Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
April 14, 2019

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MASS TIMES
Sunday: 8:00 & 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) or by appointment

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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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

We are fickle creatures. We can experience happiness to the point of being ecstatic one minute and sink to the depths of despair the next. We can sing the praises of somebody now that we will despise later. There are certainly reasons for the changes in our emotions and attitudes, but there can be no dispute that our emotions and attitudes change, and sometimes quickly so.

The church attempts to capture and express this fickleness in the liturgy today when we enter with palm branches singing songs of praise, only to cry out in unison moments later during the gospel “Crucify him! Crucify him!”

Luke’s version of the passion of Jesus has several unique characteristics when compared especially with his Marcan source. For example, Luke gives us the episode of the back-and-forth between Pilate and Herod that is absent in all other gospels. Some scholars see that Luke’s Christology bears even on the relationship between these two rulers, who, unwittingly through their encounter with Christ, “became friends that very day, even though they had been enemies formerly.” It’s as though Christ has the power to bring friendship even among those who are seeking to have him executed.

The power of Christ is also on display in this gospel when Jesus prays from the cross, “Father, forgive them.” The distinctly Lucan theme of forgiveness is on Jesus’ lips at the moment before his death. And the mercy of Jesus extends even to a criminal, which Luke relates to us in an exchange between them. Again, no other evangelist tells this story. The other evangelists simple narrate that two criminals were crucified along with Jesus.

The profundity of these two chapters (the long or short version) is something that we reflect upon year after year. We will not exhaust this story. It will exhaust us, and we shall return to it to gain insight, understanding, and strength. The grand themes that Luke employed in his gospel are on full display here: mercy and forgiveness.

Let’s soak up the gospel today and try to keep our fickleness in check. Let’s wave palm branches and sign songs of praise without losing ourselves in a call to “Crucify him! Crucify him!” But even if, and perhaps when, we do, we know that forgiveness awaits from a merciful God.
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04/13 Saturday  
**Saint Martin I, Pope and Martyr**  
8:00 a.m. † Enda Patrick Daly  
(by: The Del Carlo Family)  
5:00 p.m. † Sister Angelica  
(by: Corrado DeMartini)

04/14 Sunday  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**  
8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi (Special Intention)  
(by: Aurora Mallari)  
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

04/15 Monday  
8:00 a.m. †  
(by: )

04/16 Tuesday  
8:00 a.m. Don Molloy (Special Intention)  
(by: Sandy Kearney)

04/17 Wednesday  
8:00 a.m.  
(by: )

04/18 Thursday  
**Holy Thursday of the Lord’s Supper**  
(no morning Mass)  
7:00 p.m. (Mass of the Lord’s Supper)  
Intentions of the Celebrant

04/19 Friday  
**Friday of the Passion of the Lord**  
No Morning Mass  
12:00 noon meditation  
1:00 Liturgy of the Passion

04/20 Saturday  
**Holy Saturday**  
No Morning Mass  
8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass  
Intentions of the Celebrant

04/21 Sunday  
**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**  
8:00 a.m. Intentions of the Celebrant  
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

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**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 Chiia  
- 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.

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

Due to early bulletin printing schedule from our printers, we will report the weekly offerings in a future bulletin. Thank you for your understanding.

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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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**ST. PHILIP’S COMMUNITY LENTEN ALMSGIVING**

Items will continue to be collected through April 14th. Thank you for your Amazing Support.

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**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS (4-21-2019) - EASTER**

Prepare Your Heart & Mind for Next Weeks Encounter

First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Psalm: 118:24
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8
Gospel: John 20:1-9
Reflecting on the Triduum

The “Triduum,” these three sacred days are unlike any other in the liturgical year for the Christian. They carry forward an echo of faith from centuries ago and then ripple through the year with their profound theological significance. The three days are not a reenactment of events from two thousand years ago, but they make the effects of that event present in our lives today. The Triduum is a touchstone of faith to which we return year after year.

On these three days we commemorate essential and everlasting elements of our incarnational spirituality, celebrating the death and resurrection of the author of life, the Word made flesh. This is too much for one liturgy or even one day. The movements of the sacred events take place over three days so that we may enter more fully into the mysteries we celebrate.

Holy Thursday commemorates the sign of service that Jesus gave us on that night of the Last Supper. He who came not to be served but to serve is our master who set an example for us. If the master served, we too must serve. Service is a constitutive element of following the one who served to the point of giving his life. Tragic themes of betrayal by a friend, a shared meal with knowledge of betrayal, and the lure of money make this commemoration haunting in its near universal applicability.

On Good Friday we witness the cross; there is no eucharistic prayer, but only a significant Liturgy of the Word followed by Communion. As Christians have done for centuries, we pray for the world and for many other things. The prayers of intercession are accompanied by dramatic action and even movement. This day is unlike any other, and we leave the service in silence, along with our thoughts.

After sunset on Saturday it’s as though we cannot contain the Easter joy we know will be ours and we celebrate the resurrection. Readings of promise and salvation are punctuated by psalms of praise and exaltation. Easter lilies, lights, fire, bells, a Gloria—all signify that our Lord has risen, never to be subject to death again. Life has been transformed and will never be the same now that we have this existential promise of eternity the Christ.
During the evening of Holy Thursday we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist, we listen to the sole gospel that does not include that story! The Last Supper in the Gospel of John is not the story of the Passover meal, for John situates the Last Supper on the night before Passover, as the opening verses of this evening’s gospel reading indicate. Recall that the Gospel of John gives us the eloquent and sophisticated bread of life discourse in chapter 6, which effectively theologizes about the Eucharist. No Passover meal is needed at the Last Supper, especially when we consider that for this gospel, Jesus is understood to be the Lamb of God. Upon seeing Jesus for the first time, John the Baptist cried out, “Behold, the Lamb of God” (John 1:36). And we shall see that the crucifixion takes place on the day of preparation, when the lambs are being slaughtered in preparation for Passover later that night.

So the Last Supper for the Gospel of John is not about Eucharist as much as service. Jesus the master becomes the servant of his disciples, thus giving them an example. Jesus overturns the role of master so that the master is the one who serves, not the one who is served. By so doing, Jesus exemplifies a core message of the gospel, and core message of his own identity. If we are to follow Jesus, we, too, must become servants. There will never be a time when we are content to sit back, relax, and be served. Instead, we are the ones who serve, in imitation of Jesus, our master, and the one true servant of God.

**VOLUNTEERS**

If you would like to participate in the washing of the feet ritual during our Mass by having your feet washed, please call the parish office at 415.282.0141.
Good news our pace currently is ahead of last year at this time thanks to your support. If you have not had a chance to send in your contribution, please consider doing it today. Brochures are available at the back of the church. No amount is too small. We offer our gratitude and acknowledge the following supporters of this year’s Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. Our assessment is: $38,971.64. As of April 2, we have raised: $25,185.00 including pledges. Thank you. Due to early printing schedule donations received last week will be posted in the next issue. Thanks for your patience.

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St. Philip’s 80th Gala!  
St. Philip’s alumni, parents, parishioners, and all those in our community are invited to celebrate our 80th anniversary! All proceeds will go to the School’s Tuition Assistance Scholarship Fund.

Saturday May 18th  
6:30 pm - Your Old Stomping Grounds  
View Memorabilia / Music  
Complimentary Glass of Champagne & Heavy Hors Doeuvres included with your ticket.

St. Philip’s School Consultative Board - Call for nominations

The Consultative Board is seeking nominations for 2-4 new members to begin a 3-year term in the fall. The board seeks individuals who have an interest in long-range planning for the school, particularly with expertise in building/facilities, technology, development, budget/finance, and marketing/enrollment. The board will be spending the bulk of next year developing a long-range strategic plan for the school. If this is something that interests you, please consider nominating yourself. The board meets once a month, with committee work taking place between meetings. Nominations will be reviewed by the board and principal in May with new members invited to attend the June 4 meeting. Parishioners, school families, alumni/ae, and members of the Noe Valley community-at-large are all welcome to apply.

To nominate yourself or someone else please send a short paragraph (describing your background, skills, interest areas) to Ms. McKeever at mary.mckeever@saintphilipschool.org by April 30. If you have questions about the consultative board or would like more information, please contact Julie Dowd at juliadowd@hotmail.com or 415-269-6972.
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
During Lent on Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m. as well

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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)
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) Rosary Makers Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)
First Communion Instruction Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)
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Parish Council Young at Heart (Senior Club 50+)
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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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