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MASS TIMES

Sunday:  8:00 a.m.
         10:30 a.m.
Saturday: Vigil 5:00 p.m.
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Holy Days: 8:00 a.m.
            7:00 p.m.
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Rosary - Monday - Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass
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Celebrating Catholic Schools Week

January 27—February 1, 2019
Dear Parishioners & Visitors:

How do we imagine the ministry of Jesus? What was it that he did? We know it ultimately ended in his passion, death, and resurrection, but what about his work among the people? Today’s gospel reading, with Jesus quoting the prophet, gives us an indication as to what occupied the mind and thoughts of Jesus as he performed his ministry. He brings glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, sight to the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. This was the message of the prophet and to use a modern term, it is the mission statement of Jesus’ ministry. If we want to be his followers, it is up to us to take on this mission statement as well. This ministry is in conformity with the prophets. It animated Jesus himself, and it should animate his followers. Jesus does not talk here about prayer, or doing liturgy, or even going to church. The ministry of Jesus is action in the world. And this action, as indicated by the mission statement, upends the powerful and the privileged. It ultimately (and fairly quickly) leads to Jesus’ death. Faced with such a leader, will we be followers as well, undergoing our own paschal mystery? Or are we content to read about his ministry rather than do it, hear about it rather than practice it?
January 27, 2019

01/26 Saturday  Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, Bishops
8:00 a.m. † Maureen Finlay  (by: Mary Mann)
5:00 p.m. Intentions of Connie Weber & Family  
(by: Fr. Stephen H. Howell)

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

01/28 Monday  Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. O’Neill Family (Spl. Intention)  
(by: Ronan O’Neill)

01/29 Tuesday  8:00 a.m. † Betty Antuzzi  
(by: Marian Dickey)

01/30 Wednesday  8:00 am † Kathleen Mulligan  
(by: The McAuliffe Family)

01/31 Thursday  Saint John Bosco, Priest
8:00 a.m. Michelle Schneider (B-day)  
(by: Mila Schneider)

02/01 Friday  8:00 a.m. John (Jack) O’Keeffe (Sp. Intention)  
(by: The McAuliffe Family)

02/02 Saturday  The Presentation of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi (Special Intention)  
(by: Pura Lippi)
5:00 p.m. Val Karel (Special Intention)  
(by: Lola Karels)

02/03 Sunday  4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi (Birthday Blessings)  
(by: Mila Schneider)
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 Hafe  Dolores Martin
Fred Jungmann  Mow, Kain Chiu  Ron Ramirez
Bill Matthews  Agnes Piva  Crystal Zapata

Those who have died, Bruno “Barney” Dunne, long time Parishioner, usher, and serving in many other roles here at St. Philip’s over many, many years, 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.

Next Weekend’s Readings  
Prepare Your Heart & Mind for Next Week

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
Psalm: 19:8, 9, 10, 15
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

A Prayer for Vocations

Loving and generous God, you called the prophets to bring your word to your chosen people. Your Son, Jesus, called the first disciples to be bold proclaimers of the good news. In the modern world, you continue to call your sons and daughters to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Calm the chaos and soothe the sounds of our world, and allow more to hear your soft voice calling them to pick up their cross and follow.

May the Holy Spirit fall upon your church in a profound way, so that we may experience a tremendous harvest of grace. May vocations increase ever abundantly and may your church stand as a witness to the world of the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

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

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

| Jan. 20, 2019-First Collection | $1,667.00 |
| Total | $2,527.00 |
| Second Collection—Parish Facilities Maintenance | $378.00 |
Daily Prayer This Week

This week is set at the beginning of Jesus' ministry and the pictures we get of how challenged and pushed he is prepare us to hear the simple parables he tells us. All of us get challenged and pushed in our daily lives. Even when we are on the right road and following a faithful path, there are forces, conflicting demands, tempting alternatives, differing values that batter us. It takes grace and courage to trust our real mission and that our Lord will be with us through it all.

Each morning this week, we can take a moment, to ask for what we desire. The entire day will be different just by spending 20 seconds sitting at the edge of the bed saying, "Lord, I want to keep my eyes open today. Whatever comes at me today, I want to stay in touch with you. Thank you." Another morning I may be aware of a big decision I have to execute that day or a conflict I am planning to face, and I might pray, “Okay, Lord, this is the day. This is how I live out my relationship with you. Be with me and give me what I need. Keep reminding me I can't do it without you.”

Each day will offer a different brief moment of connection with our Lord, but each will ground the day. Then it is so very easy, while in the shower or walking down a hall, for just brief moments here and there in the background of our day, to stay in touch with our Lord. These guides can help keep us focused on the nourishing Word which interacts with our daily life. Every day can seem like a living Parable of the Sower. There is seed being scattered all around us and we can see and experience our degrees of receptivity. And while we are doing the best we can, all day, every day, in a variety of things, we can be consoled by the Lord's smile reminding us that the Kingdom is like a mustard seed. The real graces come from very small seeds, the smallest of efforts that make a big difference. Most of all, when things get rough, during any day, we can pause and take a breath and ask him to calm the wind and sea in our hearts.

Every night we can thank him for his presence and ground our growing relationship with him.

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Ken & Claranne applications@sanjosewwme.org
408-782-1413
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Married couples: Are you looking for a new year’s resolution? Why not make a commitment to do something to improve your marriage, such as attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend? The next Marriage Encounter Weekends in the Bay Area are: February 15-17 (in San Jose) and May 17-19 (in San Jose).

For more information and/or to register for a Weekend, visit the website (above) or contact Ken and Claranne (above). The Worldwide Marriage Encounter motto is: A weekend of discovery, a lifetime of love.

Project Rachel “Hope after Abortion”
Retreats in 2019

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September 7 – 8: Retreat in Spanish; led by Fr. Armando Gutierrez
September 14 –15: Retreat in English; led by the Contemplatives of St. Joseph

If interested, please contact Leslie Low, above. All inquiries are confidential. Sponsored by Project Rachel of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass February 9, 2019, 10:00am at the Cathedral.

All husband and wives celebrating '5 year anniversaries' (5 years, 10, 15… 35, 40) or over 40 years, in 2019 are invited to attend and be recognized.

Bishop Robert F. Christian, O.P. will be the principal celebrant.
Registration required: www.anniversarymass.net or call:415.614.5680. Please register by February 1, 2019

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Children's Liturgy

Our young faithful, ages 4-6 are invited to participate in Children’s Liturgy during the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the side chapel. Our leader’s role is to open the hearts of the children to the word of God and allow them to respond. Parents are welcome to sit with their children if this is a new experience for them. If you would like to help in this ministry, please call the parish office at 415.282.0141
What is National Catholic Schools Week?

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2019 is January 27 - February 2. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2019 is “Catholic Schools: Learn. Serve. Lead. Succeed.” Schools typically observe the annual celebration week with Masses, open houses and other activities for students, families, parishioners and community members. Through these events, schools focus on the value Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities and our nation.

Celebrate with us

The benefits of a Catholic education have been studied and well-documented. Results show that students who attend Catholic school receive a challenging, high-quality academic experience in a supportive environment, with an emphasis on Catholic values. The self-discipline developed by students, along with learning to accept responsibility and to respect others, work together to create excellent lifelong learners.

National Catholic Schools Week has celebrated Catholic education in the U.S. since 1974.

Come Visit our Pre-School from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and our Elementary school from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. during our Open House, January 28th following our 10:30 a.m. Mass

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We provide a balanced academic curriculum that integrates faith, culture and life.

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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 Sessions will be held on Saturday, February 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory and March 2, 2019

Call the Parish office at 415-282-0141 to make your reservation.

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If you wish to continue to use your paper envelopes, you are most welcomed to do so.

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.

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 participates 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.

St. Thomas Aquinas, January 28 Feast Day

By universal consent, Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and of divine revelation. He is one of the great teachers of the medieval Catholic Church, honored with the titles Doctor of the Church and Angelic Doctor.

At five he was given to the Benedictine monastery at Monte Cassino in his parents’ hopes that he would choose that way of life and eventually became abbot. In 1239, he was sent to Naples to complete his studies. It was here that he was first attracted to Aristotle’s philosophy.

By 1243, Thomas abandoned his family’s plans for him and joined the Dominicans, much to his mother’s dismay. On her order, Thomas was captured by his brother and kept at home for over a year.

Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great. He held two professorships at Paris, lived at the court of Pope Urban IV, directed the Dominican schools at Rome and Viterbo, combatted adversaries of the mendicants, as well as the Averroists, and argued with some Franciscans about Aristotelianism.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, pervades his writings. One might expect Thomas, as a man of the gospel, to be an ardent defender of revealed truth. But he was broad enough, deep enough, to see the whole natural order as coming from God the Creator, and to see reason as a divine gift to be highly cherished.

The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology. He stopped work on it after celebrating Mass on December 6, 1273. When asked why he stopped writing, he replied, “I cannot go on…. All that I have written seems to me like so much straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me.” He died March 7, 1274.
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 may be 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
Belfry Society
Tuesday 7:30 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)
Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.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:
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Wednesday Alanon 7:00 p.m. Lyons
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