St. Philip the Apostle Church

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November 27, 2016  First Sunday of Advent

ADVENT
SEASON of HOPE

PASTORAL STAFF
Rev. Stephen Howell, Pastor
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In residence
Irish Pastoral Center

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Reflecting on the Gospel

Dear Parishioners and Guests,

Children fight sleep to stay awake when they want to be part of something, want to know what’s going on, want to see the end of a game or movie. Try as they might, though, soon their little eyes flutter shut and heads nod. Sleepiness is hard to fight. This is true not only for children, but for everyone when we don’t take the time to get the rest we need. Our physical sleepiness can alert us to spiritual sleepiness. Jesus admonishes us in this gospel to “stay awake.” Try as we might, however, it is difficult to “stay awake” and keep our eyes constantly on Christ’s comings. We easily get distracted by all of the everyday demands on our time.

Daily living is filled with planned events at set hours: eating, drinking, marrying, working. In this way, we human beings measure time. For us, time is duration, relentless minutes ticking on. Once past, there is no recovery of lost hours. Wasted preparedness is lost growth. Wasted preparedness is lost encounter.

There is, however, another time that cannot be measured: God’s time, the fullness of time in which is the fullness of Life. God’s time has no duration. All simply is. All is full of Life. This describes eternity, and even now in our measured time we experience eternity. God’s time. We have those moments when our attentiveness is so acute that the now is all there is. When Jesus admonishes us to “stay awake,” he is inviting attentiveness to his abiding Presence that is now even as its fullness is yet to come. “As it was” and as it is, so will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man.” How we live now has consequences beyond our eating, drinking, marrying, working. How we live now is how we will be: taken into God’s time, or left in the never ending succession of hours and days, weeks and years.

How we live in our time is a doorway into God’s time. How we live in our time prepares us for Christ’s Second Coming, while it also prepares us for living more fully even now. Advent calls us to immerse ourselves in God’s time and to stay awake for the Life that is yet to come-and is already now.

Advent calls us to immerse ourselves in God’s time.

LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Isaiah admonishes the people of his time to “climb the Lord’s mountain. . . That he may instruct us in his ways.” We are thus not at a loss about how we walk in the light and live in God’s time. We are to listen to God’s instructions, one practical way to “stay awake” and prepare for Christ’s coming.

Instruction in God’s ways—in doing God’s will—comes more formally through the readings and homily at Sunday Mass or through catechetical instructions. But this is not the only way god teaches us right living. God’s instructions also come through people who may ask for our help (giving us the choice to put another’s good ahead of our own) or numerous everyday situations when we are faced with making moral choices (such as whether or not to put in an honest day’s work). The issue is to listen and see in these practical situations—in our own measured time—how God is drawing us into an eternity of time. Our listening means staying awake. Advent will bring us many choices; how we respond is practice in being prepared. Our everyday choices to follow God’s ways immerse us in God’s time where we already now experience the Life that only God can give.

Praying with the Word

Come, Lord Jesus; instruct us in your ways that we might wake up to your presence in our world, and by living the little virtues, fill the world with your hope, light, and rejoicing.
**LATEST NEWS UPDATES WORTH NOTING**

- We are pleased to announce our parish has an updated website with a new look. Be sure to visit us at: www.saintphilipparish.org. There will be daily updates for your spiritual nourishment too. Enjoy!
- Our ministry to the homebound has officially launched. We are already ministering to some requests. If you know of anyone that is homebound and would like a visit from one of our ministers, please provide the parish office with their name and contact information so we can follow up. Thank you.

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**November 27 2016**

11/26 Saturday  
8:00 a.m.  
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. Cantillian  
Monsignor William J. Flanagan  
Fr. Joseph I. Manning  
Fr. Thomas Regan  
10:30 a.m. † James Reitmeyer  
(by: The Sullivan Family)

11/28 Monday  
8:00 a.m. Mila Schneider (Spl. Int.)  
(by: Pura Lippi)

11/29 Tuesday  
8:00 a.m. † For the people of the Parish

11/30 Wednesday  
**Saint Andrew**  
8:00 a.m. † Jose “Peping” Alovera  
(by: Rebecca Barbasa & children))

12/01 Thursday  
8:00 a.m. † Floro Policarpio  
(by: Don and Carole Molloy)

12/02 Friday  
8:00 a.m. † Sony Greutert  
(by: Karl & Blanch Guerter)

12/03 Saturday  
8:00 a.m. † Sara Galligan  
(by: Laura Berghoff Bless)  
5:00 p.m. † Bruno Piva  
(by: Agnes Piva)

12/04 Sunday  
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
10:30 a.m. † John, Ellen & Edward McSweeney  
(by: Peggy Hunt)

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**Remember in your Prayers…**

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

Isabel Juarez  
Kain Chiu  
Mary Crowley

Patricia Crowley  
Mary Dekle  
David Dickey

Laura Garcia  
Douglas Martin  
Dolores Martin

Agnes Piva  
Bill Matthews  
Mary Leung

John Bamber  
Leo Juarez  
Gina Wood

Tom Welch

Those Who Have Entered Their Eternal Rest.

Reverend Thomas Domenick Moran  
Priest from the Archdiocese of San Francisco

May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

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**Tuesday’s Choir Practice**

Adults  
Tuesdays, 7:30PM in the Church

Children’s Choir  
- Tuesdays 4PM in the Parish Hall

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**Meetings & Events**

11/27  
First Sunday of Advent Family Activity following the 10:30 Mass during Hospitality

11/30  
Boy Scouts, 6PM, Parish Hall 3

12/3  
Thursday, Toy Mass, 3rd Grade Class Mass

12/4  
3rd Grade Family Mass, 10:30 (Hospitality Follows the Mass)

12/6  
Baptism Prep Class, by apt, 7PM Rectory

12/7  
Boy Scouts, 6PM, Parish Hall #3

12/8  
Thursday, Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass, 9AM, 6th Grade Class (Holy Day of Obligation)

12/10  
Pre-School Breakfast with Santa, 9AM Parish Hall

12/11  
Candle lighting Mass at 10:30 a.m. Mass

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**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Holy Day of Obligation**

Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 & 9:00 a.m.

The Immaculate Conception refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne.

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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.

As a result of early bulletin submittal request for printing from our printer, our offering report will be provided at a future date. Thank you for your support.
Open our eyes this Advent, O God, to see your love in our midst, and illuminate our hearts to realize your compassion reconciling our broken lives and healing our hurting world. Animate our spirits with your grace, enabling us to see and embrace the opportunities we have to be prophets and heralds of your justice and peace that we have been blessed to see in our midst. Amen

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.
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 Patricia Adams
Brian Philip Boland

Advent Retreat at Mission Dolores
All are welcome to Advent Retreats with Father Joe Spieler, S.J., on consecutive Saturdays, in the Mission Dolores Auditorium. Free admission, lunch is provided, and donations will be accepted.

English-speaking Retreat on December 17, noon to 5:00 p.m. To register call 415-621-8203 or email: parish@missiondolores.org

Spanish-speaking Retreat on December 10

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 located by our Mary statue 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.

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

The children's choir would like to extend an invitation for you to join them on Tuesday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. in the parish Hall for a Christmas Musical.

FREE
November 30 - Saint Andrew, Apostle (first century)

Andrew was St. Peter’s brother, and was called with him. “As [Jesus] was walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is now called Peter, and his brother Andrew, casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him” (Matthew 4:18-20).

John the Evangelist presents Andrew as a disciple of John the Baptist. When Jesus walked by one day, John said, “Behold, the Lamb of God.” Andrew and another disciple followed Jesus. “Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come, and you will see.’ So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day” (John 1:38-39a).

Little else is said about Andrew in the Gospels. Before the multiplication of the loaves, it was Andrew who spoke up about the boy who had the barley loaves and fishes. When the Gentiles went to see Jesus, they came to Philip, but Philip then had recourse to Andrew.

Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern Greece and Turkey and was crucified at Patras.

Saturday, December 10
6:00 a.m. walk begins
2:00 p.m.
Mass at Cathedral

Walk from All Souls Church in South San Francisco to St. Mary’s Cathedral, San Francisco

Thousands of pilgrims will walk and pray, asking the intercession of our Lady of the Americas, the Virgin Mary of Guadalupe. The walk begins at All Souls Church in South San Francisco at 6:00 a.m. and arrives at St. Mary’s Cathedral in San Francisco at 2:00 p.m. for Mass celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone.

The walk features singers, dancers, and decorated floats. A choir of member from several parish choirs will sing at Mass. Transportation to the departure point in South San Francisco (from St. Mary’s Cathedral back to the departure point) is available from 2:30-5:00 p.m.

For information visit: cruzadaguadalupana.org or call: 415-333-4868

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

Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Did you know you can have your wedding blessed and renew your vows in a celebration of a milestone anniversary?

It is lovely gift you can bestow on your Sacrament of Marriage as you renew your vows of love and faith with each other. Call the rectory office for more information at 415-282-0141

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Are you interested in have 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.

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

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 emotional 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.
Archbishop Cordileone Reflect on Year of Mercy
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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 p.m. and is open to all.

Project Gabriel Pregnancy Help Program
Seeks Volunteers
The Gabriel Project of the Archdiocese of San Francisco is a parish-based ministry helping women who experience the difficulties of an unplanned pregnancy. Gabriel Project volunteers provide spiritual, emotional, and material support to women in crisis.

As Archbishop Cordileone says, “Knowing that others care can make the difference in a woman’s decision to choose life for her baby. We must help women to know that they do have a choice.” For information contact Janet Healy at 415-480-4017 or via email to sfgabrielproject@gmail.com

PARISH REGISTRATION
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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✦ 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.

NAME

PARISH RESOURCES

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

MUSIC MINISTRY
Carlton White, Music Director

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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
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PRE-SCHOOL AND CHILDCARE
(415) 282-0143 • www.saintphilippreschool.org
Ms. Rachel Williams, Director
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PARISH OUTREACH
Altar Society
Baptismal Classes First Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
( RECTORY )
Belfry Society Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Church)
Adult Choir Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)
Children Choir 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, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)
School Board
St. Vincent de Paul Jr.
Young at Heart (Senior Club) 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 6:00 p.m. Hall 3
Wednesday Alanon 7:30 p.m. Hall 1
Saturday A.A. Meeting (Mixed) 8:30 p.m. Hall

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