

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 2, 2018**

Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls.

— James 1:21b

THE HIGHEST LAW

From time to time, newspapers and magazines will offer, as an item of "filler," various laws that are still on the books but seem silly to us in our day and age. In one California city, it is illegal to have two indoor bathtubs in one house. Clean water, a precious commodity when the law was written, is now readily available, so the law seems silly. But the human value of protecting and preserving precious resources is still around, evident in many conservation laws that seem sensible to us. So it is with the laws of religious tradition. What Jesus scorns today is others' attitude toward ritual laws, an attitude that becomes nearly idolatrous when laws are observed for their own sake. Jesus teaches that observation of external ritual laws is of value only when they are emblems of our internal disposition toward the will of God. Our whole lives must follow the one ultimate law of God: to love God completely and to love neighbor entirely. Roman Catholicism is a tradition rich with customs, traditions, and even laws. As we continue to listen to the voice of Christ, we must always look into our own hearts and underneath our ritual practices to make sure that love of God and love of neighbor are what we prize above all.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When an altar is dedicated, the Rite of Dedication directs that, if possible, the relics of a martyr be mortared into the church floor under the *mensa*, or "altar table." Up until this revised rite, the general practice was to include small relics of saints in an altar stone, a slab of marble that was normally set in the altar itself. Today's rite states a clear preference for "martyr," and for a substantial part of the body, in accord with our tradition's desire for substantial symbols. Martyr, of course, means "witness" in Greek, and was the title given early on to the people who by their death imaged the death of Christ.

From the beginning, there has never been a shortage of such people, although it took a while for the Church to develop a process to declare someone a martyr. Saint Augustine tells how it was done in the fifth century. By then, popular opinion didn't count as much as an official tribunal set up by the bishop of the place where the martyr suffered. After the inquiry established that the person did indeed die for the faith, a metropolitan bishop had to ratify the decision before a shrine could be built or an altar set up over the martyr's tomb. For the most part, the honor paid to a martyr (called a "cult") was restricted to that diocese, although the fame of some heroes spread so much that they were celebrated elsewhere. The age of the martyrs is now, and more people died for the faith in the twentieth century than ever before, witnessing to Christ to the end. Their sacrifice remains "the seed of the Church."

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor,"
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6, 27-28, 39-40; Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]
Sunday: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

FORGIVERS

A happy marriage is a union of two good forgivers.

—Anonymous



Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

Weekly Offering



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For the month of **August/September** offerings:

8/26: 1st Collection: \$1363. Rural Food: \$1460.
9/2: Operating Expenses. 9/9: No 2nd collection.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Wed., 9/12/18, at 11AM in Hall

Finance Council: Wed., 9/12/18, at 11AM in Hall

Liturg 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)



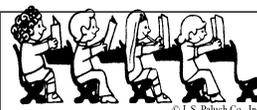
✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

Sat., Sept. 1, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
Sun., Sept. 2, 8am Mass ✠ Ed Duffy
Sun., Sept. 2, 9:30am Mass Joyce family special intention
Sun., Sept. 2, 11:15am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
Mon., Sept. 3, 9am Prayer Service
Tues., Sept. 4, 9am Mass Elaine Joyce
Wed., Sept. 5, NO Mass
Thurs., Sept. 6, NO Mass
Fri., Sept. 7, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
Sat., Sept. 8, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
Sun., Sept. 9, 8am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
Sun., Sept. 9, 9:30am Mass Papke family special intention
Sun., Sept. 9, 11:15am Mass ✠ Barbara Bavaresco

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Gregory the Great; Labor Day
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer Requests: to add/remove names, call 874-3812. 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, Steve, 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, Columбина A., Michael Dan, Greg M., Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa Santos, Zeidan family, Papke family, Margaret Peterson, Jacob Velazquez, Lorian Schick



Parish Religious Education Program [CCD]

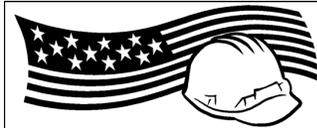
Religious Education classes K-12 will start next Sunday, September 9, but there is still time to enroll the children. You can register by going online to www.stphilipstteresa.org or by calling our Religious Education Director, Ella Rozett, at 707-874-3397.

PARISH NOTES: This weekend and next we welcome back Father Gary Lombardi to celebrate the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. Also, we welcome newly-retired Father David Shaw to celebrate the weekday Masses on Tuesday 9/4 at St. Teresa's and Friday 9/7 at St. Philip's.

LOST AND FOUND

Please call the office (874-3812) about the following "found" items:

- Glasses, Jackets
- Hat, Watches



Labor Day

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THE ORIGINAL CURRENCY

Labor was the first price, the original purchase-money that was paid for all things. It was not by gold or by silver, but by labor, that all wealth of the world was originally purchased.

—Adam Smith

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 AUGUST 2018

On August 14 we welcomed 89 families representing 141 adults, 40 children and 37 seniors for a total of 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.

During the months of September and October many of our regular volunteers are away. Please consider joining our volunteer team!!!!

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.

RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(Please consider joining our ministry to people in need)

Saturday, September 8, from 9-10:00am, repackaging in Parish Hall
 Monday, September 10, from 12:30 – 2:30pm, to set up Parish Hall
 Tuesday, September 11, from 8:30 – 11:00am, to distribute the food and assist clients.

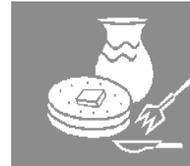
Exclusive Limited Print of Ansel Adam's original picture of St. Teresa Church from 1953: All proceeds support needed restoration of St. Teresa of Avila Mission. A limited number of prints have been printed from Ansel's original negative. Each reprint is individually numbered. Prints are available for 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.

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 2, 2018

8:00AM -- 11:30 AM

Bodega Fire Hall
 (17184 Bodega Hwy, Bodega, CA)



Sponsored by the St. Teresa Guild
 Benefits Meditation Garden at St. Teresa of Avila Church
 Adults: \$10 Children under 12: \$5
 Please come join us! Tickets sold at the door

PRAYER NEEDED FRIDAY September 7th!! Come pray with Catholic Charities as they launch their campaign to build Caritas Village, a new housing and services center in downtown Santa Rosa! Friday, Sept 7th at 4 p.m. Location: Catholic Charities Family Support Center 465 A Street. Please park across the street in the mall parking lot. Call 707-308-4797 for more information.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



Coming soon! Our annual "Ravioli Luncheon with Entertainment" on Sat., 9/22/18
 (Tickets sold at Sat./Sun. Masses)

For more info, call Susan at 707 - 315 - 9538

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.