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January 20, 2019

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.”  
Jn 2:1-3

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

How many of us have been to a wedding party preceded by the groom’s dinner, which is itself preceded by a number of festivities celebrating the bride and groom and their new life together? There are standard elements in most wedding celebrations, including the exchanging of vows (within a Mass or not) and usually a dinner or some food is served to the guests. Quite often there is dancing or some other activity. It’s a day to remember for the guests, the hosts, the bride and groom, and their families. Family stories will be told for many years after each wedding, as legends become lore.

In antiquity, marriage celebrations followed a pattern as well, as reflected in today’s gospel. One such cultural element that is still followed today is that the best wine is served before a lesser quality wine. Such norms are the background setting for Jesus’ first sign, as narrated by the Gospel of John. (In the Gospel of John, Jesus performs several seven signs rather than a myriad of miracles, and the signs are indications of his true identity.) Interestingly, this gospel is the only one to tell this story. The Synoptic Gospel writers neglect this story: they may not have been aware of it.

Although liturgically we are in Year (or Cycle) C when we read from the Gospel of Luke, we begin Ordinary Time with this reading from the Gospel of John, which does not refer to Jesus’ mother by name, for she is never named in this gospel, but rather, Mary is called “the mother of Jesus.” According to this gospel, not only is she present at the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, but she will be present at the cross too, accompanied by the Beloved Disciple (who, like the mother of Jesus, remains nameless). For the Gospel of John, the emphasis is on Jesus to such a degree that the other characters do not even have names!

And this is a good point for us. Namely, our emphasis should be on Jesus and his true identity. It is easy to be drawn away from him and look to novelties or curiosities. But in the Fourth Gospel we have stories of seven signs that Jesus performs, each revealing his identity as Son of God, the Word made flesh. We need look no further. For the disciple, and certainly for the evangelist, the focus is on Jesus for he is the incarnation of the Word of God and his words are life eternal.
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01/19 Saturday     8:00 a.m.  Avor Magennis (Spl. Intention)  
(by: Kathleen Marron)
5:00 p.m. † John F. Corry  
(by: Rita Murphy)

01/20 Sunday       2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. † Roy Lippi  
(by: Pura Lippi)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

01/21 Monday       Saint Agnes, Virgin & Martyr
8:00 a.m. † Bernie Murphy  
(by: Phyllis Murphy)

01/22 Tuesday      8:00 a.m. † Jimmy Cronly  
(by: Mary Mann)

01/23 Wednesday    Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr; Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin
8:00 a.m. Paula Bisson (Special Intention)  
(by: Mary Ann Yamaguchi)

01/24 Thursday     Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. † Adia Griffith  
(by: Ranger Pipelines)

01/25 Friday       Conclusion of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
The Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
8:00 a.m. Jeremy Almeida & Family (Spl. Int.)  
(by: Marian Dickey)
5:00 p.m. Intentions of Connie Weber & Family  
(by: Fr. Stephen H. Howell)

01/26 Saturday     Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, Bishops
8:00 a.m. † Maureen Finlay  
(by: Mary Mann)

01/27 Sunday       3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Sr. Bosco Daly (Special Intention)  
(by: Mary Mann)
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  Denys Hale  Dolores Martin  
Fred Jungmann  Mow, Kain Chiu  Ron Ramirez  
Bill Matthews  Agnes Piva

Those who have died, 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 Offices will be closed
Monday, January 21, 2019 in commemoration of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Are you planning a spring/summer 2019 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

As we begin another Liturgical year, here are some Tips for tuning in to the Christian Year

♦ Prepare for Mass each Sunday by taking a look at the readings ahead of time. Perhaps pray with them using lectio divina.

♦ If unable to attend daily Mass, perhaps download an app or find the daily readings at www.usccb.org. Follow along with the Church’s daily narrative of salvation history and allow it to transform your worldview.

♦ Each week, chose a saint whose feast is celebrated about whom you’ll learn something useful in your own path to holiness. We include the saints for the week in our Daily Intentions Schedule of the bulletin.

♦ Decorate your home liturgically. Perhaps use a table cloth with the seasonal color, or print out pictures of different saints to display near their feasts in a special place in your home.

♦ Research the variety of cultural expressions of seasons and feasts, including unique foods, traditions, music, etc.

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

| Jan. 13, 2019-First Collection | $1,666.00 |
| Online | $765.00 |
| Total | $2,731.00 |
| Second Collection—Parish School Support | $673.00 |
Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us. The 15th annual Walk for Life West Coast, which draws 50,000+ participants each year, takes place on January 26.

Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone begins the day with Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral at 9:30 am. Events at Civic Center Plaza follow; and the walk to Justin Herman Plaza begins at 1:30 pm. This year’s speakers include Abby Johnson, Patricia Sandoval, Fr. Shenan Boquet, and Walter Hoye.

For complete information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity gives Christians an annual opportunity to continue their quest for the unity they already share in Christ. It is also a time to gather in praise of the Triune God and to deepen the understanding of the ecumenical movement. By joining in this annual celebration Christians raise their voices, hands and hearts to God seeking the fulfillment of the prayer of Jesus, the Son of God, “that they all may be one.”

The Week of Prayer also invites those who participate to use it as an opportunity to examine the effectiveness of the ecumenical movement in seeking to end the divisions among Christians. From the smallest to the largest communities, from all cultures, races and language groups, from all the baptized to all those in ordained ministry, the Week of Prayer is also an opportunity to ask and examine the level of support they have given to this important movement in the life of the Church. An accounting of each Christian’s discipleship and faithfulness to the proclamation of the Gospel—the good news of reconciliation—can be taken every year during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

The Vatican has granted a plenary indulgence and a papal blessing for those who participate in the Mass preceding Walk for Life West Coast, including those who are sick and infirm and praying along with the participants on January 26.

All those present at the Mass will receive a papal blessing, conveyed by San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone, and that a plenary indulgence, according to a letter from the Vatican. Those who participate in “sacred celebrations” associated with the Walk throughout the dioceses of the area will also receive the plenary indulgence. "The Apostolic Penitentiary...graciously grants to His Excellency, the Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone ...the faculty to impart the Papal Blessing with the accompanying Plenary Indulgence on the 26th day of January, 2019, the day of the annual event called Walk for Life West Coast, after the Divine Sacrifice has been offered at the Cathedral, to all Christ's faithful who are present, who are truly penitent and compelled by charity, and who participated in the same sacred rites,” according to a Dec. 21 letter signed by Mauro Cardinal Piacenza, Major Penitentiary, of the Apostolic Penitentiary, and received this week in San Francisco.

A plenary indulgence is the expiation of temporal punishment for sins already forgiven, and can be applied to souls in Purgatory, to oneself, or to another person still living. It is a free gift of God's mercy, and theologically demonstrates the Church as a communion of those living, as well as those in purgatory and the saints and angels in heaven.

"We are delighted with this news--what a wonderful gift and opportunity for all Catholics!” said Eva Muntean, co-founder and chair of the Walk for Life West Coast. “The Walk for Life West Coast and its surrounding events are true corporal and spiritual acts of mercy to those who have been unjustly deprived of life and to those women who suffer so much from the pain of abortion.”

A plenary indulgence removes the temporal punishment of already forgiven sin. The Walk for Life plenary or complete indulgence is granted with the three usual conditions of sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intentions of the pope which should be completed within several days of the actual event of participation in Walk for Life.

The Vatican granted the plenary indulgence at the request of Archbishop Cordileone. A similar indulgence was bestowed on the March for Life in Washington, D.C., this year. This is the first time a plenary indulgence was given to the Walk for Life West Coast.

"We are inexpressibly grateful that the church has recognized this and we hope the news spreads far and wide," Muntean said, noting that a plenary indulgence for the Walk is an act of mercy for all participants in the Walk.
A New Year, New Beginnings

Turning the page to a new calendar year gives us the feeling of a fresh start, a new beginning, and new opportunities. It is a time when people feel that they can begin anew with their lives. Common New Year’s resolutions are to lose weight, exercise more and eat healthier; or to spend more time with family. Still others include managing money better and being more organized.

Although there is nothing in the Bible or notable in Christian tradition about New Year’s resolutions, many good stewards take advantage of this time of year to become closer to the Lord. They may re-commit themselves to pray more, to read the Bible, or to attend Mass more regularly. If you are looking for some help in your New Year’s resolutions, here are a few ideas to get you started:

Practice gratitude – Cultivating a grateful heart is the hallmark of a Christian steward. Every day, express thankfulness to the Lord and to others.

Encounter the Lord each day – Find time to be with the Lord each day, whether it be for an hour or ten minutes. Have a conversation with the Lord. Give your joys and worries to Him as well. Allow God’s love to transform them. Our encounters will keep our eyes and ears open to the presence of Christ in our midst.

Resist overwork – There is a pressure to produce, meet goals, be successful. But activities that lead us to overwork, constant fatigue and worry do not give glory to God. What God calls us to do we can do well. Be mindful that life requires balance, down time and letting go of unrealistic goals.

Nurture friendships – Our friends are those we choose to be with, those with whom we spend our evenings, with whom we vacation, to whom we go to for advice. Friends are gifts from God who give us a greater appreciation of God’s love for us. Friends need our time and love.

Give more – Good stewards realize that everything they have is entrusted to them as gift to be shared. There is no better place to begin than sharing with the community that gathers around the Lord’s table at Mass. Consider what you are giving to your parish and local diocese and commit to an even greater contribution as circumstances allow.

Make a difference in your parish community – Believe it or not, your parish community can use your talents. Offering your talents to your faith community is one of the most effective ways to feel useful and connected to others, and it is a potentially life-changing New Year’s resolution.

THE BELFRY SOCIETY AT SAINT PHILIP THE APOSTLE CHURCH

Have you ever wondered what that ringing sound emanating from Saint Philip the Apostle Church is all about? Like clockwork, our bell is rung by our Saint Philip’s Belfry Society before Mass every Saturday afternoon at 4:50 and every Sunday morning at 10:20. Once the bell sounds, you have ten minutes to get to church. Whenever the bell is rung, it’s often wondered how the sound is perceived by people walking nearby, the café crowds or from those inside their homes across Noe Valley. Hopefully, we are well received.

Members of the Saint Philip’s Belfry Society include David Castellanos, Todd Siemers, Bill Yenne, Jane Perry, Mary Staunton, Arturo Pena and Andrew DeGrandi. It is our privilege to serve our community in such a unique way—the call to Mass.

Historically, there are many traditions involving the ringing of bells in Catholic Churches. Among them is the call to Mass, celebrating the election of a new pope, and heralding Holy Days. What is Christmas Eve without bells?

Our specific bell was manufactured in New York State and gifted to Saint Philip’s in 1914 by the Cullen family in loving memory of the Rev. Andrew J. Cullen, who founded our parish and who was our pastor from 1910 to 1922. The bell has been with the church ever since. Bill Yenne recalls that when he moved to the hill above the church in 1975, one of his happiest moments was hearing then-pastor Rev. Thomas F. Regan, ringing the bells. However, through the years, the sound of the bell faded away, and was forgotten.

It was in 1994 that Bill and Todd Siemers had a conversation about the sound that was no longer being heard, and decided to investigate. They found that the bell rope had broken, thus rendering the bell mute. They took it upon themselves to change this and climbed up into the belfry to get it ringing again. With a little cleaning, some oil and a couple new ropes, our bell was back in business. They kept the Belfry Society going, and even ran a Belfry Society float in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade for several years. In 1995, they won a first place plaque. Bill rang our bell to celebrate the election of Pope Benedict XVI in 2005.

Gradually though, interest once again began to wane and the bells were heard with lessened frequency. Then, new blood flowed into the parish, and in June 2010, David Castellanos stepped up to revive the Belfry Society. He met Bill and Todd, and brought others in to resurrect this community service, and our bell celebrated Pope Francis in 2013.

As David notes, “the bells are our gift to our community, similar to the church bells of Europe. Though we ring for more solemn occasions such as funerals, generally, we view it to be our community ministry to provide a happy sound as a calling card that St. Philip’s is here, ready to offer Mass and other religious services.”

If you are interested in joining this ministry, please contact the Parish Office at 415-282-0141
Who is an Active Parishioner?

- Regular attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.
- Registered in the Parish, receiving and using weekly envelopes or online platform supporting the Parish according to the best of one’s ability.
- Volunteers and/or participate in Parish activities with time, talent, and resources as means permit.
- Trying to live the Catholic Faith as best they can with God’s help and the support of family and friends at home and in the Parish.

Daily Prayer This Week

Ordinary Time is the longest Season of the Church year. Week after week, we are following the scriptures, and learning from them. It is important to focus our desires early in the day and talk with the Lord throughout the day, in the background of our busy lives. This is how we become "Contemplatives in Action" and find intimacy with God without leaving the context of the real circumstances of our lives.

Sometimes we protest: "I don't have time to pray." But if we change our focus to the moments we have free, we find ourselves surprised at the time we really do have. There are dozens of times in all of our days during which our minds are occupied with something: a song, replaying the last event, practicing a conversation with someone, having an imaginary argument with someone, thinking through the "to do" list of the day. We can learn to fill these times with whatever we choose. If we choose to let it be about our relationship with our Lord, it transforms our lives.

It all begins with our mornings. This week, when we first get up and perhaps for a few moments while bathing or getting dressed, let's tell the Lord that our desire today is to be more conscious that everything we do this day, is in response to his call to be a disciple. Then, in those moments while driving or shopping or walking down the hall to a meeting, we can talk with God about how we are living our call in this or that activity we are engaged in. That conversation may get more detailed and specific depending on the event.

Each evening, for even a few moments, we can review our day's momentary conversations, recognizing the moments of real connection and grace and giving thanks for them, and resolving to take even greater advantage of these opportunities the next day.

Dear Lord,
At times, my heart is quite sluggish. Give me hope today. Lift my spirits and give me perspective. When I find myself stiff and inflexible, make me into a new wineskin to receive the alive, new wine with which you wish to fill me. And let me be open to your call to discipleship today.

What are the opportunities to preach your Word today? Where can I drive out demons, rather than sit with their discouragement and division? Please fill my home, my workplace, my heart with your Spirit, that I might join you in bringing good news for the poor.

Amen

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**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. As of January, 2019, these sessions will take place the first Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.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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**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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Ms. Rachel Williams, Director
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**PARISH OUTREACH**
Belfry Classes First Saturday of the Month
9:00 a.m. (Rectory by appt.)
Belfry Society Tuesday 7:30 p.m. (Church)
Adult Choir Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)
Children Choir Sundays 9:15 a.m. (chapel)
First Communion 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
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