



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 23, 2018

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

— James 3:18

HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like?

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

How long have there been parochial schools in the United States? Longer than you may imagine. The Jesuit fathers opened Saint Mary School in Philadelphia in 1782 in the first light of independence. Catholic and Protestant squabbles about the nature of education forced the Fathers to make this risky and innovative venture in the heart of the city. The school was closed by a devastating fire in 1902, but reopened in 1968 as St. Mary Interparochial School, the first example of a shared parochial school. It is also the only Catholic school within the confines of a national park. This is the "Mother School" of this uniquely American institution. Many parochial schools, especially in "national parishes," were established to preserve the culture and language of the "old country," and also to protect young people from prejudice.

In other countries, Ireland for one, the Church is authorized to run national schools, sometimes under the sponsorship of a parish. In still other places, such as Quebec, publicly-funded "separate schools" were administered by the Church. Wherever the state funds Catholic schools, normally enrollment is guaranteed to all applicants. The Quebec system was dismantled in 1998 when the state decided to reorganize schools along linguistic lines rather than religious affiliation. Parochial schools require considerable sacrifice, but they endure as a distinctive treasure of the Church in the United States.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Prv 3:27-34; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Sunday: Nm 11:25-19; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Pope Francis Quote: "Entering through the Holy Door means discovering the depths of the Father's mercy, who seeks each of us personally."

EXAMPLE

Children, especially, set their watches by our clock.

—Anonymous

Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

Weekly Offering



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For the month of **September** offerings:

9/16: 1st Collection: \$1479. Capital Expenditures: \$1101.

9/23: No 2nd Collection. 9/30: Rural Food.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Tues., 9/25/18, at 10AM in Hall

Finance Council: Wed., 10/10/18, at 10:30AM in Hall

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. 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

Mon., Sept. 24, 9am Prayer Service

Tues., Sept. 25, 9am Mass

Wed., Sept. 26, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

Thurs., Sept. 27, 9am Mass

Fri., Sept. 28, 9am Mass

Sat., Sept. 29, 5pm Mass ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer

Sun., Sept. 30, 8am Mass ✠ Al Gerhardt

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

Sun., Sept. 30, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

Autumn begins

Wednesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

Thursday: St. Vincent de Paul

Friday: St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions;

St. Wenceslaus

Saturday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael



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, 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

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

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



AUTUMN DAYS

Autumn days come swift
like the running of a
hound upon the moor.

—Seumas MacManus

"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.

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.

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 srllaguna@doc1633.org Learn more at www.-Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/

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.stphilipstteresa.org or by calling our Religious Ed. Director, Ella Rozett, 707-874-3397.

Our Sunday Envelope System...

is the **ONLY** way the office can keep track of donations to the parish for your IRS charitable contributions. If you do not currently use our envelope number system, please contact the office so we can get you started: 874-3812. Thank you.



REMINDER: Please do not remove items from the hall without first contacting the office for permission, availability, and the necessary sign-out process: 874-3304 or 874-3812.

St Philip and St Teresa CAREGIVING MINISTRY:

Ministering to the sick, elderly and needy of the parish by...

- Visiting, shopping
- Transportation (to support groups, doctor appointments, religious functions, etc)
- Socializing and companionship
- Providing specialized information.

Program is available to people in the area in need of our support. Contact: Dolores Novello (707-874-6072)

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

Catholic Charities TOUR DATES

Join us for a tour of programs, meet some of the people we serve, and learn about all the ways Catholic Charities serves our diocese.

Tours last only an hour... the experience lasts a lifetime.

Please call 707-528-8712 x161 to reserve your spot.

Tours are held at the Family Support Center, SR