

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 30, 2018**

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.

— Psalm 19:8

NOT AGAINST US

Like Moses before him, Jesus corrects his disciples' misunderstanding of the gift of the Spirit. They saw people who were not of their company casting out demons and doing other works such as Jesus had done. Jesus points out that no one who does a good deed in his name can be opposed to him at the same time. He goes on to point out the importance of the "little ones,": the poor, simple people, children, the meek ones who are not important in the world. It is to them that he was sent, not to the wealthy and the self-righteous. He underscores the importance of small works done in faith, as well as big works like driving out demons. "Anyone who gives you a cup of water . . . because you belong to Christ . . . will surely not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). God builds the coming reign little by little in our actions, however small and unassuming, when they are done out of love of God and neighbor. -- © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

From its earliest days, the Church has had an interest in the education of young people. In ancient Rome, teachers of boys had to resign their posts in order to become catechumens, since the education of boys was so keyed to the lore and worship of the gods. In other ages, public education has been so attuned to other values that creative solutions have arisen.

In late eighteenth- and early nineteenth-century Ireland, government schools had a goal of "Anglicizing" the Irish in culture and religion. Most Irish Catholics opted out in favor of "hedge schools." In these largely secret schools, meeting not just in the shadow of hedges but also in cottages and barns throughout Ireland, schoolmasters provided eager students with a classical education grounded in Greek and Latin, Irish literature, the banned Gaelic language, and the catechism of the Church. The so-called penal laws forbade Catholics from teaching young people publicly or privately, and "civil disobedience" ruled the day. In 1826, a British government study showed that of half a million Irish children enrolled in schools, 403,000 were in hedge schools! A woman named Nano Nagle defied the law by opening schools for the poor. Eventually her companions became the Presentation Sisters. A layman named Edmund Rice, inspired by her courage, founded the Irish Christian Brothers for the same purpose. By 1820, the situation eased, since Irish Catholics had shown that they would defy any law that diminished their love of learning and threatened their faith. --Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
 Tues: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Ps 88:2-8; Mt 18:1-5, 10
 Wed: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
 Thurs: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
 Fri: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Lk 10:13-16
 Sat: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
 Sun: Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]

Pope Francis Quote:

"Let us pray that programmes for development may predominate in the world, and not those for weapons."

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

Weekly Offering



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Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

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

9/23: 1st (only) Collection: \$1726.

9/30: Rural Food. 10/7: Operating Expenses.

Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

Parish Council: Wed., 11/14/18, 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. 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
 Mon., Oct. 1, 9am Prayer Service
 Tues., Oct. 2, 9am Mass
 Wed., Oct. 3, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
 Thurs., Oct. 4, 9am Mass
 Fri., Oct. 5, 9am Mass ✠ Michael More
 Sat., Oct. 6, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
 Sun., Oct. 7, 8am Mass ✠ Margaret Peterson
 Sun., Oct. 7, 9:30am Mass for the People
 Sun., Oct. 7, 11:15am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
 Tuesday: The Holy Guardian Angels
 Thursday: St. Francis of Assisi
 Friday: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos; First Friday
 Saturday: St. Bruno; Blessed Marie-Rose Durocher; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary



Prayer Requests: 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 Krusky, Barbara, Kathy Higgins, Fr. Logan, Dave Creeth, Jim P.,

William, Annie Tobin, Parson Pfsorich, Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally Tillsbury, Mary Karp, Columbina Albini, Michael Dan, Richard Macche, Kathleen, Lisa, Rosa Santos, Zeidan family, Papke family

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

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

KNOW THE ANGELS

Make yourself familiar with the angels, and behold them frequently in spirit. Without being seen, they are present with you.

—St. Francis de Sales

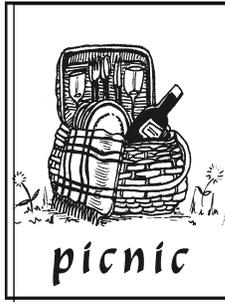
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"Remember Lord, those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith." These beautiful words at Mass recall our beloved dead. A Mass intention is a way to remember a beloved friend or family member, whether in death, for healing, in celebration 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.



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Our Parish Picnic is next Sunday, October 7, 2018

12:30-3:30 pm

Respini Ranch, 1333 Occidental Rd.
BBQ Chicken for Adults, BYOB;
Hot Dogs & Hamburgers for the Kids;

Soft Drinks for all!

Pot Luck (sign-up sheet):
Salad/Side Dish A-M; Dessert N-Z

*Car Slot Racing Jump House Bean Bag Toss,
Horseshoes, & More*

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

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

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 Val at the office so we can get you started: 874-3812. Thank you.

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