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 24, 2019—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you.”

Luke

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.
7:00 p.m.
Confessions: 4:15 p.m. (Saturday)

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DEVOTIONS

Rosary - Monday - Saturday after
8:00 a.m. Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass
GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

A classic device when children are called upon to share something is to have one divide it and the other choose which half is hers. This can happen with a piece of cake, cookie, pizza, or other food. But it can also happen with other items as well. Rarely does one child say to the other, “You can have it all.” The purpose of the device is to share something in an equitable manner. And perhaps this works for children. It sometimes works for adults too!

The advice Jesus gives in today’s gospel couldn’t be more different. He is calling us to a higher standard. It’s as though we are asked to divvy up the treat and instead we say, “You can have it all.” Even more, the way of sharing a cookie between children might assume they are friendly. But Jesus speaks here of “enemies.” This is an entirely different category. Jesus assumes his ancient listeners have enemies, and that is something that transcends culture and time. Enemies are not limited to the ancient world!

Christians are to love their enemies, blessing them and praying for them. The Christian standard is one higher than what we could expect from the world with its transactional view of relationships. As Jesus himself notes, it’s fairly easy to love those who love us, and to do good to those who do good to us. But it’s another thing entirely to love those who are our enemies, to pray for them and to bless them.

We Christians are to be this way because God is this way. God is “kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.” Should we be any different? We are to be merciful as the Father is merciful. And here we see in our own time the example of mercy given to us by Pope Francis. It is said that the word “mercy” is the hermeneutical key to his papacy. It is the way to understand and make sense of his actions. Pope Francis chose mercy because mercy is God, and acting in this way demonstrates that we are followers of his son, Jesus.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 24, 2019

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Psalm 103:8a; 1 Corinthians 15:45-49; Gospel Luke 6:27-38

“The expectations and commandments of Jesus—especially to love one’s enemies—made people suspicious about him, and his early followers as well. Following Jesus, we should not be surprised if others think we also might be a bit unbalanced!”

LIVING AND PRAYING WITH THE WORD

Merciful God, how many times have you forgiven me when I have sinned, or taken me back when I have turned away from you? Thank you for the many ways in which you love me. Help me learn how to love others the way that you love me: unconditionally, compassionately, kindly, and with great mercy. Help me learn how to do unto others as you do unto me each day.

NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7
Psalm 92:2a
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58
February 24, 2019

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  
(by: Pura Lippi)

02/25 Monday  
8:00 a.m. (Special Intentions)  
(by: Anonymous)

02/26 Tuesday  
8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan  
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

02/27 Wednesday  
8:00 a.m. † Spillane & McAuliffe, Deceased Family Members  
(by: The McAuliffe Family)

02/28 Thursday  
8:00 a.m. † Simon Corry  
(by: Rita Murphy)

03/01 Friday  
8:00 a.m. (Special Intentions)  
(by: Anonymous)

03/02 Saturday  
8:00 a.m. † Spillane & McAuliffe, Deceased Family Members  
(by: The McAuliffe Family)

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  
Corrado DeMartini  
Laura Garcia  
Fred Jungmann  
Bill Matthews  
Michael Brust  
Marian Dickey  
Denise Hale  
Mow, Kain Chiu  
Agnes Piva  
Mary Dekle  
Danny Forchione  
Dolores Martin  
Ron Ramirez  
Crystal Zapata

Those who have died, James Allan Wiggins, 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.

Feb. 17, 2019-First Collection  
Basket  
$2,421.00  
Online  
$915.00  
Total  
$3,336.00  
Second Collection—Facilities Maintenance  
$575.00

Practices on Tuesdays
Children’s Choir 3:30 p.m. Parish Hall
Adult Choir meets at 7:30 p.m. in the Church

02/23  
Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby, Parish Hall

02/24  
Family Mass, 10:30, 2nd Grade Hosting, Hospitality follows in the Parish Hall.

2/24  
Second Collection for Parish Maintenance and facilities

03/02  
Baptismal Prep., 9:00 a.m. Rectory by appointment

03/02  
Jambalaya Scholarship Fundraising Dinner, Parish Hall, Cocktails 6:00 p.m., Dinner 7:00 p.m.

03/03  
Second Collection for St. Philip’s School

03/06  
Ash Wednesday, Mass and Ash distribution 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

03/09  
Lenten Almsgiving begins. Collection of toiletries for the homeless as well as socks and gloves

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 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.
Come support our 8th Grade Scholarship Fund while enjoying authentic Jambalaya, live music and engaging conversations with Friends. It’s Just ONE WEEK 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 Philippians

Clericus Classic Basketball Game: It’s March Gladness
It’s the Third Annual Clericus Classic. Once again, priests of the archdiocese and St. Patrick’s seminarians will lace up their sneakers, take to the hardwood, and dribble their way to glory (well, earthly glory anyway).

Friday, March 22, 6:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory
1055 Ellis St., San Francisco 415-614-5552

The game is in the Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep gym; parking is available in the Cathedral parking lot, a block from the school. Tickets are $10 adults, $5 students.
ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 6, 2019

We encourage you to begin Lent by attending Mass on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at the 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 pm. Masses.

In receiving ashes, we embrace Jesus’ journey: the cross of suffering and the promise of resurrection.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of both abstinence & fasting. All Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

ABSTINENCE

Everyone (14) fourteen years of age and older is bound to abstain from meat on ASH WEDNESDAY, the FRIDAYS of Lent and GOOD FRIDAY.

FASTING

Everyone (18) eighteen years of age and older, but under the age of (60) sixty is also bound to fast on ASH WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY.

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.

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF SAN FRANCISCO
2019 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

"I will show you my faith by my works." - James 2:18

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 19th we have raised: $3,585.00

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Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barres and you’ll be transformed through insights on this 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.

Click the link below to see a trailer of this six-week study program.

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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 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.

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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Project Rachel “Hope after Abortion”
Retreats in 2019

Human Life and Dignity Office,
Archdiocese of San Francisco
Leslie Low 415-614-5567
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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
- **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.
**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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**PARISH RESOURCES**

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Sandy Kearney, Pastoral Associate
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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

**SCHOOL GRADES TK-8**
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**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) Parent Teacher Group (PTG)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
Rosary Makers Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)
Homebound Ministry Homebound Ministry
Church Consultative Board Church 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 Alanon 7:00 p.m. Lyons
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