Pope’s Intention for September: The Protection of the Oceans. That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world’s seas and oceans.

September 1, 2019
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Luke 14:11
**September 1, 2019**

08/31 Saturday  
8:00 a.m. Celebrant’s Intention  
(by: )  
5:00 p.m. † Patricia Crowley  
(by: Patricia Crowley Estate)

09/01 Sunday  
**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 a.m. † J.B. & Giovanna DeMartini  
(by: Corrado DeMartini)  
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

09/02 Monday  
8:00 a.m. † Marie Hong Tran  
(by: Joseph Tran)

09/03 Tuesday  
Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church  
8:00 a.m. † Gertrude McAdams  
(by: Mary Ann DeSouza)

09/04 Wednesday  
8:00 a.m. † Patricia Crowley  
(by: Patricia Crowley Estate)

09/05 Thursday  
8:00 a.m. † John & Eugenia  
(by: Corrado DeMartini)

09/06 Friday  
8:00 a.m. Mike Davis (Spl. Intention)  
(by: Brian & Sandra Kearney)

09/07 Saturday  
Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday  
8:00 a.m. Celebrant’s Intention  
(by: )  
5:00 p.m. † Bisson Family  
(by: Paula Bisson & Ron Tsuchiya)

09/08 Sunday  
**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
8:00 a.m. Celebrant’s Intention  
(by: )  
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 home-bound 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**
- **Denyse Hale**
- **Mow, Kain Chiu**
- **Agnes Piva**
- **Mary Dekle**
- **Danny Forchione**
- **Dolores Martin**
- **Ron Ramirez**
- **Crystal Zapata**
- **Cody Bordelon**

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.**

**August 25, 2019—First Collection**

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**Second Collection - Parish Maintenance**  
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**August 25, 2019—First Collection**

**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

Humility is often misunderstood as feeling inferior about ourselves and carrying around feelings of unworthiness. For many, humility is not considered a strength of character but a negative attribute and sign of weakness. Conversely, in fact, authentic humility is found in the person who is firmly grounded in reality, able to be honest with him or herself, and in right relationship with others and God. A humble person understands his or her place in life and who they are. While placing themselves at the service of others, they are comfortable in their own skin and able to step aside and let others go first. Knowing our proper place in life, offering appropriate respect, and looking to the needs of others are things that will enhance our lives and the lives of our brothers and sisters. Are you humble?

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**REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK**

**First Reading - Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29**  
- Jewish sages frequently spoke of the importance of humility in life. Is this a virtue others see in you?

**Second Reading— Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24**  
The author of Hebrews speaks of our direct access to God through Christ. How often do you take advantage of this spiritual reality?

**Gospel Reading - Luke 14:1, 7-14**  
Jesus encouraged the Pharisees to treat the poor and marginalized in society with dignity and respect. Why do think so many of us need to be reminded often of this message?

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**Prepare Your Heart & Mind for Next Week’s Encounter**

**First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18**—Who knows God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends?

**Psalm: 90:3-6, 12-17**—In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**Second Reading: Philemon 9-10, 12-17**—Perhaps this is why he was away from you for a while, that you would have him back forever, no longer as a slave, but more than a slave, a brother.

**Gospel: Luke 14:25-33**— "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."
The word “humility” originates with the Latin humus, which means the ground or the earth. A truly humble person is one grounded in honesty.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Who doesn’t love a good dinner party?! Great food, excellent company, good wine, and lively conversation. Jesus certainly enjoyed himself at such events and was considered by some to be a glutton and drunkard (Matthew 11:19)!

In today’s gospel Jesus is being hosted by a leading Pharisee. This was likely an extravagant event and certainly wasn’t Jesus’ first or last such dinner.

The first piece of advice Jesus gives is hardly unique to Christianity or even rooted in his identity as Son of God. Instead, it’s practical advice reminiscent of Greek philosophers and good Jewish manners! The aphorism “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted,” will be repeated later in the gospel (Luke 18:14)

The second piece of advice culminating in a promise to be “repaid at the resurrection of the righteous” is rooted more in religious identity and a belief that there would even be a resurrection of the righteous. To receive such an invitation, Jesus implores his host to invite “the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind.” In other words, invite those people who cannot reciprocate. By so doing, God himself will reciprocate on their behalf!

So we have two lessons from today’s reading: humble oneself and serve those who cannot reciprocate. There is certainly more to the entire gospel message than that, but it is an excellent place to start. Moreover, both can be done in imitation of Jesus himself, who truly humbled himself and served us, we whom cannot truly reciprocate.

Praying with the Word

Good and gracious God, in your goodness you have made a home for the poor and the rich and you love us with our gifts and limitations. Thank you for your love. Help me to see myself and others as you see us. Ground me in humility, truth, and love. Amen
**WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED**

**Question:** What is the virtue of humility?

**Answer:** In many ways, humility is the foundation of the spiritual life. It's the virtue by which we know ourselves accurately in relation to God and others. Humility reminds us that we are not the center of the universe. We recognize that we are created beings, totally dependent on God. We are nothing apart from Him. The more we recognize this, the more we're able to open ourselves to God's grace working in our lives. The closer we grow to God, the more we can love others. Humility also recognizes that we're "on par," so to speak, with others. Made in the image and likeness of God, we are all equal in dignity.

Growth in humility is not an easy process. It can mean accepting the humiliations and embarrassing mistakes of our life, learning from them graciously, rather than ignoring them or blaming others. It also means responding to those in authority with respect. We can practice humility by not bulldozing ahead or assuming our opinion or way of doing things is always right. Consider asking yourself: "I wonder what so-and-so would think of this?" It's also important to remember that humility isn't only the opposite of pride. It's also the opposite of excessive self-debasement. We've all experienced the negative self-talk that ignores God's gifts in our lives and in our own person. True humility thanks God for His many gifts and recognizes that He was the One to give them.

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**2019-2020 First Communion and Confirmation Religious Education Classes**

Saint Philip Parish is pleased to announce we are currently accepting applications for the 2019-2020 term for students enrolled in our public and private schools into our Faith Formation Programs.

Sessions will commence in the fall during the September time frame. If you are interested, please take an application from the vestibule bulletin board or visit our website at www.saintphilipparish.org for an online application.

You may also call the Parish Office for detailed information at 415-282-0141.

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**ST. PHILIP’S ANNUAL FESTIVAL**

**A NEIGHBORHOOD TRADITION SINCE 1938**

**Save the Dates!**

**Festival Dinner - Friday—Sept 27**

**Festival Dates - Sept 28 & 29, 2019**

Join the fun by lending a hand as a volunteer or donor.

1) **Be A Donor.** What a better way to support this event. You’ll be recognized on the Donor Wall.
2) **Sell raffle tickets after Mass.** Contact Monica Healy at monicahealy@gmail.com to volunteer.
3) **Donate booth or bingo items.** Contact Kim Anderson at knranderson@gmail.com
4) **Volunteer to help during the festival for kitchen prep and clean up, calling Bingo or staffing the Carnival-style games.** Contact Eunice Chan at Eunice.lim@gmail.com

**GET READY FOR ANOTHER FUN-FILLED WEEKEND!**

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**Are you searching for answers?**

- Trying to make sense of events in your life? in the World?
- Looking for a deeper understanding of your current faith?
- Married a Catholic and trying to understand?

**On your faith journey, have you**

- Never been baptized?
- Baptized in another Christian church?
- Baptized Catholic, never received Eucharist?
- Baptized, received Eucharist but have not been confirmed?
- Left the church, but want to come home?
- Cradle Catholic confirmed, but looking for more?

If you identify with any of the above, or know of someone who does, come and explore the RCIA Program here at St. Philip’s.

Call the Parish Office for more information and to register for the fall (October) opening session. (415) 282.0141
What is a Catechist?

In a few past bulletins we have put the “Call for Catechists” to help in our Faith Formation Program. But what exactly is a catechist? It can sound intimidating for sure. It might even deter you from considering volunteering with children, or you might feel as though you don’t have what it takes to be a catechist!

Yes you have what it takes. Do you need to be an expert in the Catholic faith? Do you need to have all the answers? Absolutely not! A catechist simply needs to be willing to spend time with our children and our youth to share the love of God with them, and to share our common faith together.

Currently, we are in need for a helper Catechist in our Confirmation Program.

If you’ve ever felt called to volunteer in Faith Formation but held yourself back due to fear, now is the time to reach out to us so we can help dispel your fears. The lesson plans are all provided for you and you work with a lead so basically you’ll be and extra pair of hands.

Give us a call at 415-282-0141.

How do I prepare for Mass on Sunday?

Some of us have, at one time or another, had the experience of being there at the beginning of Mass and feeling many miles away. It can seem that we are totally distracted by everything, anything going on around us, and by a long list of things, emotions, memories, that find their way into our consciousness the minute Mass starts.

This very common experience offers us the opportunity to reflect upon what we can do to make our experience of Mass much richer, enjoyable, and helpful for our faith life.

It starts with an attitude - If we think about going to Mass merely as "fulfilling a Sunday obligation," you’ve already lowered the bar terribly to begin with. The Church - the whole People of God - asks us to come together to give thanks and praise to God and because the Mass makes us who we are as Church. The Second Vatican Council’s Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy tells us that the Eucharist (which means "Thanksgiving") is the "source and the summit" of our faith life. Our faith life comes from the liturgy and when we celebrate the liturgy well, that celebration is the best expression of our faith life. The Constitution sought to renew the liturgy so that we might all have "full, conscious and active participation" in it. How different this vision is from “attending” Mass!

We can think about preparing for the liturgy the way we’d prepare for anything we want to participate in fully. If we are going to a new movie that is out, we might read several reviews and get connected with the buzz about the movie. If we are going to sporting event, it always helps our involvement if we stay up to date with the teams and know something about the players and some of the team stats.

The trouble is with the Mass is that we don’t tend to think about our genuine participation in it. We can have a lot of experience of not "getting anything out of it," when we don't prepare to be engaged in the actions of the liturgy and give ourselves to them. So, we are going to briefly reflect on some possibilities for doing just that.

What's going on with this liturgy and how do I find out? - Look in our parish bulletin for the readings for the coming week. Find the readings in your bible or go online at www.usccb.org to read the scripture. Now you’ll have a sense and full context of the what to expect.

Come with an opening prayer in mind.—“What do I want to pray for when the Priest invites us to pray?” What is it that is forming in my heart as a genuine desire for God to give me during this Mass? If you have no desire, no expectation coming to the liturgy, your chances of getting something from it are lessened.

Arriving is part of the journey—If we go to the church, consciously aware that we are being drawn there by the Holy Spirit, and if we have a sense that we are approaching something very special and impactful on our lives, we can prepare ourselves and our family to arrive early.

Holy Water - The first symbol which greets us at the door is water which has been blessed. When we dip our hand in the water and sign ourselves with it, we can experience a sense that we are entering this church, re-connecting with our identity as Baptized into Jesus’ death and resurrection

Genuflecting - It is special ritual we do next. When we approach our pew or seats, we genuflect, recognizing that we are before our God and Savior. We can also say, “Lord, thank you for your Spirit's drawing me here today.

Labor Day Prayer

This day has its foundation in the union organizing history of our country and the rise of the workers to strive for a better life. Let us remember to day all those who labored to obtain for us the right to work in a safe environment with decent wages.

God our Creator, we are the work of your hands. Guide us in our work, that we may do it, not for self alone, but for the common good. Make us alert to injustice, ready to stand in solidarity, that there may be dignity for all in labor and in labor’s reward.

Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd for the Labor Day Holiday.

Please plan accordingly.
Are you planning a winter 2019 wedding?

If so, now is the time to contact the church’s rectory office and discuss your plans with our Administrator 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?

Parents are required to meet with Father John Mary Chung prior to attending a preparation session.

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 September 7, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

The month of September is dedicated to the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary dates from the twelfth century, when it made its appearance in monastic circles under the influence of St. Anselm and St. Bernard. The Cistercians and then the Servites undertook to propagate it. It became widespread in the fourteenth and especially the fifteenth centuries, particularly in the Rhineland and Flanders, where Confraternities of the Sorrowful Mother sprang up. It was in this context that the first liturgical formularies in her honor were composed. A provincial council of Mainz in 1423 made use of these in establishing a "Feast of the Sorrows of Mary" in reparation for Hussite profanations of her images.

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Some Churches had previously celebrated this feast during the Easter season. Others, however, celebrated the Joys of the Blessed Virgin during the Easter season, as is still done today at Braga. In some places it was entitled "Recollection of the Feasts and Joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

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We see this theme of joy followed by affliction mirrored in the liturgical calendar in two September Feasts – the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14 and the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15. Happy the heart of the blessed Virgin Mary! She, without dying, earned the treasure of martyrdom beneath the Cross of our Lord for her anguish. Dürer has forever memorialized this event.

The name of Our Lady of Sorrows centers on the extraordinary and bittersweet suffering the Blessed Mother experienced during Christ's Passion. As seen in the artwork above, her agony is composed of “The Seven Dolors,” that pierced the Heart of Mary. Dürer’s portrayal of each event encompasses the central figure of Christ's sorrowful Mother. During this month of September, we are drawn into the spiritual martyrdom that the Blessed Mother experienced during the physical martyrdom of Jesus. The evils of sin are manifest but conquered through intense suffering. The Blessed Mother's tears of anguish reflect God's washing away of sin. If you haven't ever prayed the Seven Sorrows chaplet, you might want to consider exploring this devotion.

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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 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 frim 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 4:00—4:45 p.m. or by appointment

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

PARISH RESOURCES

PARISH OFFICE
Rio Stefanus, Financial/Business Manager
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Gilberto Mancia, School Maintenance
Mercedes Alvarez, Housekeeper

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
Adult Choir
Children Choir
First Communion Instruction
CCD Confirmation Instruction
Liturgy Committee
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Group (PTG)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction)
Rosary Makers
School Consultative Board
Young at Heart (Senior Club 50+)

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

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN
If you believe you are a victim of sexual abuse, please call our secure and confidential hotline of the Archdiocese of San Francisco at 415.614.5506