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September 16, 2018

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." - Mk 8:34b


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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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Our Gospel Reflection

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

There is a story of the US civil rights era where one person told another how much he admired Martin Luther King Jr. The second person responded that there was a group who was going to march with Dr. King. If he was an admirer, would he like to join them in the march? “No,” the first person said. “I could get hurt doing that. I’m an admirer, not a follower.”

Jesus tells the crowds and his disciples that to be one of his followers one must be ready to “take up his cross, and follow me.” Jesus does not need admirers. But he does want followers. And those followers might get hurt. In fact, they are told to take up their cross. The Christian life is not likened to a recliner, but a cross. As founder and leader of this movement, Jesus foretells his own suffering and death. This is met with incredulity on Peter’s part so much so that he rebukes Jesus! True to form, Peter’s rebuking of Jesus comes on the heels of his confession that Jesus is the Christ. It seems Peter misunderstood the implication of his own confession. This should be a warning for us too who confess Jesus as Christ, Lord, or any other title we choose. Our own understanding of who Jesus is, and what he is to do, may not conform to the reality of who Jesus is, and what he is to do. Though Peter had been one of the first disciples called by Jesus, and had witnessed his ministry up to this point, he still misunderstood.

This story of “Peter’s confession” forms the centerpiece of the Gospel of Mark. Not only is it in the literal center of the gospel (chapter 8 of 16 chapters) but it is the narrative center as well. We the readers learned in Mark 1:1 that this is the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. Now in chapter 8, for the first time in the gospel, a human being (Peter) recognizes Jesus for who he is, the Christ. Not until the death of Jesus will another human being (the centurion) recognize Jesus as Son of God, the second title of Jesus from Mark 1:1. This becomes a literary way of expressing Jesus’ identity. He is Christ, and he will suffer and die. Only after doing so can he be fully understood as Son of God.

Nowhere in the Hebrew Scriptures, what we call the Old Testament, does it say that the Messiah would die, much less even suffer. This is likely why Peter rebukes Jesus after Jesus says he will suffer and die. Peter thinks Jesus has it all wrong: the Christ is not going to suffer, but will rule triumphantly. Jesus, however, knows otherwise. Jesus can only be the Christ, the Son of God, by suffering and dying on the cross. His disciples are called not to be mere admirers, but to take up their crosses and follow him.

For Reflection:

- How do you handle the suffering that is part of life?
- What crosses have helped you find healing, wholeness, and new life?

Praying with the Word

Generous God, you have planted the gift of faith in our hearts. You are near to us. Help us live that faith in ways that care for all of our sisters and brothers. Help us embrace the sufferings and crosses of life so we can find hope and healing. Amen
Sept 9—First Collection
Online $3,088.00
Total $3,958.00

Second Collection—Parish School
$870.00

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Who do you say Jesus is? Some look to Jesus as the reliever of pain and suffering. We want to believe in a God who will take away the discomfort we are feeling and make things better. Frustration and even a lessening of faith can happen when we realize this is not happening. Jesus is the Christ. As the Christ, he is the one who shows us how to keep both the joys and sorrows of life in balance. There is no hopping, skipping, or jumping over suffering. It is a part of life. In addition to the physical pain we are asked to endure, living the Gospel can bring rejection and suffering as well. Jesus the Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Do we have the desire and faith to follow him?
Festival Dates
Sept 29 & 30, 2018
Festival Dinner
Friday—Sept 28

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)
- Books for the Book Nook
- Board Games, Sports related, Items for Teens, Candy, Tickets to sporting or theater events, toys,

- As we celebrate our 80th annual festival, we’d like to invite you to share photos from your days at St. Philip by emailing your scanned photos (highest resolution possible, please) to: knranderson@gmail.com to be used in a photo slide show.
- Interested in donating or sponsoring? Please go to: https://stphilipschool.schoolauction.net/2018festival.
- Interested in volunteering over the weekend? Please email: Eunice.lim@gmail.com for details.
- Festival raffle tickets will be sold after Masses in September for your convenience. Prizes 1st=$2,000, 2nd=$1,000 and 3rd=$500 Best of Luck!
- Join in the Bingo fun daily from 11:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

We look forward to everyone having an enjoyable time at this community-spirited event.

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND COLLECTION

Please join us in thanking the Archdiocese of San Francisco’s retired clergy with a gift to the Priests Retirement Fund Collection at Masses on September 22 & 23. Support of the Fund helps alleviate the financial burden of living, healthcare, and extended care expenses, and ensures that clergy and religious can spend retirement in continued engagement with their communities. The Priests Retirement Fund is an expression of gratitude to these men for their lifetime of ministry and service to others.
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ST. PHILIP’S ANNUAL PARISH FESTIVAL DINNER – 80’s Style!
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2018

Join us as we kick off the annual St. Philip’s Parish Festival with a yummy Italian dinner. Raise your glass in celebration of being part of the wonderful school and parish community that is St. Philip’s!

Come ready for an evening of great food and fun! Food catered by Lucca Ravioli Co. Full no host bar. DJ Music with dancing!

The dinner is Friday, September 28, 6:30 p.m. no host cocktails, 7:00 p.m. dinner of pasta (with or without meatballs), antipasto, focaccia, salad and dessert!

Kids ONLY event (Dinner and a Movie) – featuring pizza, popcorn, and drinks. This event is geared towards 6th grade and younger. This is a great way for you to enjoy the Dinner in the Parish Hall while your child(ren) enjoy their own event!

Attire: Your best 80’s attire! In honor of our 80th Anniversary, we would like to encourage everyone to dress in their favorite 80’s wear! Leg warmers, huge earrings, parachute pants, stretch stirrup pants, shoulder pads, Members Only jackets, miniskirts, neon, neon, neon!

Fill out this reservation form and return it along with your payment to the school office or the rectory NO LATER THAN FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2018. Thank you.

Please reserve for (name)

* Seated Dinner Admission - $30  #____
* Children (Movie & Pizza Event) - $20  #____

Check enclosed in the amount of: __________

*All youth should be with adults in the Parish Hall, enjoying the kid’s event or fulfilling service hours. No children may be in the yard due to festival construction.

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Of course if you wish to continue to use your paper envelopes, you are most welcomed to do so. We are offering this option for your convenience.

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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

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Interested in having your child Baptized at Saint Philip the Apostle Church?
Please call the parish office at 415.282.0141 to reserve your spot for any upcoming preparation session and schedule a date for the baptism. Next Session will be held on Tuesday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the rectory.

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2018-2019 First Communion and Confirmation Religious Education Classes
We are still accepting applications for the 2018-2019 term for students enrolled in our public and private schools into our Faith Formation Programs.

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.

A copy of your child’s baptismal certificate is required.

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Parish Families who would like to play CYO sports, here are the details:
Sports offered for 3rd-8th grade girls & boys:
- Soccer (Fall for boys, winter for girls)
- Volleyball (Fall for girls) - Basketball (Winter for boys, spring for girls) - Baseball (Spring for boys) - Cross Country (Nov) - Track and Field (May)

Please contact us at bruins@saintphilipschool.org for more information about registration and signing up. Current space available in boys soccer and girls volleyball.

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Future Event Dates to Note
- St. Philip Community returns to the SF-Marin Food bank, Tuesday, night October 16th on World Hunger Day! Volunteers Needed
- Saturday, 10/21 “Power in My Hands” A feature film of Hope & Power of Prayer
- St. Philip’s Holy Grounds informal scripture reflection Sunday, Oct.21 following the 10:30 a.m. Mass during hospitality in Extended Care Room

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Marriage Enrichment Conference
Saturday, September 29, 2018 | 9:00AM to 3:30PM
Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Belmont, CA

The St. John Paul II Foundation presents the 3rd annual Together in Holiness conference, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Francisco Office of Marriage & Family Life. This one-day event includes dynamic presentations, Mass celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, Eucharistic Adoration, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. On-site childcare will be offered. Speakers include: Dr. John & Mrs. Claire Grabowski; Rev. Joseph Illo; and Dr. Chris Stravitsch. For more information, visit togetherinholiness.org.
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
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
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Parish Outreach
Baptismal Classes First Tuesday of the Month 7:00 p.m. (Rectory by appt.)
Belfry Society Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Church)
Adult Choir Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)
Children Choir Sundays 9:15 a.m. (chapel)
First Communion Instruction 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)
Parish 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 Al-Anon 7:00 p.m. Lyons
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