July 22, 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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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REST
He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place. - Mk 6:31b-32

Our Gospel Reflection

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

“Now what?” It’s a difficult thing to hear, isn’t it? The train comes late, a child unexpectedly cries, and the latest public policy debate flares up in the news. Life throws us curveballs, and we have no choice but to adapt. Jesus and the Apostles find themselves in that exact situation in today’s Gospel.

The Apostles have returned from their two-by-two missionary journey. As Jesus hears all of their stories, he knows they need time to recover and refresh. “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.” Their wilderness retreat is short-lived, however, as eager crowds discover their location. Jesus is well aware of the needs of his disciples. Still, as he looks out at the crowd, “His heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd.” The rest break is over. “He began to teach them many things.”

For those of us who have experienced a taste of much-needed relaxation only to have it taken away abruptly, perhaps we surmise what the Apostles might have been feeling in that moment. But Jesus isn’t being inconsiderate of the Apostles needs. He offers them — and us — a lived lesson. St. John Paul II wrote, “The whole of Christ’s life was a continual teaching: his silences, his miracles, his gestures, his prayer, his love for people, his special affection for the little and the poor, his acceptance of the total sacrifice on the Cross for the redemption of the world” (On Catechesis in Our Time, 9). In Jesus’ choice to teach, we see all of these things: sacrificial love, concern for the marginalized, and priority of people’s needs over personal preference. These aren’t abstract ideals. They’re lived realities as we strive to live and love like Jesus. When a new obstacle confronts you in your life, how do you respond?

Come Away and Rest

The “deserted place” can be a physical place of solitude; or it can be time we set aside to realize God’s presence and feel grateful for God’s grace. Our spirits need quiet deserts and sacred time to escape the demands of our calendars and “to-do” lists to experience God’s peace, listen to God’s voice in the quiet of our hearts, and realize God’s presence in our lives in the love of family and friends. Jesus invites us to find spaces of prayer and make quiet time in our days to re-center our lives in the grace of God, to hear again the voice of Christ the Shepherd calling us to lives of joyful gratitude and fulfilling service.
MASSES FOR THE WEEK
July 22, 2018

7/21 Saturday
Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. † Jackie Girard
(by: Alan Vitolo)
5:00 p.m. † Tom Doonan
(by: The O'Leary Family)

7/22 Sunday
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. † Monsignor Joseph Sullivan
(by: Pura Lippi)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

7/23 Monday
Saint Bridget of Sweden, Religious
8:00 a.m. † Ida Carrillo
(by: Tom & Danny)

7/24 Tuesday
St. Francis Solano, Priest
Saint Sharbel Makhluf, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Francis Power
(by: IIPC)

7/25 Wednesday
Saint James, Apostle
8:00 am Marcia De Silva
(by: Seamus Naughten)

7/26 Thursday
Saints Joachim & Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. † Phil Amore
(by: Paul Amore)

7/27 Friday
8:00 a.m. † Cynthia Cummings
(by: The Anderson Family)

7/28 Saturday
8:00 a.m. † Willie Melia
(by: Seamus Naughten)
5:00 p.m. Intentions of Connie Weber & Family
(by: )

7/29 Sunday
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. † The Bisson Family
(by: Paula Bisson)
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.

Jana Atlas John Bamber Michael Brust
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Marian Dickey Laura Garcia Leo Juarez
Fred Jungmann Mow, Kain Chiu Dolores Martin
Bill Matthews Agnes Piva Ron Ramirez
Danny Forchione

Bishop Richard Garcia of the Monterey Diocese, born and raised in San Francisco, 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.

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

A Prayer for Vocations
God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

Monthy Gatherings for Men
Discerning a Priestly Vocation

The Office of Vocations of the Archdiocese offers monthly meetings for men who may be hearing a call to the priesthood.

The next meeting will be Thursday, August 2, 6:15—8:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia Church, 2555—17th Avenue, San Francisco. Food will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Fr. Patrick Summerhays at: 415-614-5684 or email: Summerhays.patrick@sarch.org

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC TRADITIONS EXPLAINED

Question:
July 26 is the feast of Joachim and Anna. Who are they and what do we know about them?

Answer: Joachim and Anna are the parents of Mary, the mother of Jesus, yet there is absolutely no biblical reference to them whatsoever. So where do we get their names, and what is their story?

Their names are found in an apocryphal (hidden) gospel known as “The Infancy Gospel of James.” Apocryphal, or hidden gospels, consist of accounts of Jesus’ life that were ultimately not accepted as inspired works, and thus were not included in the Bible. However, they sometimes captured the Christian imagination, spilling into the devotional dimension of the community.

James’ infancy gospel begins with the parents of Mary and their desire for a child. In their prayer and petitions to God, they are heard and given the blessings of a child, whom they named Mary. While we have no idea who Mary’s parents really were, the fact that we celebrate the feast of Joachim and Anna indicates that the bond of family love is important in the Christian life. Long before Grandparents’ Day was established, the church had a feast that honored the presumed grandparents of Jesus. While their names are part of non-inspired apocryphal legends, the fact of the Savior’s human ancestry is not. Christ, the incarnate Word, dwelt among us in the flesh in a human family. In honoring the grandparents of Jesus, we really proclaim our faith in the Incarnation -- God becoming human!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The many images we have of God help frame our relationship with Him. Have we ever imagined Jesus so deeply moved with emotion and engulfed with pity for us? We often are sheep without a shepherd who are lured by the emptiness of worldly attractions and superficial desires. We become lost. God, in the depth of His being, is deeply moved by our pain, loneliness, and heartache. God does not judge or condemn. He loves and is mercy itself. He knows firsthand the pain that comes with being lost and alone and desires to teach us about His merciful love.

Do we want to be taught? Listen to God’s word and be open to God’s presence in the Eucharist.

A Day on “The Eucharist” with Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI
Saturday, August 11

♦ St. Agnes Church, 1025 Masonic Ave., 9:00 – 11:30 am
♦ St. Pius Church, 1100 Woodside Rd., Redwood City, 1:30 – 4:30 pm

The archdiocesan Office of Consecrated Life invites you to come and be enriched by the wisdom and depth of spirituality of Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI, teacher, college president, award-winning author, and syndicated columnist, whose work appears regularly in our newspaper Catholic San Francisco. There are two sessions, in two different venues:

♦ St. Agnes Church, San Francisco, 9:00 – 11:30 am: The Eucharist: Our One Great Act of Fidelity
♦ St. Pius Church, Redwood City, 1:30 – 4:30 pm: A Spirituality of the Eucharist

Each session will address different aspects of the Eucharist; all are welcome to attend one or both. Registration is not required. A free-will offering will be accepted at each site. For more information, contact Sister Rosina Conrotto, PBVM, 415-614-5535 conrottor@sfarch.org
The Upside of Downsizing!

Featuring Moira Brennan, Senior Settlers Thursday, July 26 | 10:30-11:30 a.m.
AlmaVia of San Francisco | 1 Thomas More Way

Are you ready to discover the freedom of downsizing? Learn ways to simplify your home and create comfort and beauty in the next chapter of your life. Moira Brennan of Senior Settlers will show you the secrets of downsizing and the great feelings that come with gaining control over your clutter. Refreshments will be served.

RSVP: 415-337-1339 or karejohnson@eldercarealliance.org.

Grief Support

Learning to live with the loss of a loved one
UCSF Medical Center
350 Parnassus Ave., SF

This 8-week support group is for individuals who have experienced the death of an adult loved one. Group meetings are focused on receiving and offering support through personal sharing, listening, discussion, reflection, meditation and art work.

Meetings are held from 5:30—7:30 p.m., Wednesdays from July 11th through August 29th, Kalmanovitz Library, 2nd Floor, Room CL211/212.

For more information, please call 415-353-1941. Sponsored by the Department of Spiritual Care Services.
On your faith journey, have you . . .

- Never been baptized?
- Baptized in another Christian church?
- Baptized Catholic, never received Eucharist?
- Baptized, received Eucharist but have not been confirmed?
- Left the church, but want to come home?
- Cradle Catholic confirmed, engaged, but looking for more?

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

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.

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

5 Signs You May Be an Old School Catholic
Here is a Look at Some Beloved Traditions

- **Bowing Your Head at the Name of Jesus**
  This is an old custom that we should all still practice. It has foundations in St. Paul’s letter to the Philippians: “that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend” (Phil.2:9-10) Bowing heads at Jesus’ name is one of the oldest practices, first formalized at the Second Council of Lyons in the 13th century. The General Instruction for the Roman Missal goes even further, saying that during Mass we should bow our heads at the name of Jesus, Mary, and the three persons of the Holy Trinity.

- **Crossing Yourself When Passing a Church**
  The exact origin of this custom is unknown, but it has been practiced for centuries as a quick form of reverence to the presence of Christ in the tabernacle. Some people also cross themselves when they pass a cemetery as a form of quick prayer for the dead, or when an ambulance, police car or fire engine passes by as a way to pray for the safety of the people involved in the emergency.

- **Holy Water Fonts in the Home**
  The faithful automatically reach their hand to the holy water font to bless themselves when entering and leaving a church, but how many of us also have access to this special sacramental at home? Holy water fonts, either free-standing or hanging on the wall, used to be common in Catholic homes. The tradition faded away for a while, but is making a comeback. Blessing with holy water has roots in the ritual purifications of the Old Testament, and each time we bless ourselves it is a quick and potent way to recall our own baptisms. Holy water fonts can be purchased in Catholic shops or online. Most people who use them hang them by the front door. Some Catholic parents bless children with holy water before they go to sleep at night.

- **The Saint Anthony Prayer**
  Can’t find your car keys or your glasses? Is your child freaking out because homework has gone missing? Old-school Catholics will automatically call on St. Anthony of Padua, who is the patron saint of lost objects. This prayer has taken many forms over the years, from long and formal to short and sassy. The most polite and common version? “Dear St. Anthony, please come around. Something is lost and can’t be found.” Try it next time you’ve lost something. You’d be amazed that it works!

- **“JMJ”**
  You’re definitely old-school if you put those three letters at the top of a letter or other handwritten document. Generations of Catholic school students placed them at the top of their work at the urging of countless nuns. They stand for “Jesus, Mary & Joseph.” The initials were intended as a way to dedicate that work to Jesus and the Holy Family. And it wasn’t just for kids. St. Faustina apparently used the letters at the beginning of entries in her diary, and Venerable Fulton J. Sheen used to write them at the top of the blackboard on popular 1950 TV show “Life is Worth Living.” It’s a handy way to remind you to put God at the center of everything you do. Some modern faithful have updated this practice by appending Scripture versus or other sacred quotes to the bottom of emails.
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 maybe 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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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)
School Consultative Board
Young at Heart (Senior Club 50+) 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 (Ladies)  6:00 p.m. Hall 3
Wednesday  Alanon              7:00 p.m. Lyons

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