore, we are all encouraged to assist in the mission of the Church in spreading the Gospel. The Mass for the Evangelization of Peoples will be used as found in the Roman Missal. For the Readings, see Lectionary, volume IV, nos 872-876, especially Isaiah 60:1-6 [872.3], Romans 10:9-18 [873.4] and Mt 28:16-20 [876.1].

The Title of the Message for World Mission Sunday 2019 is: 'BAPTIZED AND SENT; THE CHURCH OF CHRIST ON MISSION IN THE WORLD'

Celebrating the World Mission Sunday this weekend will help us first to rediscover the missionary dimension of our faith in Jesus Christ, a faith graciously bestowed on us in baptism.

Please refer to www.vatican.va to read the full message. Our prayers and our generous contributions are a great source of assistance to the missionary commitment of the Pope in the evangelization efforts of particular Churches, in the formation of local clergy, and in raising missionary awareness in children.

SAVE THE DATE!

CELEBRATE 2020 --January 26, 2020

Tickets on sale beginning December 7, 2019

St. Teresa Feast Day Celebration

All parishioners are invited for hot drinks and treats on 10/20/19 after the 9:30 Mass to socialize and preview ideas for our new landscaping plans.

--St. Teresa's Guild and Restoration Committee

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 Windler, Rebecca Adams, April K., Jacinta, Gen B.

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

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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. **Tables/Chairs Use?** Reserve ahead; call Hal and then let the office know, too.

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Forgiveness is the fragrance a violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it.

—Mark Twain

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM OUR PASTOR

ATTENTION, Parishioners & Visitors: Due to insurance liability, children are **not** permitted in the St. Philip Church bell tower.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.