

**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 9, 2018**

Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs to the kingdom?

— James 2:5

SEE BEYOND OUTWARD APPEARANCES

The phrase “Sunday best” has lost much of its meaning in our society today. Some lament the loss of people dressing up for church on Sunday; others think it’s a healthy sign that we’re as casual in attire gathered before the Lord as we are elsewhere. No matter which school of thought on this topic we belong to, James would probably chastise us. In either case, we are still focused on external appearance, mistaking it for some sort of favored position before God. True, James criticizes the community that favors the rich and well-dressed while ostracizing the poorly clothed, but even more he criticizes the making of distinctions, making choices based on criteria that having nothing to do with the reign of God. James might turn our attention to the reign of God described by Isaiah, in which people are healed and the earth becomes ripe to bear fruit. Jesus today is focused on this reign of God, healing a Gentile man in a region hostile to his Jewish faith, not mindful of the man’s origins or clothing or status or ability to repay. Isaiah, James, and Jesus in Mark’s Gospel all call us to look more deeply to find where the will of God needs to be done, and has been done, on earth as in heaven

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Back to work we go! Summer break is over and there is much to accomplish in school and in the workplace. It’s a venerable Catholic custom to assign patron saints to the trades and occupations of life. This is largely in the realm of popular devotion, and although from time to time the Vatican declares a saint to be patron of this or that, the process is free-wheeling and just about uncontrollable. Still, there is a saint for almost any purpose, whether you are on death row (Dismas), having eye trouble (Lucy), or pursued by poisonous toads (Hubert). Medieval guilds would often associate themselves with heavenly patrons, so Saint Joseph has the carpenters, Thomas More the lawyers, and physicians get Saint Luke. If you’re stuck in the airport, St. Joseph of Cupertino is on call since he was said to rise off the floor when he prayed, and if you’re in a long line at the ATM, Saint Anthony Claret is for you.

In recent years, the Vatican has from time to time assigned a new patronage, as when Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was named the patron of HIV-AIDS patients, since as a young Jesuit novice he had cared for his fellow novices during a terrible plague. Anything that matters to us—nation, parish church, occupation, illness—can have a patron, and it is an aspect of Catholicism that has enormous appeal. To believe in the “communion of saints” is to know that the ties that bind us as a communion do not unravel with death, and that when we stand before life’s struggles, we do not stand alone. Who is your patron saint?

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:7-12; Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
 Friday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

EDUCATION



The things taught in schools and colleges are not an education, but the means of an education.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Weekly Offering



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Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

For the month of **September** offerings:

9/2: 1st Collection: \$3603. Operating Expenses: \$1697.

9/9: No 2nd collection. 9/16: Capital Expenditures.

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

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. 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
 Mon., Sept. 10, 9am Prayer Service
 Tues., Sept. 11, NO Mass
 Wed., Sept. 12, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo
 Thurs., Sept. 13, 9am Mass ✠ Alonso Palos
 Fri., Sept. 14, 9am Mass Tony Wallace
 Sat., Sept. 15, 5pm Mass ✠ Brendan Smith
 Sun., Sept. 16, 8am Mass ✠ Emily & Joe Palmer
 Sun., Sept. 16, 9:30am Mass for the People
 Sun., Sept. 16, 11:15am Mass

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents Day
 Wednesday: The Most Holy Name of Mary
 Thursday: St. John Chrysostom
 Friday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Saturday: Our Lady of Sorrows



Prayer Requests: 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, Columbina A., Michael Dan, 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 start **Sunday, September 9**, but there is still time to enroll the children. You can register by going online to www.stphilipsteresa.org or by calling our Religious Education Director, Ella Rozett, at 707-874-3397.

PARISH NOTES: This weekend we welcome back Father Gary Lombardi to celebrate the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses.

SCAMS RE-ALERT!! Please beware of the ongoing fake emails and robo-calls, supposedly from/about someone you know at our parish or elsewhere, asking for money or help or personal data. If in doubt, always contact the real person [or company] first to determine if the email or call is legitimate, before you decide whether or not to respond to the request.

THOUGHTS

The happiness of your life depends upon the quality of your thoughts.

—Marcus Aurelius

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.

Pope Francis Quote: "Carry peace with you to give it to others with your life, with a smile, with works of charity. Saint Mother Teresa, pray for us!"

Catholic Charities: "Challenging Poverty, Caring for Seniors, and Counseling Immigrants"

The Immigration Program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa is offering the provisional waiver service by an immigration attorney (pardon to spouses, parents, and children with exceptions) for a more affordable cost than private law immigration firms. Additionally, we offer the initial application for FREE. For further information, contact us at 707-578-6000

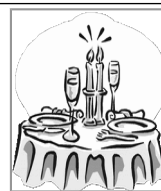
Have you ever thought about becoming a Sister? Do you seek a new path? Are you listening to your heart? Single Catholic women ages 18 - 40 are invited to a Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul October 26-27, 2018 in Los Altos Hills, California (Bay 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/

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



"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.



Our annual "Ravioli Luncheon with Entertainment" is Sat., 9/22/18

(Tickets sold weekday mornings at the office, but only until Friday, Sept. 14)

For reservations, call Susan: 707- 315-9538 or 707-829-1189

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.

IMPORTANT NOTE: The parish office will be closed 9/19-9/25 while Fran is out of town. Voice mail and email will be reviewed when the office reopens on 9/26.