We are a welcoming inter-generational community united through our faith in Jesus Christ, demonstrating our love to others through service and charity. All are Welcome, All Belong!

June 17, 2018

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MASS TIMES
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Saturday: Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. - Chapel
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.
Confessions: 4:15 p.m. (Saturday)

DEVOTIONS
Rosary - Monday - Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass

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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34
June 17, 2018

Our Creator continues to give us a vital role in our ongoing growth. This growth depends on taking up the resources and tools that God gives to us and using them creatively and consistently.

Reflecting on the Word

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Parables are a genre that seem to be relegated to the gospels; not many people speak in parables today. But for Jesus, this was a routine way of teaching. Jesus’ parables have many meanings and people have differing interpretations of them. Some parables in Mark that are left ambiguous are explained in Matthew’s gospel. Other parables in Mark are simply enigmatic. We don’t find them in any other gospel and, frankly, we don’t know what Jesus might have meant. The first parable in today’s gospel falls into that latter category. The “seed growing secretly” has been interpreted in a variety of ways. Interestingly, neither Matthew nor Luke reproduced it in their gospels. Because of its polyvalent meaning, many scholars say that this parable in particular is rooted in the sayings of the historical Jesus.

In some ways we are familiar with the gospel image of seed being scattered, such as the parable of the sower and seed, wherein the seed represents God’s word. This parable is found in Mark 4:1-20 with parallels in Matthew and Luke. But today’s gospel tells a different story. God’s kingdom is likened to a man scattering seed upon the ground, and the seed grows without the man knowing how. But when the grain is ripe, the man comes with the sickle. The parable of the mustard seed, which follows immediately, is more familiar to us. Here too God’s kingdom is likened to something, but in this case a mustard seed. The parable refers to it as the smallest seed of all, but it produces the greatest of all shrubs. Perhaps the meaning of this parable is more self-evident than that which preceded it. In any case, neither parable is explained.

We are told that Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables, but he explained them to his disciples privately. We might wonder why Jesus would not explain the parables to the crowds. Our somewhat disturbing answer comes in the same chapter, where Jesus tells his disciples, “The mystery of the kingdom of God has been granted to you. But to those outside everything comes in parables, so that / ’they may look and see but not perceive, / and hear and listen but not understand, / in order that they may not be converted and be forgiven’ ” (Mark 4:11-12, NABRE). It may seem strange that Jesus would not want those on the outside to be converted and forgiven. But like other Markan passages, this tells us a great deal about the community for whom Mark wrote, and its sense of being persecuted. The disciples whom Jesus called formed bonds stronger than family. They were chosen to live in relationship with him and one another. Though he taught in enigmatic parables, he explained all to his disciples. Those on the outside understood the words, but not the hidden meaning of the parables.

A Moment of Reflection:

St. Augustine told us to pray as if all depended upon God and work as if all depended upon us. These words reflect what Jesus says about the Kingdom of God in today’s Gospel. A sower scatters seed and then sleeps while the seed sprouts, grows, and yields fruit. Then the sower gathers that fruit. Planting and gathering depend upon human work. Sprouting and growth depend upon God’s design. God takes what we do and puts even the smallest seed to magnificent use. Ezekiel proclaims that God takes a tender shoot and turns it into new growth, although God also brings low the high tree and withers the green tree. If we do not depend on God, walking by faith and seeking to stay close to the Lord, we can be brought low and withered, too.

God will give growth and help us embrace what we discover if we stay close to the Lord, seek God’s will, and invite God to produce good fruit in us. Take time to stay close to God, even allowing God to prune your branches where needed. That’s how we can pray as if all depends upon God. It does! And live as if all depends upon us. It does! It’s teamwork.

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Living the Word
MASSES FOR THE WEEK
June 17, 2018

6/16 Saturday       8:00 a.m. † Maureen Dineen
(by: Mary Tom)
5:00 p.m. † Bruno Piva & Antonio Denegri
(by: Agnes Piva)

6/17 Sunday         Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. † Doug Martin
(by: Dolores Martin)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

6/18 Monday         8:00 a.m. Della Laidlaw (Birthday Intentions)
(by: The McLaughlin Family)

6/19 Tuesday        Saint Romuald, Abbot
8:00 a.m. † Elisabeth Brady
(by: Dolores Martin)

6/20 Wednesday      8:00 a.m. † Jimmy & Jerry Spillane
(by: Greg Nakamura & Family)

6/21 Thursday       Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
8:00 a.m. † David Dickey
(by: Sandra Kearney)

6/22 Friday         Saint Paulinus of Nola, Bishop, Saints John
Fisher, Bishop & Thomas More, Martyrs
8:00 a.m. † Eileen Sullivan
(by: Mary Fitzpatrick)

6/23 Saturday       8:00 a.m. † Eithne Fullerton
(by: The McLaughlin Family)
5:00 p.m. † Lillian Jeanette Cimino
(by: The Anderson Family)

6/24 Sunday         The Nativity of Saint John the Baptist
8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi
(by: Lina Henry)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Let us remember in our Prayers…

Those who are sick or who suffer in any way, especially the
homebound and the elderly, that God will assist them in their time
of need and that they may find comfort and healing in Christ.

Patricia Crowley  Mow, Kain Chiu  Father Juan Manuel Lopez
Laura Garcia      Mary Dekle  Jana Atlas
Agnes Piva       Marian Dickey  Dolores Martin
John Bamber      Bill Matthews  Michael Brust
Fred Jungmann    Leo Juarez    Corrado DeMartini
Ron Ramirez      Chloe Smith   Father Paul Rossi

Those who have died, Mary Crowley, the deceased of our parish, and
especially those who have no one to pray for them.

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the
mercy of God rest in peace. May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

We are sincerely grateful for your financial stewardship supporting our various parish needs.

June 10, 2018 Sunday Collection          $2,041.00
Online giving                           $  665.00
Total Collection                        $2,706.00
Second Collection—Parish School Support $776.00

Children’s Choir Practice
Out for summer break

The Adult Choir will be on
summer break as well

6/17 Annual Appeal Second Collection
6/21 First Day of Summer!
6/24 Parish Maintenance Second Collection
7/01 Holy Father Peter’s Pence Second Collection
7/04 Fourth of July Holiday—Parish Office closed
7/08/ Parish School Second collection
7/12 Summer Free Movie Returns, noon Parish Hall

PARISH REGISTRATION
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL BELONG

Our parish is blessed and enriched by the presence of new parishioners.

We welcome all new families and individuals. If you are interested in joining the Saint Philip’s parish community, feel free to call our office at 415-282-0141 for a registration form, or go online at www.saintphilipparish.org

Bring your Faith during your Summer Travels!
• Stay connected with your local church by visiting our website at
  www.saintphilipparish.org on your mobile phones and view the bulletins to stay current with parish news.
• Find a local Catholic church for Sunday services anywhere in the world at www.masstimes.org
• Continue your stewardship support by using the online offertory giving platform. Sign up at
  www.osvonlinegiving.com/4254

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So, too, in each of our lives, small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person’s life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone’s story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right, or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God-given gifts and talents. Our task is to use them creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. We trust that God will take care of the rest.
A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER
for June

Dear Heavenly Father,
As we dedicate this month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we ask you to grant to us compassionate hearts; hearts rich with your love, embraced by your compassion.

Grant us generous hearts: hearts that never count the cost; hearts that seek to serve and not be served.

Grant us hearts that love peace: hearts that promote truth and justice, transform hatred and anger, and seek unity and reconciliation.

Grant us hearts of a steward: hearts that are filled with gratitude, eager to share, and long to give back to you.

Grant us hearts filled with your Spirit: hearts open to conversion, filled with hope, and on fire with your Word.

We pray this in Jesus’ name.

Amen

WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:
If God knows everything we do, why do we need to go to Confession?

Answer: Another term for the Sacrament of Confession is the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We go to this sacrament not only to confess our sins, but to be reconciled with God. Of course, this begs the question, “If I can pray to God on my own, why can’t I be reconciled to God on my own?” In the seven sacraments, we recognize the importance of community. Sacraments like Baptism or Matrimony happen in the context of the wider church to remind us of the communal impact of our lives. We are not alone in our walk of faith!

We don’t need to confess our sins in front of the whole community — thank God! But going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tangible reminder that our sins affect not only ourselves and our relationship with God, but others as well. Jesus gave his Apostles authority to forgive sins in his name. Through this sacrament, we are really, truly forgiven by God Himself. We receive an outpouring of grace and strength to sin no more and our relationship with Christ and his Body, the Church, are restored.

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY - JUNE 17, 2018
FATHER’S DAY PRAYER

God our Father,
In your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless our fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that their families may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

OH HAPPY DAY!

Location: St. Brendan’s Church
29 Rockaway Avenue
San Francisco, CA

It’s the 50th Anniversary Musical Celebration of “Oh Happy Day” - one of Gospel music’s most beloved favorites of all time.

For Tickets visit: www.NaradasGreatGospelShow.com/San Fran
Or call: 415-681-4225

$75—Premium Seating, Rows 1-5 Pre-Show Meet n Greet
$35—Preferred Seating Rows 6-17 Priority Post Show Meet n Greet
$20—General Admission—Post Show Meet n Greet
We are called to follow Christ as missionary disciples by serving others and living our faith in all that we do. Let us take a few moments each day from June 22 - June 29 to pray, reflect, and take action on religious liberty, both here in this country and abroad.

Friday, June 22

Reflect
On this feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, we remember these saints who were martyred in 1535 for standing up for the sanctity of marriage and the freedom of the Church in opposition to England's King Henry VIII. In our country today, the Church faces challenges to her freedom to serve in healthcare, child welfare services, and education. While we seek to be faithful to Christ by serving our neighbors, ignoring conscience cannot be the condition placed on people of faith for service in the public square. Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher show us what faithful service looks like. They loved and served their country. Yet they rightly recognized that they were being forced to choose between the Church and the king. They were faithful to the Church. May their example continue to illuminate the path for us, as we seek to faithfully serve our Church and country.

Day 2 - June 23

Pray
For children waiting to be placed in a loving home, for the caregivers who selflessly serve those children; that they will find strength & support from the Church.

Reflect
The opioid crisis is putting a strain on the foster care system. Yet while more children are waiting to be placed in families, faith-based child welfare providers are being targeted for closures because of their religious convictions. Catholic Charities in Illinois provided these services. They excelled at recruiting families to serve as foster parents because they could go directly into churches and invite Catholics to serve in this way. The number of children in need is going up. The number of families willing to take the children into their homes is going down. And in places like Illinois, Massachusetts, California, and D.C., the service providers who have a track record of excellence in recruiting and assisting foster families are being shut down. Intolerance for religious views has real consequences, and in this case, it is vulnerable children who have suffered. Let’s pray and act to keep kids first.
Saint Philip Parish is pleased to announce we are currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 term for students enrolled in our public and private schools into our Faith Formation Programs. Sessions will commence in the fall during the September timeframe. If you are interested, please take an application from the vestibule bulletin board or visit our website at www.saintphilipparish.org for an online application.

If you identify with any of the above, or know of someone who does, come and explore the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) here at Saint Philip.

Sessions are held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in our Resource Center starting mid September.

Interested parties please call the parish office 415-282-0141 for more information and a registration form.

Faith Formation

2018-2019 First Communion and Confirmation Religious Education Classes

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You may also call the Parish Office for detailed information at 415-282-0141.
PARISH SERVICES

ANOINTING OF THE SICK
This Sacrament is for those who are elderly, seriously ill, or scheduled for surgery. Contact the Parish Office to schedule the anointing in Church or at home. If in hospital, or care facility, please request the Catholic Chaplain or a priest from the Parish in which the hospital or care facility is located, through the nursing station.

BAPTISM
Parents wishing to baptize children should call the parish office to schedule the baptism and to schedule participation in our baptismal preparation program. Please call two months before you wish the baptism. Parents must make an appointment to attend the preparation session. Godparents may attend if they wish. These sessions normally take place the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The preparation may be done before the birth of the child. Please call the Parish office at 415-282-0141 for more information.

FAITH FORMATION
Sacramental preparation is a one year program here at St. Philips. First Reconciliation and First Communion are celebrated in the 2nd grade. However, we offer accommodations for those older. Classes are held in the chapel on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. A copy of the child’s baptismal certificate will be required upon registration. Please call the Parish office for complete details. 415-282-0141

Our Confirmation Program is designed for those youth entering the 8th grade or already in high school. These sessions begin in the fall. You must provide baptismal and First Eucharist certificates. To register call the Parish Office 415-282-0141

R.C.I.A.—Adults wishing to explore the Catholic faith are welcome to attend an Inquiry Session in the fall. Classes are held on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m.in the Resource Center building (the old convent). Call the Parish Office at 415-282-0141 for a registration form.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY
Call the Parish Office to arrange for visitation and the gift of Holy Communion from one of our Extraordinary Ministers for your friends and family members who are unable to attend Mass due to illness or hospitalization. This is a beautiful ministry which allows for the Church to reach out to those who are homebound and share faith and friendship.

MARRIAGE
Couples are asked to call the Parish Office at least six months prior to their intended wedding date to schedule an appointment with the Pastoral Staff to begin their marriage preparation journey.

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 4:15—4:45 p.m. or by appointment

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MUSIC MINISTRY
Carlton White, Music Director

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PARISH OUTREACH
Baptismal Classes First Tuesday of the Month
7:00 p.m. (Rectory by appt.)
Belfry Society
Adult Choir Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Church)
Children Choir Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)
First Communion Instruction…Sundays 9:15 a.m. (chapel)
CCD Confirmation Instruction Sundays 9:15 a.m. (Lyons Rm)
Liturgy Committee
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Group (PTG)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
Rosary Makers Second & Third Thursday,
11:30a.m., (Hall 3)
Young at Heart (Senior Club) Second & Third Thursday,
11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Please contact the rectory at 415-282-0141
As a service to the community, we sponsor the following:
Monday A.A. Meeting (Men’s) 7:00 p.m. Hall 3
Tuesday A.A. Kitchen 6:00 p.m. Hall 3
Wednesday Alanon 7:00 p.m. Lyons