We are a welcoming inter-generational community united through faith in Jesus Christ, demonstrating our love to others through service and charity. All are Welcome, All Belong!

February 17, 2019—Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

And raising his eyes toward his disciples he said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.”

Luke 6:20
GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

When parents leave children on their own for the first time it can be a big decision. Instructions are clear, often written down on a sheet of paper. Maybe a mobile phone or a home phone is available so the parties can stay in touch. And oftentimes the children remember or misremember instructions, reaching out to parents for additional clarity. Did the parents say no dessert? Or no dessert until after dinner? Did they say no TV/screen time, or limited TV/screen time? Some might remember the instructions differently.

Today in the Gospel of Luke we have Jesus’ Sermon on the Plain as opposed to Matthew’s Jesus who gives the Sermon on the Mount. Luke’s Jesus preaches to a great crowd of disciples (indicating there were more than twelve) whereas Matthew’s Jesus preaches to the disciples (and there were only twelve in the Gospel of Matthew).

But perhaps one of the greatest difference in the two versions of this story is not the setting or the audience but the message itself. Both Luke and Matthew begin with four beatitudes, but Matthew concludes with additional beatitudes. Luke, on the other hand, matches the four beatitudes with four woes that are frankly disturbing to the moderate, middle-class listener from the developed world.

We might ask what’s wrong with being well off, having our fill of food and laughter, and being spoken well of? This might even be the goal of the so-called prosperity gospel we hear about so often in popular culture. But Luke sees it differently. Blessings are for those who are poor, hungry, weeping, and those hated. For whom is this good news? The rich and content? Hardly. Luke’s Sermon on the Plain echoes themes introduced in Mary’s Magnificat in the opening of the gospel. The hungry are fed while the rich are turned away empty. Jesus’ values are not those of the world. To be countercultural means identifying with those who are blessed, not clawing one’s way to keep company with those who are destined for woe.

Luke has something to say to us today. This message is not limited to the time of Jesus. It is for us. Where do we find ourselves? In the four beatitudes or the four woes? This message is as much for us as it is for the disciples, if we dare to carry that name.

Luke’s Beatitudes, unlike Matthew’s, balance the “blessed” sayings with others beginning with “woe.” The woes of the world, according to Jesus in Luke, come when we place our trust in that which is not of God.”

LIVING AND PRAYING WITH THE WORD

Ever-loving God, you promise to be with us at all times and in all places. In times of blessing, help us give thanks by sharing that blessing with others. In times of woe, help us remember to turn to you, refresh the waters of Baptism in which we are planted, and live with Resurrection hope.
February 17, 2019

02/16 Saturday 8:00 a.m. † Linda Barry
(by: Pat Arundel)
5:00 p.m. Our Confirmandi

02/17 Sunday 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi (Special Intention)
(by: Aurora Mallari)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

02/18 Monday 8:00 a.m.
(by: )
11:00 a.m. † Memorial Mass Barney Dunne

02/19 Tuesday 8:00 a.m. † John Borzoni
(by: Corrado DeMartini)

02/20 Wednesday 8:00 a.m. † Maureen Denning
(by: Corrado DeMartini)

02/21 Thursday Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. † Rosemary & Frank Doonan
(by: The O’Leary Family)

02/22 Friday The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
8:00 a.m. † Mike Ash
(by: Candy Ash)

02/23 Saturday Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
8:00 a.m. † Georgina Del’Isola
(by: Corrado DeMartini)
5:00 p.m. † Susan Dao
(by: Paula Bisson & Ron Tsuchiya)

02/24 Sunday 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mila Schneider (Special Intention)
(by: Pura Lippi)
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  Denyse Hale  Dolores Martin
Fred Jungmann  Mow, Kain Chiu  Ron Ramirez
Bill Matthews  Agnes Piva  Crystal Zapata

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.

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

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Are you planning a 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

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, March 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

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

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
Lord, Send Out your Spirit and Renew the Face of the Earth—
Psalm 104

We offer our Congratulations to the following parish school students as they received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, February 16, 2019

Michael Cash Yenne Bolos
Alastair Wei—Ming Chang Budd
Claire Katherine Carrasco
Lowell Leon Champagne-Gamit
Benjamin David Garcia
Alastair Coleman Howarth
Joseph Carlos Hubbard
Ariana Marie Jaboneta
Geneva Lee Kissane
Noah Mitchell Lizardo
Lucrezia Franchesca McClellan
Summer Lisa McGuire
Sarah Arlene Mullins
Vincent Thomas O’Flynn
Joanna Odilia Piscitelli
Maddox Manuel Ramirez
Sofia Piersanti Gupta
Luke James Sullivan
Federico Carlos Tevarotto
Iban Urruty

St. Augustine’s Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.
Act in me, O Holy Spirit, that my work, too, may be holy.
Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit, that I love but what is holy.
Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy.
Guard me, then, O Holy Spirit, that I always may be holy. Amen.
We extend our sincere gratitude and acknowledge the following supporters of this year’s Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Our assessment is: $38,971.64. As of February 11th we have raised: $3,525.00.

Please use the brochures, which were mailed out recently to registered parishioners. You may also use the brochures found in the back of the church. Let’s all pitch in. No amount is too small. Thank You.

Harrold C. Coffee Jr.  
Brian & Sandra Kearney  
David & Theresa Erkkila  
Maria Mow

Come support our 8th Grade Scholarship Fund while enjoying authentic Jambalaya, live music and engaging conversations with Friends. It’s just TWO WEEKS AWAY!

MARDI GRAS PARTY
Presented by St. Philip’s Parish Council
Fundraiser Benefiting the Eighth Grade Scholarship Fund

Saturday, March 2, 2019
Time: Cocktails 6:00 p.m. and Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Cost: $25.00/person in advance, $30 at the door
Location: St. Philip’s Parish Hall, 725 Diamond St.
Reservations Call the Parish Office 415-282-0141

FEATURING:
Jambalaya by Colonel Chuck Frye
Live music by Todd Siemers and The Red Hot Phillipians

We are preparing for St. Philip’s Community Lenten Almsgiving. Once again during Lent as part of our Community-wide Almsgiving, we will be collecting personal toiletries that can be shared with our brothers and sisters in the Tenderloin District and St. John’s the Evangelist location.

Our second project will be collecting socks and gloves for those in need led by Alastair Budd, one of our 8th grade students from our parish school.

These projects will commence March 9 through April 14. Collection bins will be available in the church and school as usual.

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO
2019 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

“I will show you my faith by my works.”
James 2:18

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Welcome to the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you’ll be transformed through insights on the most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

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Hope Served Daily

Call the Parish office to register (415) 282-0141. Click the link below to see a trailer of this six-week study program.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCnPHTz0sZA
**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.

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**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.

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**Chair of St. Peter Feast Day February 22**

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Chair of St. Peter the apostle. The Lord said to Peter, “You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church” Matthew 16:18, and “Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven” Matthew 16:19. St. Peter’s life is so important to the Church that he has more than one feast day during the year. Today’s feast is another way the Church celebrates this.

The chair of St. Peter is a symbol of authority, as Jesus refers to this in Matthew 23: 2, when he commands and warns the crowd and his disciples, “The Scribes and Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses”. The “chair” is metaphorically referring to the teaching and judging office that Moses held in the Name of God. The name that Jesus gives to Peter is a second metaphor for an office of teaching and judging, and to drive the point home, Jesus uses a third metaphor by speaking of the “Keys of the kingdom of Heaven” Mathew 16:19. The “power of the keys” is used in many ways; some are specific to the Office of St. Peter the Papacy, others are shared with those ordained to priestly ministry, the Sacrament of Confession. During this season of Lent, we pray for these human leaders of the Church chosen by God, so they are faithful ministers of God’s grace to us.

This feast day is an anniversary and celebration of the “authority” of the Papacy, and the particular mission entrusted to St. Peter by Jesus. The Roman Missal explains, the symbol of the chair, and emphasizes the mission of teacher and pastor of Christ conferred upon Peter, to whom He formed in His person and in St. Peter’s successors, a visible foundation of unity of the Church. The chair, literally is a fixed seat of the supreme Pontiff and the Bishops, permanently placed in the Mother Church of the Diocese – Cathedral, and is the symbol of the Bishop and his ordinary magisterium in the local church. The Chair of St. Peter indicates his position in the Apostolic College, established by the express will of Jesus, who assigned the task of “feeding” the flock, to lead the People of God, the Church.

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**Project Rachel “Hope after Abortion” Retreats in 2019**

In 2019 the Archdiocese of San Francisco is offering three “Hope after Abortion” healing retreats.

The schedule:

**March 9 –10**: Retreat in English; led by the Contemplatives of St. Joseph

**September 7 – 8**: Retreat in Spanish; led by Fr. Armando Gutierrez

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

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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.

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

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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 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

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**
Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
415-282-0141  Fax: 415-282-8962
www.saintphilipparish.org —info@saintphilipparish.org

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**PARISH RESOURCES**

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Mary Dante, Bookkeeper
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Sandy Kearney, Pastoral Associate
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

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

**PRE-SCHOOL**
(415) 282-0143 www.saintphilippreschool.org
Ms. Rachel Williams, Director
Email: preschoolinfo@saintphilipparish.org

**PARISH OUTREACH**
Baptismal Classes First Saturday of the Month 9:00 a.m. (Rectory by appt.)
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) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
Rosary Makers Second & Third Thursday, 11:30a.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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