November 20, 2016

Solemnity of Christ the King

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Stephen Howell, Pastor

Rev. Brendan McBride
In residence
Irish Pastoral Center

LITURGIES

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
LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

The Good Thief said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” This solemnity celebrates Christ as King. His kingdom has come. We are living in God’s kingdom now. We are called, however, not to simply pay homage to our exalted King, but to do as he did. This means that each day we must live in a self-giving way because only through goodness expressed in reaching out to others is God’s reign at hand. Living the paschal mystery means living the daily dying the cross demands. Just as the cross was the means to Jesus’ exaltation, so is the cross our only way into Paradise. When self-giving seems to swallow us up and we are tempted to choose a self-serving attitude, all we need to do is remember that the cross is the door to Paradise. This only way—the cross—is the way out of this life, crossing into eternal Life. The only way.

REFLECTION

♦ What helps you surrender to the way of the Christ whose throne was the cross?

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2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43
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Reflecting on the Gospel

Dear Parishioners and Guests,

Illness tends to make people grumpy. When we don’t feel good, we naturally turn inward upon ourselves. We want this to be over. We want to feel good again and get on with the tasks and challenges at hand. Prolonged illness keeps some people grumpy all the time, while a surprising number of other people seem to be able to rise above their pain and distress and, sometimes even because of it, reach out to others. Jesus, in this Sunday’s gospel, is hanging on a cross. He is in much pain and distress. He’s being “sneered at.” He’s being “jeered.” He’s being “reviled.” Was Jesus grumpy and turned inward upon himself? No!

Three hang on crosses, suffering and dying. One reviles, one begs for salvation. One promises Paradise. Indeed, only One can promise Paradise. Who but the Christ of God could make such a promise? Who but a divine King could reach beyond his own suffering and dying to bestow Life on another? Who but One totally innocent of evil could draw goodness out of one who is “condemned justly”? Three hang on crosses. One remains condemned. One is redeemed. One will rise from the dead, King of the universe.

Although Jesus’ kingdom is established from the very beginning of creation and through the Davidic kingship, his reign is not one of power but of mercy, not one of self-service but of self-giving, not one of material wealth but of eternal salvation. His throne is a cross. Such a King the world has never seen. Through his suffering and death this King brings Life to all who are open to receive it. This King offers Paradise to all those who come to him, accept his reign, and remain faithful to the will of his Father. This King remembers each of us and bids us to come into his kingdom, into the eternal Life he won for us.

The cross is where we least expect a king to be. Yet this is where we find Jesus. The cross is where we ourselves least want to be. Yet this is how god’s kingdom is established and where our discipleship begins: allowing ourselves to be crucified on the cross of self-giving. Jesus demonstrates his kingship not by saving himself but by saving others. Not by turning in on himself but by turning out toward others. Jesus demonstrates his kingship not by power but by loving reassurance that Paradise awaits faithful disciples. Only by beginning here, on the cross, can our discipleship end like the Good Thief’s, hearing Jesus say to us, “Amen, I say to you, / today you will be with me in Paradise.”
**Remember in your Prayers…**

Let us remember the sick, homebound and elderly of our Parish that they may find comfort and healing in Christ.

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Those Who Have Entered Their Eternal Rest. May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

For those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

**Tuesday’s Choir Practice**

- Adults Tuesday, 7:30PM in the Church
- Children’s Choir Tuesday 4PM in the Parish Hall

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

11/19 Saturday 8:00 a.m. † Martha Madden (by: James Madden) 5:00 p.m. Ryan Schneider (Spl. Int.) (by: Mila Schneider)

11/20 Sunday 8:00 a.m. † Members of the Bisson Family (by: Paula Bisson) 10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

11/21 Monday The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00 a.m. † Rosalba DeMartini (by: Corrado DeMartini)

11/22 Tuesday St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr 8:00 a.m. † Gerry Hart (10th anniversary) (by: Heather Hart)

11/23 Wednesday St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr 8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan (by: Maughan Family Trust)

11/24 Thursday Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

11/25 Friday 8:00 a.m. † Betsey Auren (by: Anne Auren-Grey)

11/26 Saturday 8:00 a.m. (by: ) 5:00 p.m. Helen Trepanier (Spl. Int.) (by: Julia Trepanier)

11/27 Sunday 8:00 a.m. † The Deceased Former Pastors of St. Philip the Apostle Fr. John Cullen Fr. Jerome B. Hannigan Fr. John R. Cantillan Monsignor William J. Flanagan Fr. Joseph. I. Manning Fr. Thomas Regan 10:30 a.m. † James Reitmeyer (by: The Sullivan Family)

**Meetings & Events**

- St. Philip Community Food Bank Volunteers! 11/22
- School Mass of Thanksgiving, 11:00 AM 11/23
- Boy Scouts, 6PM, Parish Hall 3 11/24
- Boy Scouts, 6PM, Parish Hall 3 12/01
- Thursday, Class Mass, Third Grade, 8:45 a.m. 12/04

**Second Collection This Weekend**

This weekend’s second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Your generous donations will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes.

**November 11, 2016**

- Military Services—$887
- School Collection - $1,005.00

**November 19, 2016**

- Military Services—$887
- School Collection - $1,005.00

**November 26, 2016**

- Military Services—$887
- School Collection - $1,005.00

Our Parish Office will be closed Thanksgiving Day, November 24 and 25th.

We wish you all an abundance of God’s grace and blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving!

We receive God’s gifts gratefully by giving thanks to God and we express that thanks through prayer and worship. Thank you for supporting Saint Philip and its ministries.

| November 6, 2016 | $3,112.00 |
| November 13, 2016 | $2,831.00 |

This Thanksgiving, let us remember all the good things, and people, who have come into our lives. We focus on thanking each one who has helped us, and ultimately thank God for the good gifts of this world.

God our Father,
Graciously accept from your humble people
a thankful heart and spirit.
Everything we have and are able to share with others
ultimately comes from your love of your creations.
Often we think that everything we have
is our own creation;
we ask you this day to create in us
a spirit of gratitude,
that we may always know
that all good gifts come from you.

We ask this through Christ our brother,
in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
CELEBRATING OUR SACRAMENTS

Are you planning a spring or summer wedding?

If so, now is the time to contact the church’s rectory office and discuss your plans with our pastor 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.

Feel free to call our parish office to schedule your initial meeting at 415-282-0141

The Sacrament of Baptism

Are you interested in having your son/daughter baptized at Saint Philip?

Please call the parish office at 415-282-0141 to reserve your spot for any upcoming Tuesday evening preparation session.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations!

We offer our heartfelt congratulations to our parish and school children who received the Sacrament of reconciliation on Wednesday, November 16th.

Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to learn more about the Catholic faith and prepare for their First Communion on April 30th.

This weekend we have the great pleasure to formally install our new Extra Ordinary Ministers to the Homebound.

Please join us in supporting and thanking the following volunteers who prayerfully considered joining this new ministry.

Candy Ashe Andrew DeGrandi Karen Kelly
Ginger Cannata Marianne Dickey Ed Paccucci
David Castellanos Theresa Erkkila Todd Siemers

If you become aware of anyone in our parish that is homebound, and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, please contact the parish office at: 415-282-0141 and provide us their name and contact information so we can follow up.

During the month of November we remember in our prayers those who have been called to their heavenly home, especially parishioners, relatives and friends who have died since this time last year.

May the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them.

Loretta Figone
Cherysse M. Guilfoyle
Thomas Eugene Fitzgerald
John “Jack” Hart
Timothy Vincent Hanifin
Carmel Anello
Christina Flynn
William Patrick Quinn
Sasha Pansik
Robert Lowell Killian
Eugene Anthony Hanifin
Sara Renée Delekta Galligan
Bernardo “Bernie” Carrasco
George Todd
Gloria Patriccia Adams
Brian Philip Boland

Save the date - November 27th
First Sunday of Advent!

Hard to believe Advent is just around the corner and soon all the festivities of the Season will be upon us.

On November 27th after the 10:30 Mass and during Hospitality, we invite families to spend a little extra time together for an Advent Craft Activity.

We will have the materials and instructors ready for you. Come as a family and work together to make your Advent wreath banners and Advent chains to bring the Advent Season into your homes.

“Come, Get your Advent On!”

St. Philip’s Giving Tree Returns!

Once again we have an opportunity to share our blessings with those disadvantaged in our community.

Please place your unwrapped gift under our giving tree, which will be up soon by December 16, which will give us time to deliver them to: Riley Center Women’s Shelter, St. Vincent de Paul, Holy Family Day Home and St. Joseph’s Family Shelter.

If you would like to volunteer to sort & deliver gifts, we could use your help too. Contact the parish office at 415-282-0141.

Gifts for infants, toddlers, tens, adults & seniors are needed.
November 22, Saint Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

We really know very little about Saint Cecilia, although stories abound. She lived in Rome in the second century during the time of great persecutions. One story dates back to the fifth or sixth century, when she was a popular saint. We are told that as a young girl Cecilia wanted to give her life to God. Her parents forced her to marry a noble pagan youth named Valerian. He had so much respect for Cecilia that he let her remain a virgin as she desired. In time she converted him and his brother Tiburtius to the faith. All three of them died as martyrs.

According to a story about Cecilia’s martyrdom, the officials unsuccessfully tried to suffocate her in her own house. Then an executioner tried to behead her. He struck her with his sword three times but did not sever her neck completely.

She lived three days. Before she died she asked to have her house dedicated as a church. Cecilia was buried in the catacomb of Callistus. Remains thought to be her body are now buried under the altar of the basilica of Saint Cecilia.

Cecilia is often pictured with a musical instrument—a small organ, a harp, or a viola. She is the patroness of musicians. The feast of Saint Cecilia is a reminder that the Church has always recognized the value of music and song. Some thoughts and feelings are best expressed in music.

Wednesday, November 23—Saint Columban (d.615)

Columban was born in Ireland before the middle of the sixth century. He entered a monastery, and led a life of prayer and study for 30 years. Then in the year 591, he and 12 companions were sent to Europe as missionaries. They made their way through France, Switzerland, and eventually Italy. Everywhere they went they established the monasteries that were to become the centers for Christianity, learning, and prayer throughout Europe.

Columban wrote a strict rule for these monasteries, and he tried to reform the lives of the clergy, the nobility, and the laypeople. He attacked abuses and evil wherever he saw them. He spoke out loudly against the immorality that was so common among the royalty. Finally he was exiled for pointing out the sins of the king and for criticizing the local bishops because they did not speak out against him too.

While Columban was being deported, he was shipwrecked and ended up in Ital, where he found refuge. He founded a monastery in Bobbio and it was there he died.

Annual Ornament Exchange Party
Supporting the Alpha Pregnancy Center

Date: Sunday, December 4, 2016
Time: 12:00 noon—3:00 p.m.
Place: United Irish Cultural Center
2700 - 45th Ave (St. Francis Room)
Cost: $35/person (includes salad, entrée, dessert, coffee, tea & wine.

Please bring an ornament to exchange & gift for a baby layette.

Call to make your reservation to:
Chris DelCarlo at 415-648-4522 or
Patti Wood at: 415-282-0274

Christmas Volunteer Opportunities:

10th & Mission Family Housing Holiday Craft Night,
Wednesday, December 14, 4:00 -7:00 PM.

Holiday Party, Wednesday, December 21, 4:00 -7:30 PM.

St. Joseph’s Family Center Holiday Party, Saturday, December 17 - 4:00 - 7:30 PM

Visit: CatholicCharitiesSF.org/All-Opportunities or call the Volunteer Manager, Diana Contreras at: 415-972-1297.

2017 Mass Requests

Those who wish to have Masses offered during 2017 for your friends and family members our 2017 Mass Intention Book is now open for reservations.

Offering a Mass for a dearly departed one or special intention for a friend is a wonderful gift to present.

Masses can bring comfort for those physically or emotionally ill in need of healing and prayers. Masses are also a thoughtful gift to celebrate a birthday or special milestone.

Drop by the rectory office between the hours of 9-5 on weekdays and we will be happy to assist with your request.
On **Sunday, December 4**, Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone closes the Presentation Sisters’ Year of Mercy speaker series with “Reflections on the Year of Mercy.”

The talk is from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., followed by a break for refreshments. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament follows in the chapel from 3:15 to 4:15 and is open to all.

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**Year of Mercy Comes to a Close**
The Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy concludes this Sunday, November 20, the Solemnity of Christ the King, with the closing of the Holy Door in the Basilica of St. Peter, Rome. This Mass will be available for viewing via livestream at youtube.com/Vatican at 1:00 a.m. Pacific time or on EWTN television at 1:00AM, with rebroadcast at 9 & 11AM and 9PM.

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**PARISH RESOURCES**

**PARISH OFFICE**
Rio Stefanus, Financial/Business Manager  
Email: rio.stefanus@saintphilipparish.org  
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Sandy Kearney, Parish Pastoral/School Administrative Assistant  
Email: sandy.kearney@saintphilipparish.org

**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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**SCHOOL GRADES K-8**
665 Elizabeth Street, San Francisco, CA 94114  
Phone: (415) - 824-8467 •Fax: (415) 282-0121  
Tony LesCallett, Principal  
Email: info@saintphilipschool.org  
www.saintphilipschool.org

**PRE-SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE**
(415) 282-0143  
Ms. Rachel Williams, Director  
Email: Rachel.williams@saintphilipparish.org

**PARISH OUTREACH**
Altar Society  
Baptismal Classes First Tuesday 7:00 p.m.  
( Rectory)  
Belfry Society  
Adult Choir Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Church)  
Children Choir Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)  
First Communion Instruction  
Confirmation Instruction  
Liturgy Committee  
Men’s Club  
Parish Council  
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)  
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)  
Rosary Makers Second & Third Thursday, 11:30a.m., (Hall 3)  
School Board  
St. Vincent de Paul Jr.  
Young at Heart (Senior Club) Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)

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**COMMITTEE OF RESOURCES**

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.

Our hope is that you will find our parish a supportive and healing place, a nurturing spiritual environment and a place to celebrate the sacraments as you and your families grow in your journey of faith.

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**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, supporting the Parish according to the best of one’s ability.
- Volunteers and 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.

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**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Please contact the rectory at (415) 282-0141.

As a service to the community, we sponsor the following:

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**Interested in our Parish School?**

If you would like to arrange a school tour, please call our office at 415-824-8467. Tours are conducted on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. 
www.saintphilipschool.org