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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.

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6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tuesdays during Lent
4:15 p.m. (Saturday)
or by appointment

DEVOTIONS
Rosary - Monday - Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass
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Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass

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March 10, 2019
Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Even the devil can quote Scripture! This dismissive line is often declared when one tries to “one-up” another by quoting a familiar Scripture passage to make a point. Simply knowing Scripture does not guarantee one’s right relationship with God. One scholar said, “Give me thirty minutes with the Bible and I’ll make up any religion you want” So merely citing Scripture does not win the argument. There is much more to it than that.

Luke’s version of the temptation of Jesus is more elaborate than the story we find in Mark, which Luke used as a source. In fact, Mark tells the story (if we can even call it that) of the temptation in two verses, whereas Luke uses thirteen. Luke gives us a dialogue between Jesus and the devil that is completely absent in Mark. To each of the devil’s temptations, some supported by Scripture, Jesus retorts with Scripture. The scene is almost one of a theological debating club.

Luke expanded on the story he inherited from Mark to convey theological insights and truths rather than compose a journalist’s description of “what really happened.” Early church fathers recognized this immediately when they asked how the devil could take Jesus to a place where he could show him all the kingdoms of the world in an instant when no such place exists. The church fathers knew that this story was meant to convey theology, and it was meant to be read metaphorically rather than literally.

By this story Luke tells us a number of things, not least of which is that Jesus was tempted by the devil. And Luke’s expansion of the story from what he inherited read more like debating societies than true temptations. They also indicate that even the devil can quote Scripture. In other words, it is not enough merely to know the Scriptures and have the ability to quote them.

As a master storyteller, Luke concludes the episode with three words that set the stage for later drama, namely, that the devil departed from him “for a time.” We know that this was not to be the last encounter between the devil and Jesus. This first encounter with its triple temptations ultimately would lead to the Last Supper, the agony in the garden, the passion, and the cross.

Today’s Readings:

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm: 91:15
Second Reading: 8-13
March 10, 2019

03/09 Saturday
Saint Frances of Rome, Religious
8:00 a.m. † Faye Cowan
(by: Mary Ann DeSouza)
5:00 p.m. † Susan Dao
(by: Paula Bisson & Ron Tsuchiya)

03/10 Sunday
First Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. † Patricia Del Carlo
(by: The Del Carlo Family)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

03/11 Monday
8:00 a.m. † Ernie & Gina Blehuer
(by: Corrado DeMartini)

03/12 Tuesday
8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

03/13 Wednesday
8:00 a.m. † Cornelia Rodriguez
(by: Mila Schneider)

03/14 Thursday
8:00 a.m. † Spillane & McAuliffe deceased family members
(by: The McAuliffe Family)

03/15 Friday
8:00 a.m. (Special Intentions)
(by: Anonymous)

03/16 Saturday
8:00 a.m. † Leonard Stefanilli
(by: Corrado DeMartini)
5:00 p.m. † Denis T. Murphy
(by: Rita Murphy)

03/17 Sunday
Second Sunday of Lent
Solemnity of St. Patrick, Bishop—Principal Co-Patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco
8:00 a.m. † Monsignor Joseph Sullivan
(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  Denye Hale  Dolores Martin
Fred Jungmann  Mow, Kain Chiu  Ron Ramirez
Bill Matthews  Agnes Piva  Crystal Zapata

Those who have died, Emilia Brust, 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.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Temptation is a part of our lives. Even Jesus wrestled with temptation. Our faith tells us that we are meant to live our lives in service of God's kingdom. Yet, we often find ourselves pursuing our own desires rather than God's. The Gospel clearly tells us that true power is found in the embrace of virtue - living lives of non-violence, mercy, and forgiveness. Yet, we still are not convinced and seek things that will hurt us and retaliate against those who harm us. When Jesus faced temptation, he found security in who he was, which firmly rooted him in his mission and gave him the determination to trust in God. We, too, must learn to find security in our identity as a son or daughter of God, to live out our mission rooted in that truth, and to be confident in God's abiding presence.

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

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

March 3, 2019-First Collection
Basket $1,498.00
Online $1,255.00
Total $2,753.00
Second Collection—Parish School $877.00

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR EMILIA BRUST

A memorial service for long-time parishioner Emilia Brust will be celebrated on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. here at St. Philip the Apostle Church.

Parking will be available in the school parking lot. Entrance on Elizabeth Street.
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.
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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. We will be collecting items through April 14. Collection bins are available in the church and school as usual.

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Now, at this “acceptable time,” Lent begins. We are called again to stop the ordinary routine, evaluate the areas where we have strayed from the ideals of Christian life, and make a deliberate turning back to God. In these days we only have to turn on the news to see vivid evidence of just how far our culture is from Christian ideals: the passing of horrific laws that permit the killing of full-term infants; family separation resulting from oppressive social and economic forces, affecting especially vulnerable immigrant families; an epidemic of homelessness; revelations of abuse of power even within the hierarchy of the Church; the list goes on and on. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned. And our Lord is merciful. Things do change when we are willing to trust God, which means to obey Him and let God do things God's way. Our turning, or conversion, to God is a great act of trust, the ultimate sign of our repentance and belief, of our change of attitude and change of life, of our trust that God does care for us and guides our lives, and of our conviction that God wants us to share the eternal life of His risen Son and the fullness of His kingdom. It is trust that God will, in His own way and own time, bring order out of the chaos of our lives and of our world. And so it means never giving up on God, who never gives up on us. I encourage you to not let these 40 days slip by. Be intentional in increasing your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Attend parish Lenten events. Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation – all of our churches are open on Tuesday nights in Lent from 6-8 pm for this. I pray for fruitfulness of your efforts, resulting in increased joy when we arrive at Easter. May you have a blessed Lent.

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This Lent, the Archdiocese is undertaking an initiative to encourage greater participation in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, especially among those who have not received this sacrament recently. The Light is on for You began in the Washington, DC metro area and has spread throughout the country over the last decade.

Every parish in the Archdiocese of San Francisco will be offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession every Tuesday evening during Lent from 6:00 p.m. to 8 p.m.

You are welcome to receive this Sacrament here at St. Philip’s also on Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., with the exception of April 2nd when we will celebrate our Parish-wide Penance service at 7:00 p.m.

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James 2:18

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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 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.

If you would like to help in this ministry, please call the parish office at 415.282.0141

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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 Session will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

Call the Parish office to make your reservation.

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**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.

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**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

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**WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**Question:** At times, temptation seems so powerful that it is almost impossible to resist. How can I be stronger in my resolve to avoid sin and temptation?

**Answer:** The saints have written that every human person desires the good. In a sense, we don't desire sin itself. Temptation is powerful because there is at least some bit of good in it. Even in the blackest of sin, there is something good that becomes twisted. We can look for good in sin when we feel it is lacking in our own life. When we lack true relational intimacy, it can be easy to turn to lust. When we lack confidence in God in our own lives, it can be easy to judge others or to grasp for control over situations. When we lack peace in the present moment, it can be easy to compete with others or to treat others poorly in our quest for success.

Overcoming temptation isn't just about repressing our sinful desires. If that's all we do, they'll just burst out someplace else! If there is a recurring temptation in your life, prayerfully consider why this is so appealing to you. Submit this to God and bring it to a wise person. And in the meantime, continue to resist temptation to sin. If we fail to choose God in small choices, we're several steps down the road towards failing in larger ones. Pray for the grace to persevere!
**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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Baptismal 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 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) Parish Consultative Board
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Young at Heart (Senior Club 50+)
Second & Third Thursday, Second & Third Thursday,
11:30 a.m., (Hall 3) 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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