



Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 17, 2017
 Forgive your neighbor's injustice;
 then when you pray,
 your own sins will be forgiven.
 — Sirach 28:2

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As Saint Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

We've seen how the rescue of Eucharistic Prayer II from the mists of history changed the style of our prayer, introducing a sleek simplicity to the prayer said aloud by the priest. Remember, before the reform of our prayer in the late 1960s, the priest whispered the words of the Roman Canon, Eucharistic Prayer I. His voice was not amplified, his back was to the people, who could only tell what was going on by a shift in his posture as he bowed and genuflected and as bells were rung to indicate his progress through the prayer.

With the emergence of the new prayers, some feared that the old prayer would be lost forever if it weren't somehow changed. The reformers asked that it be streamlined a bit by omitting the repeated "Through Christ" at the end of various intercessions, and trimming the list of somewhat obscure saints. The new edition therefore brackets parts of the two lists of saints in the prayer, unfortunately dropping all the women from the second set. The decision was also made to keep the Lord's words at the consecration exactly the same in every Eucharistic Prayer, although there is precedent for more variety. On November 2, 1968, Pope Paul VI signed off on the plan of the new Mass, and by April 1969, the publication of the revised order of Mass was announced.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10
 Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17
 Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35
 Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
 Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3
 Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15
 Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-27a; Mt 20:1-16a

FORGIVE OTHERS

There are many kinds of alms the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us.

—St. Augustine

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

Weekly Offering



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For the month of **September** offerings:

9/10: 1st collection: \$3254. Hurricane Relief: \$3119.
 9/17: Capital Expenditures. 9/24: Rural Food.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Thurs., 10/12/17, at 10:00AM 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., September 16, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
 Sun., September 17, 8am Mass for the People
 Sun., September 17, 9:30am Mass Scott Zeller
 Sun., September 17, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
 Mon., September 18, 9am Mass Liz Young
 Tues., September 19, 9am Mass Paul Young
 Wed., September 20, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
 Thurs., September 21, 9am Mass John Young
 Fri., September 22, 9am Mass
 Sat., September 23, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer
 Sun., September 24, 8am Mass
 Sun., September 24, 9:30am Mass for the People
 Sun., September 24, 11:15am Mass

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
 Catechetical Sunday
 Tuesday: St. Januarius
 Wednesday: Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions
 Thursday: St. Matthew
 Friday: Autumn begins
 Saturday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

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

Attention: Please be sure to close and lock doors and windows if you are the last to leave the church or hall.

AUTUMN

Besides the autumn poets sing,
A few prosaic days
A little this side of the snow
And that side of the haze.

—Emily Dickinson



The Universal Prayer (or Prayer of the Faithful)

In 1965, Vatican II restored this ancient part of the Eucharistic assembly to the liturgy: "Especially on Sundays and feasts of obligation there is to be restored, after the Gospel and the homily, 'the common prayer' or 'the prayer of the faithful.' By this prayer, in which the people are to take part, intercession will be made for holy Church, for the civil authorities, for those oppressed by various needs, for all mankind, and for the salvation of the entire world" (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 53). A later curial document expanded on this by providing for the specific context and structure of the Universal Prayer: Its "place...is at the end of every celebration of the word of God...The reason is that this prayer is...the fruit of the working of the word of God in the hearts of the faithful: instructed, stirred, and renewed by the word, all stand together to offer prayers for the need of the whole Church and the whole world" ("Universal Prayer", 1966).

Paul Ford, Ph.D., from St. John's Seminary in Camarillo, California, asks, "But is this the experience of average Catholics? Or do they hear canned intentions, laundry lists of persons who are sick or deceased, and petitions for every conceivable need to which they respond with a rattled off 'Lord, hear our prayer.'" ('A Prayer of a Priestly People' in Pastoral Liturgy, May/June 2015) Ford admits that many Catholics in our country misunderstand the liturgical nature and structure of the Universal Prayer; however, he also believes that we come by this honestly: "One of the most effective and life-giving substitutes for liturgical spirituality before the Second Vatican Council was the weekly novena devotion. People avidly filled out slips of paper with their intentions printed out, including the all-covering and ever-intriguing 'special intention.' But there is perhaps nothing more contrary to the universal and liturgical character of the Prayer of the Faithful than the voicing of the very particular and devotional novena petition, 'for a special intention.' Special intentions have their place in liturgy: during the silence for prayer at the time of the Collect." Continuing the process started at Vatican II, the current General Instruction of the Roman Missal describes the structure of the Universal Prayer: "The series of intentions is usually to be: a) for the needs of the Church; b) for public authorities and the salvation of the whole world; c) for those burdened by any kind of difficulty; d) for the local community. Nevertheless, in any particular celebration, such as a Confirmation, a Marriage, or at a Funeral, the series of intentions may be concerned more closely with the particular occasion" (70). It continues, "It is for the Priest Celebrant to regulate this prayer from the chair. He himself begins it with a brief introduction, by which he calls upon the faithful to pray, and likewise he concludes it with an oration. The intentions announced should be sober, be composed with a wise liberty and in few words, and they should be expressive of the prayer of the entire community. They are announced from the ambo or from another suitable place, by the Deacon or by a cantor, a reader, or one of the lay faithful. The people, for their part, stand and give expression to their prayer either by an invocation said in common after each intention" (71). The current Roman Missal also gives a number of concrete examples of the Universal Prayer for various times of the year (Roman Missal, Appendix V).

In the restoration and continuation of this part of the sacred liturgy of the Church, Ford reminds us, "the priestly People of God recover their proper and irreplaceable role of interceding for the needs of the Church and the world." *[article here per Fr.Fergal]*

Parish Religious Education Program [CCD]

Look at www.stphilipstteresa.org for information about the September start of our Religious Education program. Director Ella Rozett [with the parish web team] has provided updated registration information, dates, and forms online for your family use.

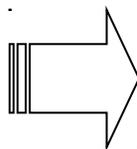
A Mass intention is a beautiful way to remember a beloved friend or family member, whether in death, for healing, in celebration of a special day, or simply for prayer and guidance. Call or come by the office to arrange this. A customary donation of \$10 is appreciated, but not required.

Pancakes & Picnic: September Thank you 😊
Appreciative kudos to all who planned, set up, attended, donated, and shared good food & great company at both these parish events. You are a wonderful group!

Pope Francis Tweet

"Dear Colombian brothers and sisters, thank you! I have met so many people who have touched my heart. You have done me a world of good!"

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Parish Hall, 12-2PM

Tickets \$20 – sold after Mass
or call to reserve tickets:

Susan 829-1189 or Dolores 874-6072

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Marriage for Life: Catholic Marriage Preparation

The next marriage prep date is October 14, 2017. It will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral at Gough & Geary Streets in San Francisco. It is an authorized one-day format and the cost is \$225 per couple. Engaged couples can register online at www.marriageforlifeSF.com. The website has complete information, or just call Connie and Joe at 415-664-8108.

CEMETERY NOTES: I want to invite you to visit your parish cemetery in Bodega. I have been managing the cemetery for sixteen plus years and it has never looked so beautiful. Also if you are in the area at night I again invite you to drive by to see how beautiful it looks at night with about 150 solar lights glowing on the hillside. This is your parish cemetery so come by and enjoy. —Art Hansen