



**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 16, 2018**

The Lord GOD is my help,  
therefore I am not disgraced.  
— Isaiah 50:7

**LISTENING AND RESPONDING**

There are three interwoven themes in today's readings: listening to God, faith vs. good works, and losing our life in order to

find it. How are they related?

The Suffering Servant of Isaiah undergoes much distress and ridicule, but is able to bear it because he has listened to the promptings of God day after day. The psalm tells us that God listens, too. God hears our prayers for help and is always ready to save us. As our faith deepens, so does our desire to do the works of justice and charity that build up the reign of God. God directs our actions in ways we often cannot see, and we don't always see the results. We are called upon in faith to trust that what we do is enough, and that willingness to listen to God's promptings will lead us in the right way.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In this country, we don't name our churches "The Fourth Avenue Catholic Church," but rather seek a patron saint or mystery of faith. We inherit this tradition from an old Roman custom via medieval England. Interestingly, that has not been the practice elsewhere, and parishes abroad often do carry just the name of the neighborhood. In Ireland, the Roman (English) practices didn't take hold, and so churches are known simply by the street they are on, or by a nickname. Saint Francis of Assisi in Dublin is often called "Adam and Eve" after a pub in the same street. The pub sign is an interesting carving of our first parents, so they become patrons by default.

Increasingly in the United States, we are seeing a familiar European pattern emerge when a few churches, each bearing the name of a patron saint or mystery, are gathered into one parish that bears a different name. Thus, we might hear of a parish of "Midvalley City" comprised of Saint Mary, Saint Francis, and Saint Ursula churches. Once a church has been consecrated, its name may not normally be changed. Therefore, when parishes are merged, a new name is given to the parish, which may or may not be that of a heavenly patron, but the church buildings retain their names. In the process, we have lost sight of some worthy patrons of old, but have also seen new parishes open dedicated to twentieth-century saints like Edith Stein, Katharine Drexel, and Mother Teresa.

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 7:1-10  
Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1-5; Lk 7:11-17  
Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35  
Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50  
Friday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15  
Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16 — 4:3; Mk 9:30-37

**Pope Francis Quote:**

"God never goes back on His love!"

**Parish Religious Education Program [CCD]**  
Religious Education classes K-12 started **Sunday, September 9**, but there is still time to enroll the children. You can register by going online to [www.stphilipsteresa.org](http://www.stphilipsteresa.org) or by calling our Religious Education Director, Ella Rozett, at 707-874-3397.

**Weekly Offering**



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**Finance Corner:**

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **September** offerings:

9/9: 1<sup>st</sup> [only] Collection: \$1085.

9/16: Capital Expenditures. 9/23: No 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection.

**Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:**

**Parish Council:** TBA

**Finance Council:** TBA

**Liturgy Committee:** Fri., 10/12/18, 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., Sept. 15, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., Sept. 16, 8am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

Sun., Sept. 16, 9:30am Mass for the People

Sun., Sept. 16, 11:15am Mass

Mon., Sept. 17, 9am Prayer Service

Tues., Sept. 18, 9am Mass Tony & Mary Wallace

Wed., Sept. 19, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

Thurs., Sept. 20, 9am Mass

Fri., Sept. 21, 9am Mass

Sat., Sept. 22, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith

Sun., Sept. 23, 8am Mass for the People

Sun., Sept. 23, 9:30am Mass

Sun., Sept. 23, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sun: 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday

Mon: St. Robert Bellarmine

Wed: St. Januarius

Thurs: Ss. Andrew Kim Taegŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & Companions

Fri: St. Matthew

Sat: Blessed Virgin Mary

**Prayer Requests:** Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Holly White, Jamie Silva, Lorri McCamen, Sarah, Clifford J., Terri Andrews, Bea, Marilyn Vitali, Fred Pisani, Theresa Spiteri, Sara, Mary Anne Parque, Sr. Marjorie, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Dave Creeth, Jim P., William, Annie Tobin, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally Tillsbury, Mary Karp, Fr. Logan, Columbina A., Michael Dan, Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa Santos, Zeidan family, Papke family, Margaret Peterson

**SCAMS RE-ALERT!!** Please beware of the ongoing fake emails and robo-calls, supposedly from/about someone you know at our parish or elsewhere, asking for money or help or personal data. If in doubt, always contact the real person [or company] first to determine if the email or call is legitimate, before you decide whether or not to respond to the request.

## Closer to God

"The closer one approaches to God,  
the simpler one becomes."

-St. Teresa of Avila

### 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.

### RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for SEPTEMBER, 2018

On September 11 we welcomed 105 families representing 149 adults, 23 children and 39 seniors for a total of 211 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.

Even in an area known for its incredibly rich agricultural resources, over one third of households in Sonoma County still go hungry each day. The Sonoma County Hunger Index reported that, even with numerous agencies providing food and support for hungry residents, the meal gap has remained steady for several years. The St. Philip/St. Teresa Rural Food Program has been responding to those in need for over thirty years thanks to the generosity of our volunteers and donors.

Please continue to collect paper grocery bags, especially with handles, and egg cartons. We are looking into biodegradable produce bags and recyclable grocery bags for our clients. Over 180 volunteer hours are needed each month to provide this program for our Rural Food families. Please consider one of the volunteer opportunities listed below.

#### RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, October 6, from 9-10:00 am repackaging -- Parish Hall

Monday, October 8, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall

Tuesday, October 9, 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 a restoration committee member for your own limited print: Peg at 707-867-6073 or Bob at 707-875-9148.

*The balance of the Parish CBIS Endowment Account as of August 31 is \$67,706.*

**Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister?** Do you seek a new path? Are you listening to your heart? Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul October 26-27, 2018 in Los Altos Hills, California (Bay Area). If you would like to know more about attending this prayerful and reflective discernment retreat, contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C. at (650) 949-8890 or at (213) 210-9903, or email us at [srlaguna@doc1633.org](mailto:srllaguna@doc1633.org) Learn more at: [www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/](http://www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/)

### PROPER POSTURE

It is impossible for the Church to remain on its feet  
if it doesn't get on its knees.

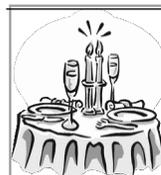
—Anonymous

### The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



**"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.



### Our annual "Ravioli Luncheon with Entertainment" is next Sat., 9/22/18.

Tickets sold after Sat/Sun Masses. RSVP by calling Susan directly at: 707- 315-9538 or at 707-829-1189.

**(do not call the office for RSVP or tickets)**

**SHARES ESCRIP UPDATE:** Enroll for free to earn money for our parish. Go to this website, [escrip.com/shares](http://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.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The parish office will be closed 9/19-9/26 while Fran is out of town. All voice mail and email will be reviewed when the office reopens on 9/27.