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February 26, 2017  Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Then all things will be given to you. | Matthew 6:33

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Rev. Brendan McBride
In residence
Irish Pastoral Center

LITURGIES
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.
9:00 a.m.
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4:15 p.m. (Saturday)

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There is a way in which our living in anxiety is a statement that we don’t trust in God. Complete trust in God doesn’t mean life won’t have difficulties, but it does mean they can be faced calmly, with faith.

Reflecting on the Gospel

Dear Parishioners and Guests,

This gospel is full of questions, just as our everyday living is. We struggle with providing for our needs, having enough for retirement, worrying about paying mounting bills. And so we often ask, how will we manage? Where will we be in ten years? How can we not worry? Amidst the myriad questions that fill this gospel and daily living, we must strike a balance between having an overly confident trust in ourselves and our own abilities, on the one hand, and not having too naïve a dependence on God on the other hand.

Everyday living requires that we both engage with providing ourselves with what we need as well as turning ourselves to God who provides all. It’s all about perspective and Jesus tells us what is a proper perspective: we are to “seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.” In all we do, we must keep God and right relationship before us as our guiding perspective. The issue of the gospel is not our time and concerns; the issue is who or what master controls our decisions and their outcomes. Beginning with the conviction that God cares and provides for us, our only overriding worry ought to be how strong we seek God and divine righteousness.

It is natural to worry about immediate things that affect our daily living like food and shelter, job security and paying bills. We usually don’t worry about ultimate things. Our own short-sightedness can leave us quite impoverished. Jesus challenges us to a longer view: “seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.” With this perspective our wealth is assured, but it is not a wealth counted by met needs, worry-free security, or material possessions. The wealth God offers is the Life given those embraced by God’s tender love—Life lived today, tomorrow, and for eternity.

Jesus tells us that we cannot serve “two masters.” Clearly, he is pitting exclusive concern (“worry”) with ourselves, our wants, our needs against single-mindedly seeking “the kingdom of God and his righteousness.” We are not to neglect our legitimate needs, but to keep them in proper perspective. We must “not worry” but look beyond today and even tomorrow. In everything we do, we must serve only one Master, the God who lavishly provides and cares for us—today, tomorrow, and even unto fullness of Life forever.

For Reflection:
♦ What has worry or anxiety gained for you in life?
♦ Have prayer and trust in God offered peace even in the midst of difficulty?

Living the Paschal Mystery

Our perspective on life, on what matters to us, on what drives our decisions is revealed to us in many ways. We need only to look at our possessions, preoccupations, what motivates us. When we become caught up in serving our social status or image, our acquisition of things, our professional success, even our own self-righteousness, we afflict ourselves with the anxieties such priorities always engender. When we choose to serve God—make God the Master-center of our lives—we enter a realm of internal freedom and wealth beyond calculation.

The gospel invites us to turn our attention to what truly matters—the Life only God can Give. What is Jesus telling us must be our first concern in life? While being attentive to having the food and clothing, etc., that is normal and necessary, our priority must be what God offers and only God can give: eternal care, eternal Life.

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**Remember the Sick 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**  Mow, 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**
**Fred Jungmann**  **Archbishop Emeritus John R. Quinn**
**Archbishop Emeritus George H. Niederauer**

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED.**
May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

For those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

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**First Saturday Mass & Stations of the Cross**

The monthly first Saturday Mass offered for all those interred in our Catholic Cemeteries will be celebrated on Saturday, March 4, at 11:00 a.m. in All Saints Chapel at Holy Cross Cemetery. Fr. Tony LaTorre of St. Stephen’s Parish will be the celebrant. All are welcome to join in prayer.

**Holy Cross Cemetery, 1500 Mission Road, Colma, CA**

**Lenten note:** All are invited to pray the Stations of the Cross at Holy Cross Cemetery, particularly during Lent. There are three locations where the Stations of the Cross are available for private prayer and reflection: Indoors at All Saints Mausoleum and Holy Cross Mausoleum; Outdoors in Sections G2 & L2. The cemetery office has prayer booklets and maps. The Mausoleum buildings are open 9:00 a.m – 4:00 p.m.

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**Tuesday’s Choir Practice**

**Adults**  Tuesdays, 7:30PM in the Church
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02/25  Jambalaya Dinner, Parish Hall, 6PM no host refreshments, 6:30PM Dinner
03/01  Ash Wednesday Day of Fasting & Abstinence, (Ashes will be distributed at Masses: 8:00, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.)
03/02  Seven Deadly Sins Series beings, 7PM Parish Hall, call Parish Hall to reserve your space
03/03  Boy Scout Den Meeting #15, 6PM, Parish Hall
03/04  First Friday of Lent—Stations of the Cross following the 8AM Mass
03/05  St. Philip’s School Collection (Second Collection)
03/08  Boy Scouts Den Meeting #16, 6PM, Parish Hall
03/09  Rosary Ministry/Senior Mtg, 11:30AM, Hall #3

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**Seeking 44 volunteers for Saint Philips’ Lenten Almsgiving of Time Community Event Saturday, March 25, 2017 12:30pm - 3:30pm**

Minimum age to participate: 8 years

Once again dear friends Saint Philip is returning to the San Francisco Marin Food Bank as part of our Lenten community almsgiving.

We have appreciated your time and talent in the past, and look forward to sharing time again together.

Your participation makes a definite impact toward the efforts in fighting hunger in our local communities. If you wish to participate, please email: sandy.kearney@saintphilipparish.org or call the parish office at 415-282-0141.
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SEVEN DEADLY SINS, SEVEN LIVELY VIRTUES

BEGINS THURSDAY, MARCH 2ND, 7PM IN THE PARISH HALL

Pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, gluttony and lust: these “seven deadly sins” are patterns of dysfunction that keep us separated from God and ultimately lead to unhappiness. Join us as we embark on Bishop Robert Barron’s exploration of these seven sinful patterns and also learn how practicing countervailing virtues can break the cycle of sin.

On Thursday, March 2 our parish will begin with an Introduction - A Deeper Look at Sin & Virtue and Exploring Pride & Humility We will meet for the next three following Thursdays as well from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. to hear Bishop Robert Barron via his DVD program and participate in roundtable discussions.

This Lenten event is free as you embark in your Lenten Journey preparing to celebrate the Paschal Mystery at Easter.

Please call the parish office at 415-282-0141 to register.
Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017
Our Lenten Season Begins
Masses 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Ashes will be distributed at all Masses

Lent calls us to return to the image of God that we were fashioned to reflect.

Lenten Fridays—Stations of the Cross after the 8:00 a.m. Mass—Led by the laity

Thursday, March 2, 9, 16, & 23
Lenten 4-week series on The Seven Deadly Sins and Seven Lively Virtues
7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall (FREE) Call the Parish Office to register 415-282-0141

Saturday, March 25
Community Almsgiving of Time at the SF-Marin Food Bank, Ages 8+ invited
12:30 to 3:30, 900 Pennsylvania Avenue, San Francisco. Contact Parish office at 415-282-0141 to register

Thursday, March 30
Communal Penance service with opportunity for individual confession, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 5
Sacred Space, Parish Hall 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Confessions at 1PM in the Sacred Space Closing Prayer service at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Sunday, April 9
Palm Sunday of the Lord’s Passion
Saturday, April Vigil Mass, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 9, Masses at 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

During the Lenten Season, feel free to make use of the pamphlets and resources, which will be available to you in the church at a table by the St. Joseph statue area.

May these Lenten activities and others help to enhance your Lenten Journey.

ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
2017 LIVING FAITH
Let your light shine before all people...and glorify your Father in heaven.”
Matthew 5:16

It is with sincere gratitude to see the list of donors continue to increase in support of the 2017 annual appeal. We are striving for 100% participation in order to ensure we meet our obligation of $39,879.00.

If you did not receive a brochure, we have some available at the back of the church and pews for your convenience.

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Ash Wednesday - Wednesday, March 1, 2017
We encourage you to begin Lent by attending Mass on Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed at the 8:00, 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses.

Lenten Regulations

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. On these two days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drinking liquids during the day is permitted. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Catholic Charities Lenten Activities
“Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly”
We invite you to join Catholic Charities to experience Lent in these concrete ways:

♦ Tour one of their programs to grow in awareness about the needs in our community
♦ Share your time by becoming a volunteer
♦ Making a difference by donating to those in need.

Visit their website at: https://catholiccharitiessf.org/all-opportunities/ to sign up for a Lenten opportunity or for more information, please contact: Diana Contreras, Volunteer Manager at 415-972-1227 or via email at: volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org

Department of Catholic Schools New Appointment
Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone has appointed Pamela Lyons to the position of Superintendent of Schools, effective July 1. She succeeds Dr. Nina Russo, who has served as interim superintendent for the past two years and is retiring after seven years in archdiocesan leadership and a 36-year career in education.

Pamela Lyons is a graduate of Saint Mary’s College of California and received her graduate degree from the University of Notre Dame. After teaching in East Bay schools early in her career, she spent six years working in corporate training before returning to Catholic education, serving for nine years as principal of Assumption School in San Leandro. In 2014, Ms. Lyons joined the Department of Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of San Francisco and has served as assistant superintendent and most recently as associate superintendent.
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Ms. Rachel Williams, Director
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PARISH OUTREACH
Baptismal Classes First Tuesday of the Month 7:00 p.m. (Rectory)
Belfry Society Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Church)
Adult Choir Children Choir Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)
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,
School Board 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)
St. Vincent de Paul Jr. Young at Heart (Senior Club) Second & Third Thursday,
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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 Alonan 7:00 p.m. Lyons
Saturday A.A. Meeting (Mixed) 7:30 p.m. Hall

Feel free to call our parish office to schedule your initial meeting at 415-282-0141

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.

Are you interested in having 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism

Our Online Giving system now is also an App for Apple and Android products! You can download it for free in the App Store, Google Play Store or go to OLGapp.com.

If you are new to Online Giving, register by entering our church ID of (4254)

Of course if you wish to continue to use your paper envelopes, you are most welcomed to do so. We are offering this option for your convenience.

Soon we will also be able to offer Online Giving via Texting, again for your convenience.
**Duggan’s Funeral Service**

**The Duggan Welch Family**

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