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August 26, 2018

21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Simon Peter answered him, “Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.” - Jn 6:68


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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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My Dear People of the Archdiocese of San Francisco,

The recent reports of episcopal negligence and malfeasance in the face of clerical sexual abuse, coupled with some reports of bishops themselves guilty of sexual predation, have reopened old wounds and inflicted new ones on victims, their families, the Catholic faithful at large, and indeed, the larger society. This has been further fueled by a spirit of raw ambition on the part of some, who will stop at nothing to advance their careers and climb the ecclesial corporate ladder over investing themselves in serving the people of God. Such behavior on the part of Church leaders is despicable, reprehensible, and absolutely unbecoming of a man of God.

I have emphasized this point to the seminarians of our Archdiocese in my recent summer meetings with them, and made it very clear that their vocation as diocesan priests is to serve God’s people where they are most needed in our local church. This was not difficult to do. I am inspired by their purity of motivation, their great love for Christ and his Church, and their desire to be faithful servant leaders.

I have been in conversation with the administration at St. Patrick Seminary, who have conducted a review of their policies on issues involving sexual abuse and harassment. While the policies are thorough, I intend to discuss with the Seminary and its Board of Trustees ideas on how to more effectively implement these policies and ensure that they are followed. I intend to do the same with regard to the policies of the Archdiocese with my Cabinet at the Pastoral Center. These policies, and information on how to report abuse, are available on our Archdiocesan website (https://sfarchdiocese.org/protecting-children).

While attending to policies and procedures is necessary, by itself it is really superficial. What is called for at this time is penance in reparation for sins against faith and morals. This is how we keep the righteous indignation that so many of us feel at this time from becoming an anger that divides the Body of Christ.
Last year, in response to a request from some of the faithful of our Archdiocese, I consecrated the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This was on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the apparitions of our Lady at Fatima. At that time, I asked our people to live this consecration by observing what our Blessed Mother asked of us there. I now ask our priests and people to engage in prayer, penance and adoration as an act of reparation for sins against chastity and the reverence due to the Blessed Sacrament, in accordance with our Lady’s wishes.

I repeat here what I asked of you then, and implore you even more earnestly to join me in:

- Praying the rosary daily – and for families, to pray the rosary as a family at least once a week;

- Practicing Friday penance by abstaining from eating meat and one other additional act of fasting (e.g., another form of food or drink, or skipping a meal);

- Spending one hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament at least once a week.

After consulting with the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese and my Cabinet, moreover, I will designate a day when together we will make an act of reparation, and how that will be conducted. While I pledge to attend to policies and their observance, we all must be engaged at this time on the spiritual level. Without prayer, penance and adoration in reparation for the horrendous sins rampant in our Church for very many years now, any efforts of the temporal order will be meaningless.

In the meantime, I ask you, our people to stay close to your parish priest. Our priests make great sacrifices to serve their people with generosity and compassion. They are there for you, attentive to providing you pastoral care. I am grateful to them for their labors in the Lord’s vineyard, and pray that the divine assistance may be with them as they minister to you during this time of crisis.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco
Our Gospel Reflection

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Today is the fifth and final Sunday of our reading from John 6, the second longest chapter in the New Testament (Luke 1 is the longest). Even so, we do not read the entire sixth chapter of John. We skipped Jesus’ walking on water (John 6:16-21)! The church gives us five Sundays with this chapter precisely because of its profound eucharistic theology. What began with the multiplication of the loaves ends the following day with nearly all of his disciples abandoning him and returning to their former way of life precisely because of this “hard” saying, the consumption of Jesus’ very flesh and blood.

Jesus then asks the Twelve if they too will leave. We have the impression that if they had chosen to leave, Jesus would simply have started anew. He was not going to change his teaching to attract the crowds. Instead, he would teach what he knew to be true, for his words were Spirit and life. Jesus knows that nobody can come to him, can believe in him, unless it is granted by the Father. In our words, we say faith is a gift. We cannot come to Jesus unless we are given the gift of faith. Only if that special gift is granted by the Father will one believe. All the arguments, discussions, proofs, demonstrations, blog posts, and talks cannot guarantee faith. It is a gift given not by us, but by God the Father.

How do the Twelve respond when Jesus asks whether they too might leave? Simon Peter answers with a question of his own: “to whom shall we go? / You have the words of eternal life . . . you are the Holy One of God.” Thus we have in John’s gospel Peter’s “confession” that comes as the culmination of this profound chapter in which we have the multiplication of the loaves, Jesus’ walking on water, and the bread of life discourse. After witnessing such deeds and speech Simon Peter speaks for all disciples, “to whom shall we go?” Jesus’ words are everlasting life. To leave Jesus is in many senses to leave life itself. For Simon Peter, then, there is no other place or person to whom he might go. He is not returning to his former way of life. He has been introduced to something more, eternal life from the Word of God come down from heaven. For the one who has faith, in the face of such a revelation there is no other choice.

Living and Praying with the Word

Lord Jesus, you have words that are food for my soul. You call me to become more than I could be without you. Refresh the presence of your Holy Spirit within me. Feed me with your very self. Help me respond with the Israelites and with Peter: You are my God, I will serve you, for you have the words of eternal life.
**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**  
_August 26, 2018_

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| 8/25       | Saint Louis, Co-patron of the Secular Franciscan Order; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest  
            | 8:00 a.m. † Dan Healy (by: Jack Fitzpatrick)  
            | 5:00 p.m. † Robert Doonan (by: The O’Leary Family)  |

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| 8/26       | Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time  
            | 8:00 a.m. † Roy Lippi (by: Mila Schneider)  
            | 10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish |

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| 8/27       | Saint Monica  
            | 8:00 a.m. † Kathleen (Kathy) Illera (by: The McAuliffe Family) |

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| 8/28       | Saint Augustine, Bishop & Doctor of the Church  
            | 8:00 a.m. † Jerry, Jimmy & Ned Spillane (by: The McAuliffe Family) |

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| 8/29       | The Passion of Saint John the Baptist  
            | 8:00 a.m. † Johnny Timlin (by: Maureen Brennan) |

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| 9/01       | 8:00 a.m. † Miguel Arrosspide (by: Carolyn Arrosspide)  
            | 5:00 p.m. Atman & Kathy Busch (Special Intention) (by: Sandy Kearney)  |

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| 9/02       | Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
            | 8:00 a.m. † Heradio Pilon (by: Pura Lippi)  
            | 10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish |

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**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  
Denyse Hale  
Leo Juarez  
Fred Jungmann  
Mow, Kain Chiu  
Dolores Martin  
Bill Matthews  
Agnes Piva  
Ron Ramirez

Those who have died, George Wheatley, father to Jennifer Panasik, school parent, 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.

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**CELEBRATING OUR 80TH FESTIVAL ANNIVERSARY**

**St. Philip Parish Annual Festival**

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**Save the Dates!**

Festival Dinner  
Friday—Sept 28  

**Festival Dates**  
Sept 29 & 30, 2018

If you would like to contribute new items to be used as prizes for the various booths, we are in need of any of the following prizes:

- Electronics - (please refrain from earbuds)
- Board Games, Sports related, Items for Teens, Candy
- Tickets to sporting or theater events, toys
- Gift cards to restaurants or retailers are welcomed too!
- Just to name a few suggestions.

If you are not a school parent, items may be dropped off at the Rectory over the summer.

This is always a fun and memorable St. Philip’s weekend and we are extending this invitation for the full community’s participation.

More information will be provided as it becomes available. Remember to SAVE THE DATES!

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**BACK to SCHOOL**

We welcome back our returning and new students to our Parish School. May they have a successful year growing in knowledge and faith.

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**FUTURE DATES TO NOTE**

- St. Philip Community returns to the SF-Marin Food bank, **Tuesday night October 16th**
- St. Philip’s Holy Grounds informal faith sharing, **Sunday, Oct. 21** following the 10:30 a.m. Mass during hospitality in Extended Care Room
Are you planning a 2018 winter wedding?

If so, now is the time to contact the church’s rectory office and discuss your plans with our pastoral staff and reserve the church. Keep in mind Archdiocese guidelines require couples contact the parish office at least six months prior to the wedding date to begin the Pre-Cana preparation.

Call our parish office to schedule your initial meeting at 415-282-0141.

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 to complete the form online.

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE WITH THE ART OF LECTIO DIVINA

What is Lectio Divina?

- Lectio divina is a method for praying with the Scriptures that dates back to early monastic days. It is a form of meditation to find deeper meaning from the Word.

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

This weeks Lectio Divina Guide Sheets can be found at the back of the church behind the last pew.

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. 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 OFFICE HOURS
Monday—Friday
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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) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Second & Third Thursday,
Rosary Makers 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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