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!

July 29, 2018

17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, “Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted.” - Jn 6:12

Our Gospel Reflection

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Beginning today, the church gives us five weeks of Sunday gospel readings from John. It’s as though we are taking a break from Mark to hear from another evangelist. Throughout these five weeks we will be reading from John chapter 6, wherein we have the multiplication of the loaves followed by Jesus’ walking on water, and the bread of life discourse. The theology and symbolism in John 6 is profound and has inspired centuries of contemplation and rich exegesis. We remember that the story of the multiplication of loaves is told in each of the four gospels, the only “miracle story” shared by each.

Last week we heard Mark’s setup to the feeding of the five thousand, but this week we hear John’s version rather than Mark’s. The two stories have many similarities: two hundred denarii, five loaves and two fish, the crowd numbering five thousand men, and twelve baskets of leftovers, to name a few. But there are some differences to the stories as well.

John’s theology is ultimately Christology. John has an intense focus on Jesus. In Mark’s version of the multiplication of the loaves, the disciples come to Jesus with their concern about moving the people along before they have to feed them. In John, Jesus takes the initiative in asking Philip about feeding the people. And there is something equivalent to an editorial note saying that Jesus asked this question only to test him. Again, John’s gospel shows Jesus clearly in charge, clearly taking the lead, clearly in the driver’s seat. Even when he asks a question it is merely to test someone.

The eucharistic overtones so prominent in Mark are also present in John but in a different way. Rather than for four key verbs used by Mark, John uses a Greek term for the “fragments” (klasmata) that were collected and gathered into the baskets. This Greek term is used by the Didache (an early church book written in the first century, parts of which are akin to a catechism) to speak of Eucharist.

Finally, upon witnessing this sign (the multiplication of the loaves) the crowd explicitly recognizes Jesus as a prophet. No doubt the story of the prophet Elisha and the multiplication of the loaves from 2 Kings 4:42-44 was in mind. Jesus realized the crowd wanted to make him a king, so he makes a speedy solo exit.

The multiplication of the loaves, with its eucharistic overtones, its prominence on Jesus and his fulfilling human needs, and the growing recognition by the crowds that he must be a prophet demonstrate how pivotal this episode was and continues to be.

Living the Paschal Mystery

Jesus satisfies human needs. The story tells us that the crowds followed Jesus because they saw the signs he did on those who were diseased. After witnessing another sign they will recognize him as a prophet. The recognition on the part of the crowds is based on Jesus satisfying human needs.

We can be reminded of family life and dealing with children. Often as long as all needs (and wants) are met things can seem to be going along well. The children are satisfied. We will see later in this same chapter of John that Jesus asks something of the crowds and most abandon him. It’s easy to follow Jesus when we are on the receiving end of his bounty and goodness. It’s easy for children to be happy when they are on the receiving end of parents’ bounty and goodness. But what happens when the crowds are asked to make a commitment? What happens when family members are asked to step up and take some responsibility?

Growing into adult discipleship means that there will come a time (if it hasn’t come already) when we will no longer be simply on the receiving end of the relationship. We will be called to enter further into a relationship with Jesus that is more mutually reciprocal, though Jesus will always be the teacher and we will always be in the position of disciples. Jesus will call the crowds closer to the circle with him. It’s easy to be a follower, or a member of the crowd receiving goodies. Soon, those crowds will be invited to go deeper.

How has God provided for you in the course of the past week?

What talents and virtues do you have to feed others with the presence of God?
MASSES FOR THE WEEK
July 29, 2018

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

7/30 Monday
Saint Peter Chrysologus, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. † Kenneth “Skip” Dunlap
(by: Todd, Linda & Amy Siemers)

7/31 Tuesday
Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Matthew Joseph Graham
(by: The Anderson Family)

8/01 Wednesday
Saint Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00 am † Doug Martin
(by: Dolores Martin)

8/02 Thursday
Saints Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop; Saint Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Simon Corry
(by: Rita Murphy)

8/03 Friday
8:00 a.m. † Yau Chu Ki
(by: Mary Tom)

8/04 Saturday
St. John Vianney, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Willie Melia
(by: Seamus Naughten)
5:00 p.m. † Ann Cronin
(by: John Cronin)

8/05 Sunday
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. † Margaret Furey
(by: Ellen Furey)
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.

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

Those who have died, Dr. Patricia 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.

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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

Let us remember in our Prayers…

Children’s Choir Practice
Out for summer break

The Adult Choir is on summer break as well

Monthy Gathering 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@sfarch.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

MEETINGS & EVENTS
**Question:**
What is the difference between mortal and venial sin?

**Answer:** Sin is a deliberate thought, word, action, or omission contrary to God’s law. Since the beginnings of the Church, sin has been distinguished by its gravity. “Grave matter” is traditionally defined by the Ten Commandments. If a person commits a grave sin with full knowledge of the action’s evil and with the complete consent of their will, this is a mortal sin. The effects of mortal sin are grave — the loss of sanctifying grace, which can be restored by a fresh outpouring of God’s mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Venial sin does not fit one or more of these conditions (for example, a less serious matter still freely chosen or grave matter committed while under force or ignorance of God’s law). The effects of venial sin — while still damaging to the human heart and human society — are less severe. Even so, smaller sins build habits, which can obstruct our growth in virtue. When we are serious about following Jesus, we should do our best to avoid all sin, whether large or small!

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**TOGETHER IN HOLINESS**

**BAY AREA, CA**

*Together in Holiness* is a marriage conference series for inspiring spouses to grow together in holiness and empowering parents to form their children in the Catholic faith.

- Powerful presentations from national and local speakers
- Quiet time together, Mass, Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration
- Practical ideas and insights for spouses and parents

**This event will be held on September 29th**

9:00am—3:30pm at the Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Belmont.

*Early bird pricing only available until Monday, August 20.*

- Early Bird Couple: $49
- Early Bird Individual: $29
- Childcare (2yrs-12yrs): $5/child

Scholarships for couples or individuals are available. Please email susie@forlifeandfamily.org for scholarship inquiries.

A box lunch is included for each adult registrant. Parents are responsible for packing a lunch for their child(ren) who are in childcare.

*General pricing begins on Tuesday, August 21.*

- Couple: $59, Individual: $35

Register at togetherinholiness.org or contact Susie Lopez at Susie@forlifeandfamily.org or 832.779-1070

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Living the Gospel does not require much. In fact, less is sometimes more. Simple gestures or random acts of kindness can have unimaginable results and change lives. It is easy to believe that we do not have what it takes to make a difference, but we do! The key is to learn how to be grateful for the little gifts you possess and share them freely and abundantly. It does not take much to satisfy the hungers of the human heart or mend the wounds of sorrow and pain. All we need to know is that God is with us. All people need to know is that we are with them. God provides the rest. Truly be present to those you meet this week and offer them your most precious gift, the gift of yourself.

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**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
**Nurturing our Relationship with the Lord this Week**

**Daily Prayer This Week**

This whole week could be a time for each of us to grow in a sense of what we most deeply desire. If we let Sunday's gospel open our hearts we might find ourselves asking, begging God for what we need.

And we can let the daily gospels renew our hope. Have we become cynical and jaded a bit? The world does seem to be like a field someone sowed weeds into. The growth of God's reign in this world doesn't seem to be growing, and the seeds seem so small. This is a good week to get in touch with what is discouraged in our hearts and to let the courage the Lord is offering us renew us. He promises that even small seeds work and that even a little yeast allows dough to grow. The process is sometimes imperceptible, but that's why Jesus reminds us to place our trust in him. Our own hearts might be full of weeds, but the Lord doesn't want us ripping ourselves apart. He is full of mercy and healing reconciliation. Jesus does not want us to be scandalized by the evil we see in the world. God is patient. And, God alone will judge.

**So every day this week, we can begin our day, establishing a focus.** This might be while standing next to our bed for a brief minute, or while pouring ourselves a cup of coffee, or while in the shower or getting dressed. This is the time that can transform any busy day into a more focused time of connection with our Lord. Using all sorts of background times throughout the day will take no “extra” time for prayer, but will make it possible to let these powerful scriptures interact with the daily events and relationships with which we are involved.

One morning we might begin our day, simply by saying, “**Lord, thank you for this day.** Help me to pay attention to what and who I'm treasuring today.” Or, “Lord, be with me this day and help me check my need to judge others. Help me place my trust in you today.” While in the shower or going to work I might talk with the Lord about the day ahead, asking for particular help, focus, or a new way of valuing during that difficult 10 a.m. meeting or with the clients or students or patients I will see. While doing the wash or shopping or preparing meals or while taking time with my family or friends in the evening, I can let myself have these 30 second friend-to-friend conversations with the Lord. The readings provide a compass for our daily journey, but it is the continual practice at connecting with our Lord that carries us through the day. Looking back and saying “thank you” every night, if even for 30 seconds, will gradually transform us and give us more courage and hope. The readings provide a compass for our daily journey, but it is the continual practice at connecting with our Lord that carries us through the day. Looking back and saying “thank you” every night, if even for 30 seconds, will gradually transform us and give us more courage and hope.

**St. Ignatius of Loyola Feast Day - July 31**

The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg. Because there were no books of romance on hand during his convalescence, Ignatius whiled away the time reading a life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began. Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrimage to her shrine at Montserrat near Barcelona. He remained for almost a year at nearby Manresa, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper’s hospice, often in a cave in the hills praying. After a period of great peace of mind, he went through a harrowing trial of scruples. There was no comfort in anything—prayer, fasting, sacraments, penance. At length, his peace of mind returned.

It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the *Spiritual Exercises*.

He finally achieved his purpose of going to the Holy Land, but could not remain, as he planned, because of the hostility of the Turks. Ignatius spent the next 11 years in various European universities, studying with great difficulty, beginning almost as a child. Like many others, his orthodoxy was questioned; Ignatius was twice jailed for brief periods.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and six others—one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier—vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

When companions were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius remained in Rome, consolidating the new venture, but still finding time to found homes for orphans, catechumens, and penitents. He founded the Roman College, intended to be the model of all other colleges of the Society.

Ignatius was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity—the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, *Ad majorem Dei gloriam*—“for the greater glory of God.” In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

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“**Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.**”
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.

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.

Ministry to the Homebound

The Ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound is to provide a spiritual and sacramental lifeline to homebound parishioners who cannot attend Mass by assisting with the distribution of the Body of Christ. Trained volunteers bring Jesus Christ, in the form of the Most Holy Eucharist to parishioners who are unable to leave their homes to attend Mass due to sickness, age, or disability. Ministry volunteers act as compassionate visitors, offering a vital pastoral link between the Parish and the homebound.

If you would like to participate in this ministry, please call the parish office at 415.282-0141.

Also, if you have a family member or know of someone who could benefit from this service, please provide us with their contact information so we can reach out to them personally.

May God bless all our volunteers.

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE WITH THE ART OF LECTIO DIVINA

What is Lectio Divina? - "Lectio Divina", a Latin term, means "divine reading" and describes a way of reading the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us.

The method of lectio divina follows four steps: lectio (reading), meditatio (meditation), contemplatio (contemplation), and oratio (prayer).

Over the next few weeks we will be offering Lectio Divina Guide Sheets (found at the back of the church) based on the current week’s Scripture readings for your use. In the fall we will offer informal discussion gatherings after selected 10:30 a.m. Masses.

May you experience a deeper encounter with the Word as you practice this ancient form of prayer.
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 attending private or public schools. 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

PARISH RESOURCES

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MUSIC MINISTRY
Carlton White, Music Director

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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665 Elizabeth Street, San Francisco, CA 94114
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www.saintphilipschool.org
Email: info@saintphilipschool.org

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(415) 282-0143 www.saintphilippreschool.org
Ms. Rachel Williams, Director
Email: preschoolinfo@saintphilipparish.org

PARISH OUTREACH
Baptismal Classes First Tuesday of the Month 7:00 p.m. (Rectory by appt.)
Belfry Society Belfry Kitchen (Ladies) 6:00 p.m. (Hall 1)
Children Choir Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Church)
First Communion Instruction Sundays 9:15 a.m. (chapels)
CCD Confirmation Instruction Sundays 9:15 a.m. (Lyons Rm)
Liturgy Committee
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Group (PTG)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)
Rosary Makers
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 Alonon 7:00 p.m. Lyons

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