

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 24, 2017**

Turn to the LORD for mercy;
to our God, who is generous
in forgiving.

— Isaiah 55:7b

CALL UPON THE LORD

The very first line of today's first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today's responsorial psalm: "The Lord is near to all who call upon him" (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, "For to me life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today's Gospel. There we find that God's love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Along with the reform of the Roman Canon and the redrafting of an ancient Roman prayer in Eucharistic Prayer II, two additional prayers were announced in 1969. Eucharistic Prayer III is a fresh composition. Like Eucharistic Prayer II, it has no preface of its own, but the presider chooses from a long menu of possible prefaces to become part of the prayer on a particular occasion. Also, like Eucharistic Prayer II it has a way to insert the name of the deceased in Masses for the dead such as funerals and memorials. The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal* views Eucharistic Prayer III as the best substitute for Eucharistic Prayer I on Sundays and feasts.

In practice, this prayer is used very often at Sunday Mass, and its texts are familiar to all members of the assembly. In this prayer, notice that the priest extends his hands over the gifts and calls down the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. This call of the Holy Spirit is called the *epiclesis*, and Eastern Christians consider it to be the consecration. Latin Christians have long considered the "institution narrative" to be the consecration. Partly in response to a deep sensitivity to the East, the reformers took care to structure all our new prayers with a strong *epiclesis*. The poetry and images of Eucharistic Prayer III are fruitful sources of meditation. Why not take a sentence or two into your private prayer?

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
 Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
 Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
 Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
 Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
 Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
 Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

EDUCATION

Education is a better safeguard of liberty
than a standing army.

—Edward Everett

Weekly Offering



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Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **September** offerings:

9/17: 1st collection: \$1315. Capital Expenditures: \$1012.

9/24: Rural Food. 10/1: Operating Expenses.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Thurs., 10/12/17, at 10:00AM in Hall

Finance Council: Thurs., 10/26/17, at 1:00PM in Hall

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 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
 Mon., September 25, 9am Mass for the Poor Souls
 Tues., September 26, 9am Mass
 Wed., September 27, 9am Mass
 Thurs., September 28, 9am Mass
 Fri., September 29, 9am Mass
 Sat., September 30, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
 Sun., October 1, 8am Mass Michael Tran
 Sun., October 1, 9:30am Mass for the People
 Sun., October 1, 11:15am Mass Susan Davis

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
 Wednesday: St. Vincent de Paul
 Thursday: St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions
 Friday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels;
 Saturday: St. Jerome

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

HORRIFIED

People in general are equally horrified at hearing the
Christian religion doubted and at seeing it practiced.

—Samuel Butler

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



LEAVE A LEGACY:

Consult your financial advisor on ways of assuring that your estate passes on to heirs, charities, and church, with minimum taxation.

St Philip and St Teresa CAREGIVING MINISTRY:

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

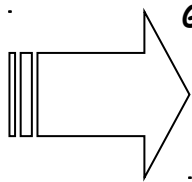
- Visiting, shopping
- Transportation (to support groups, doctor appointments, religious functions, etc)
- Socializing and companionship
- Providing specialized information.

Program is available to people in the area in need of our support.

Contact: Dolores Novello (707-874-6072)

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.

Featured Parish Bulletin Advertiser:



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Pope Francis Tweet

"Let us find the courage to purify our hearts by removing the rocks and thorns which choke the Word of God!"

Save the Date!

Ravioli Luncheon & Show

Saturday, October 7th

Parish Hall, 12-2PM

Tickets \$20 – sold after Mass
or call to reserve tickets/seating:
Susan 829-1189 or Dolores 874-6072

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.

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.

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

RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for SEPTEMBER 2017:

On September 12 we welcomed 104 families representing 138 adults, 51 children and 33 seniors for a total of 222 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, 36% 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. Please consider one of the volunteer opportunities listed below. Over 160 St Philip/St Teresa volunteer hours are needed each month to provide this program for our Rural Food families.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, October 7, from 9-10:00am for repackaging in Hall

Monday, October 9, from 12:30 – 2:30pm to set up the Parish Hall

Tuesday, October 10, from 8:30 – 11:00am to distribute the food and assist clients

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



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Jesus concluded the parable:

“What if I wish to give this last one the same as you?

Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?

Are you envious because I am generous?”

Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.” Mt 20:14-16

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