

## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 2019

[K]eep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
-- 1 Timothy 6:14

### HOW GOD INTENDS US TO LIVE

Today's readings are again directed to believers, communities of faith. As in last week's reading, Amos confronts us with a condemnation of those whose lives are focused on pleasure and self-absorption. The psalm contrasts that focus with the Lord's—justice for the oppressed; food the hungry; freedom for captives; sight to the blind; raising of those who are bowed down; loving the just; protecting strangers, orphans, and the widow; and by doing so, thwarting the way of the wicked. Timothy urges the pursuit of righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Luke tells the familiar tale of the wealthy man and the poor beggar at his doorstep, who experience life very differently in this world and in the next. We are once again being given clear indications about how God intends for us to live our lives. --© J. S. Paluch Co.

### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Over the past century, a desire to recover a deep sense of unity among all believers in Christ has grown. The "ecumenical movement" (from the Greek word meaning the "the whole inhabited world") began among Protestant Christians, but was given great energy in 1920 with a letter from the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople, calling for closer dialogue and cooperation among Christians. In 1960, Pope John XXIII invited Protestant and Orthodox observers to the Second Vatican Council. In 1964, the Council's Decree on Ecumenism named these Christians "separated brethren," a huge leap forward from the time of labeling them as "outside the Church." A year later, a new pope, Paul VI, and the Orthodox Patriarch officially nullified the condemnations that walled off East from West for nine hundred years.

The pace and optimism of the 1960s has sadly waned, and the signs of progress toward unity are few; yet there are wider agreements on sharing Communion among various Christian denominations, and among Protestants agreements regarding sharing of ecclesiastical life and ministry. Among the success stories of the ecumenical movement are greater cooperation among Christian clergy, a similar Lectionary for Protestants and Catholics, and even experiments in the monastic life and common worship. -Rev. James Field, @ Paluch Co.

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50  
Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6, 10-11; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12  
Friday: Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24  
Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

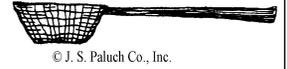
**Prayer Requests:** Fr. Logan, Teresa K., Pat K., Thomas T., Susan B., Lorri McC., Sarah, Clifford J., Terri A., Marilyn V., Fred P., Theresa S., Sara, Mary Anne P., Barbara, Dave C., Jim P., William, Parson P., Dave, Mary O., Bill Z., Daniel, Sally T., Mary K., Columбина A., Michael D., Richard M., Kathleen,, Peter, Lisa, Rosa S., Susan B., Joyce D., Anita C., George H., Mimi H, Steve, Barry, Lorrin K., Jacinta, April K., Gen B., Hugh P., Robert S., Britney N., Jacque W.



### Finance Corner:

Your generosity is greatly needed and appreciated!

### Weekly Offering



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

9/22: 1<sup>st</sup> [only] Collection: \$2072.  
9/29: Rural Food. 10/6: Operating Expenses.

### Mark your Calendar for Future Events & Meetings:

**Parish Council:** Wed., 10/2/19, at 10AM in Hall  
**Finance Council:** Tues., 10/22/19at 11AM, in Hall  
**Liturgy Committee:** Thurs., 11/14/19, at 4PM 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 Tues. of month)

### ✠ ♥ ✠ Mass Intentions ✠ ♥ ✠ Schedule

Sat., Sept. 28, 5pm ✠ Marcella & Joseph Kiefer  
Sun., Sept. 29, 8am Mass for the People  
Sun., Sept. 29, 9:30am Mass for the strength of bishops to be holy shepherds in protecting & leading their sheep from all harm  
Sun., Sept. 29, 11:15am Mass Evan Cooley  
Mon., Sept. 30, 9am Prayer Service  
Tues., Oct. 1, 9am Mass Tony Wallace  
Wed., Oct. 2, 9am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo  
Thurs., Oct. 3, 9am Mass ✠ John Passalacqua  
Fri., Oct. 4, 9am Mass  
Sat., Oct. 5, 5pm ✠ Brendan Smith  
Sun., Oct. 6, 8am Mass for healing and support of all victims of clergy sexual abuse  
Sun., Oct. 6, 9:30am Mass for the People  
Sun., Oct. 6, 11:15am Mass ✠ Tina Bartolo

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sun: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mon: St. Jerome  
Tues: St.. Thérèse of the Child Jesus  
Wed: **The Holy Guardian Angels**  
Fri: St. Francis of Assisi; First Friday  
Sat: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos; BVM; First Saturday



### POPE FRANCIS QUOTE

“Let us learn to call people by their name, as the Lord does with us, and to give up using adjectives.”

**saint snippets**  **October 1**

Jesus does not ask for great achievements: only surrender and gratitude.

**St. Thérèse of Lisieux**  
French Carmelite nun known for her "Little Way" of holiness consisting of love and confidence in God

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### **RURAL FOOD PROGRAM UPDATE for September 2019**

On September 10 we welcomed 108 families representing 147 adults, 29 children and 39 seniors for a total of 215 people receiving nutritional support. **Rural Food families with children signed up for our Starchild Program which culminates at our December 10 food distribution.** The Rural Food 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.

### **RURAL FOOD VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES\***

If you have one or two hours available here's how you can help

**Any day:** Help with the food ordering process using your computer  
Shop for our clients at Redwood Empire Food Bank  
Collect clean egg cartons & paper grocery bags w/ handles  
**Monday 9/9, 10am:** Unload our storeroom & delivery truck at the parish hall and/or set up the hall for food distribution  
**Tuesday 9/10:** At the parish hall, distribute food & take groceries to client vehicles

\*Contact Hal McGuirk (874-3304), Cathy McCool (861-9302) or Rod DeMartini (874-1344) if you can help with any of these tasks.

THANK YOU to all our extraordinary volunteers & donors! ♥

### **NEXT FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

**Sat., Oct. 5, 9:00am-10:00am** repackaging -- Parish Hall  
**Mon., Oct. 7, 10:00am- 12:00pm** to set up the Parish Hall  
**Tues., Oct. 8, 8:30am – 11:00am** to distribute food in Parish Hall/assist clients.

"The St Philip-St Teresa Rural Food Program is looking to make a difference for our clientele. If you have any clean, gently used blankets, quilts or covers that you no longer need, Rural Food will find a new home for them. We will be accepting your donations of these items and will be offering them to our clients during food distribution on October 8. We can accept your donations at the church hall in the classroom between the hours of 9:30 AM through 12:30 PM Monday through Friday as well as after Sunday Masses through Sunday October 6th." - per Hal & Cathy

**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 Peg Duffy for a limited print: 707-867-6073.

**Flowers for the Altar during the Year** 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 Dolores at 874-6072.

**NOTICE:** Friday, October 4, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, there will be "**Blessing of Pets**" in the campus of St. Philip the Apostle Church, Occidental.  
Time: 2:30 - 3:00 PM.

The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



### **Saint of the Day for October 5: Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska**

Saint Faustina's name is forever linked to the annual feast of the Divine Mercy, the Divine Mercy chaplet, and the Divine Mercy prayer recited each day at 3 p.m. by many people.

Born in what is now west-central Poland, Helena Kowalska was the third of 10 children. She worked as a housekeeper in three cities before joining the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. She worked as a cook, gardener and porter in three of their houses. In addition to carrying out her work faithfully, generously serving the needs of the sisters and the local people, Sister Faustina also had a deep interior life. This included receiving revelations from the Lord Jesus, messages that she recorded in her diary at the request of Christ and of her confessors. At a time when some Catholics had an image of God as such a strict judge that they might be tempted to despair about the possibility of being forgiven, Jesus chose to emphasize his mercy and forgiveness for sins acknowledged and confessed. "I do not want to punish aching mankind," he once told Saint Faustina, "but I desire to heal it, pressing it to my merciful heart." The two rays emanating from Christ's heart, she said, represent the blood and water poured out after Jesus' death.

Because Sister Maria Faustina knew that the revelations she had already received did not constitute holiness itself, she wrote in her diary: "Neither graces, nor revelations, nor raptures, nor gifts granted to a soul make it perfect, but rather the intimate union of the soul with God. These gifts are merely ornaments of the soul, but constitute neither its essence nor its perfection. My sanctity and perfection consist in the close union of my will with the will of God." Sister Maria Faustina died of tuberculosis in Krakow, Poland, on October 5, 1938. Pope John Paul II beatified her in 1993, and canonized her seven years later.