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.

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Church Hours
7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. weekdays
7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturdays
7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Sundays

MASS TIMES
Sunday: 8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. & Vigil 5:00 p.m.
Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. - Chapel
Holy Days: 8:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS
4:00-4:45p.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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25th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

“No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.” - Lk 16:13

**September 22, 2019**

- **09/21 Saturday**
  - Saint Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
  - 8:00 a.m. † Carole Viegas
    - (by: Remedios Family)
  - 5:00 p.m. † Arthur McGuigan
    - (by: Helen McGuigan)

- **09/22 Sunday**
  - **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
  - 8:00 a.m. Aurora Mallari (B-Day Blessings)
    - (by: Pura Lippi)
  - 10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish.

- **09/23 Monday**
  - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
  - 8:00 a.m. † Mike Ashe
    - (by: Candy Ashe)

- **09/24 Tuesday**
  - 8:00 a.m. † Ernest & Claire McDermott Higgins
    - (by: Rev. Stephen H. Howell)

- **09/25 Wednesday**
  - 8:00 a.m. † Patricia Crowley
    - (by: Patricia Crowley Estate)

- **09/26 Thursday**
  - Saints Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs
  - 8:00 a.m. † Salvatore “Sal” Rinaldi
    - (by: Rose Rinaldi)

- **09/27 Friday**
  - Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest
  - 8:00 a.m. † Felice & Chiarina DeMartini
    - (by: Corrado DeMartini)

- **09/28 Saturday**
  - Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs
  - 8:00 a.m. † Sheila Jordan
    - (by: Brid Coleman)
  - 5:00 p.m. The Ahern Family
    - (by: Mary Schroer)

- **09/29 Sunday**
  - **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
  - 8:00 a.m. Florence Fraga
    - (by: Mike Henseler)
  - 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 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
- Michael Brust
- Mary Dekle
- Mary Delehanty
- Larry DeMartini
- Marian Dickey
- Danny Fornichon
- Laura Garcia
- Denyse Hale
- Dolores Martin
- Fred Jungmann
- Mow, Kain Chiu
- Ron Ramirez
- Bill Matthews
- Agnes Piva
- Crystal Zapata
- Cody Borden

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.

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

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**REFLECT AND RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK**

**First Reading - Amos 8:4-7** - Amos, an 8th century B.C. prophet, is very critical of the rich who take advantage of the poor and marginalized. What do you think Amos would say about how you treat the poor in your midst?

**Second Reading - 1 Timothy 2:1-8** - Paul advises Timothy to pray without anger or argument. How do you prepare yourself to pray with the proper spiritual disposition?

**Gospel Reading - Luke 16:1-13** - How would you like to cultivate the virtue of prudence?

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**SECOND COLLECTION—Weekend of September 21-22, 2019**

**PREISTS’ RETIREMENT FUND**

Please join in thanking the retired clergy of the Archdiocese of San Francisco with a gift to the Priests Retirement Fund Collection at Masses this weekend.

Support of the Fund helps alleviate the financial burden of living, healthcare, and extended care expenses, and ensures that clergy and religious can spend retirement in continued engagement with their communities. The Priests Retirement Fund is an expression of gratitude to these men for a lifetime of ministry and service.

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**NEXT WEEK’S READINGS (9-29-2019)**

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

**First Reading - Amos 6:1a, 4-7** - Therefore, now they shall be the first to go into exile, and their wanton revelry shall be done away with.

**Psalm: 146:7-10** - Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Second Reading - 1 Timothy 6:11-16** - But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness.

**Gospel: Luke 16:19-31** - “Then Abraham said, ‘If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.’"
Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Have you ever heard a story and wondered what exactly was its point? It’s almost like not quite understanding a joke, and then asking for an explanation. Sometimes our wondering about the point of a story can happen listening to children, but it can also happen in a boardroom! Few times will a brave soul step up and ask, “How does that apply?” or “And what does that mean?”

Today’s parable is a case in point. It has puzzled interpreters for centuries. Part of the problem is that Luke appends to the parable a number of other sayings that attempt to explain it, but which create more difficulties. At least as the New American Bible presents it, the parable ends with this phrase, “And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently.”

In our culture, an employee, such as a manager, keeps track of the moneys owed to his employer by his customers and in return, the employer pays the manager a wage. If that manager reduced the bills that his employer's customers owed to his employer, and was caught, he would most likely be fired and may even find himself in jail. Is Jesus commending this behavior? Not at all. The problem is that when we read the Bible, we assume our own cultural perspectives onto the text, which will often cause serious problems with the interpretation of that text.

In antiquity, a steward functioned as the agent of the master or lord of the estate with the power to hire, fire, enter into contracts, etc. The steward kept the books and received some payment for himself by charging interest. The loan note indicated the amount to be paid back, not the amount borrowed. In essence, the amount to be paid back included the interest, and that extra money was for the steward. So in the parable, when the steward writes down the note, he is effectively giving up his own share of the money owed, 25 percent in one case, 50 percent in the other. The rich man will still receive what is his due in full. So the parable is not about encouraging dishonesty, but rather, the right use of money and resources, which itself is a favorite Lukian theme. It is certainly true that the steward is dishonest, as we learn at the opening verse. And it is for this reason that he is being released. But his writing down of the debt is a crafty way for him to use his own resources (the money owed to him) to curry favor with others.

In fact, this chapter of the Gospel of Luke will have a number of stories reflecting this theme of money. We will read another next week. The right use of wealth was foreshadowed even in last week’s story of the prodigal son.

Luke is the only evangelist to tell this parable of the Dishonest Steward. It is rooted firmly in the ancient world; discerning the likely meaning is much like deciphering a puzzle. Rather than a quick, easy read it’s important to understand something of the context of the ancient world so as to more appropriately apply its lesson.

The 'parable' of this parable is, if you want to interpret the text correctly, you must read it from the perspective of the peoples who lived there in that time.
If you have a loved one who is homebound or know of someone who would like to receive Holy Communion from our altar but unable to attend the Mass celebration, please call the parish office at 415.282.0141 with their contact information so we can reach out to them. We have several ministers who are willing to help. Thank you.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word is back from the summer break. All children ages 4-6 are welcome to participate during the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the chapel.

Our leader’s role is to open the hearts of the children to the word of God and allow them to respond. Parents are welcome to sit with their children if this is a new experience for them.

All our volunteers have participated in the Virtus Training Program for the Safety and welfare of our children.

2019-2020 First Communion and Confirmation Religious Education Classes

It’s not too late! We still are accepting applications for both First Communion and Confirmation Classes for our public/private school students.

Forms may be obtained from our website online or in the vestibule of the Church.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: When Jesus says, "You cannot serve both God and mammon," what does he mean? What is mammon?

Answer: When you hear Scripture proclaimed each Sunday, remember it wasn't originally written in English. Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek - these ancient tongues were the original language of our Old and New Testaments. Most of the time, all of the words are translated into our native language. Sometimes, a word or two is left in the original language. Such is the case in this Scripture passage.

Mammon is an ancient Aramaic word referring to money, wealth, or profit. Earthly wealth isn't bad in itself, nor does it automatically exclude us from being a disciple of Jesus. But what dominates our life? To serve money - that is, to seek accumulation of wealth for its own sake and to structure our lives around it - is morally problematic. What good is our wealth if it isn't at the service of others? What good is our wealth if its pursuit leads us to selfishness, obsession, greed, envy, and comparison? There are many other 'mammons' that can be opposed to our service of God - power, prestige, popularity. Ultimately, something in our lives will be our master. But there is only one God worth serving.
Introducing Holy Hour and Eucharistic Adoration at St. Philip the Apostle Church

Beginning in October, 2019, we will be offering a Holy Hour following the weekday Masses (excluding Tuesdays) and on weekends, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and on Sundays after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

ALL ARE WELCOME

What is a Holy Hour? Holy Hour is the Roman Catholic devotional tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

“Christian life is expressed in the fulfilling of the greatest commandment, that is to say, in the love of God and neighbor, and this love finds its source in the Blessed Sacrament. . . Eucharistic worship is therefore precisely the expression of that love which is the authentic and deepest characteristic of the Christian vocation. This worship springs from the love and serves the love to which we all are called in Jesus Christ. A living fruit of this worship is the perfecting of the image of God that we bear within us. . . As we thus become adorers of the Father ‘in spirit and truth,’ we mature in an ever-fuller union with Christ, we are ever more united to him, and we are ever more in harmony with him. . . We must always have this reality before our eyes.”

Saint John Paul II

Support Groups Fridays at St. Mary’s Cathedral
St. Mary’s Cathedral Event Center,
1111 Gough St., San Francisco,
Monsignor Bowe Room (west side of parking lot level)
First Friday each month, 1:00 – 3:00 pm:

“Strength for the Journey” is a free monthly support group for people with life-threatening illness. Diagnosis can be an opportunity to seek spiritual support through scripture, sacrament, and community. Sessions also provide guidance on Catholic teaching and the preparation of Health Care Directives. Facilitator: Deacon Christoph Sandoval.

For details and registration, contact Sr Elaine Stahl at 415-567-2020 ext. 218 or estahl@stmarycathedralsf.org.

Third Friday each month, 10:30 am – 12:00 noon:
Grief support Program:

These sessions provide information on the grief process, and tips on coping with the loss of a loved one. No charge. Facilitator: Deacon Christoph Sandoval. For details, contact Sr. Elaine Stahl at 415-567-2020, ex. 218, or estahl@stmarycathedralsf.org.

Thank You

Dear St. Philip Parishioners and Friends,
We wish to extend a sincere “Thank You” for helping us meet the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal assessment.

With the pledges and donations received, we will be able to make the payment due without needing to tap into our operations fund.

Our parish as well as others in our Archdiocese will continue to benefit using the many services available to us provided by these funds.

Thank you for your continued stewardship and support.

May God continue to bestow upon you and your families an abundance of graces and blessings!
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.

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.

We encourage you to enroll in our online giving Program

- It’s easy to set up
- Gives you real-time access of your charitable donations

Please visit our website at www.saintphilipparish.org and select the online giving tab on the homepage.

Alternatively, you can download the mobile app from Googleplay or the Apple App Store. Register by entering our church ID of (4254)

If you wish to continue to use your paper envelopes, you are most welcomed to do so.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“No servant can serve two masters.” We struggle with where we put and give our allegiance. Who has the ultimate authority and claim over us? While our minds want to answer “God,” our lives often reveal other conflicting allegiances. Because we are made in the image of God, we are not given a ticket of entitlement or privilege. On the contrary, we are given a level playing field where we are one among many and called to live just and trustworthy lives. To serve God is to serve others and to see the primary purpose and focus of our lives as being good stewards. As God lifts up the poor, so too do we. As much as we want the world and God to serve our own self advancement, we have to resist this temptation at all costs. Injustice has no place in the kingdom of God.

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BEQUESTS

Have you taken the time to establish a Will? It is a way of saying “I love you” to your family and friends and to prevent uncertainty about how you wish your assets distributed.

You may also consider a modest gift to support the future of Saint Philip’s Parish.

For information call the parish office at 415.282.0141.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, “I know what the Bible means!”
His father smiled and replied, “What do you mean, you ‘know’ what the Bible means?”
The son replied, “I do know!”

“Okay,” said his father. “What does the Bible mean?”

“That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, “It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'

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 October 5, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the Rectory.

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

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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 4:00—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

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

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Parish Outreach
Baptismal Classes First Saturday of the Month
9:00 a.m. (Rectory by appt.)
Belfry Society Belfry Society
Adult Choir 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 Third Monday of the month
Parent Teacher Group (PTG) RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
Rosary Makers Third Thursday, 11:30a.m.,
(Hall 3)
School Consultative Board Young at Heart (Senior Club 50+) 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