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October 2, 2016  Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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., (8:45 a.m. School Mass) & 7:00 p.m.
Confessions:  4:15 p.m. (Saturday)

DEVOTIONS

Rosary - Monday - Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Eucharistic Adoration - 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Saturdays in the Chapel

Luke 17:5-10
**Reflecting on the Gospel**

We have great respect for people who are conscientious, fulfill their duties, do all that is expected of them. More than even respect, we have great awe for those who walk the extra mile, who reach out to others when this is not required, who go beyond normal expectations. Going beyond expectations is an enlargement of self that enables us to transcend boundaries and limits, and achieve the seemingly impossible. People who do this can move mountains, can shake foundations, can uproot a mulberry tree. These people inspire us, move us to greater heroics, challenge us to stretch ourselves so that we become even larger than life. These are people of great faith.

The apostle demand that Jesus increase their faith. Jesus responds that even faith “the size of a mustard seed” is enough to do great things. The “unprofitable servants” of Jesus’ gospel teaching simply do what they are commanded—they do not go beyond normal expectations, we must risk doing the impossible and thereby become profitable servants. In this we align ourselves with God, become able to do as God does. Being aligned with God: this is faith.

Faith-filled persons take what they have—whether little or great—and *act*. If we wait until we think we have enough faith, we will never act. In the first example about the mulberry tree, Jesus is saying that even a little faith is enough to move this tree. The point about faith that Jesus makes is not that it be measured; active and fruitful faith is not a matter of “how much.” But we must use what we do have, because even a little bit gives us great power to accomplish God’s work. We have this power not on our own, but because we give ourselves over to God’s will and God’s ways. Faith is aligning ourselves with God so that we can act with God’s power—then we can do the seemingly impossible.

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**PRAYER FOR REFLECTION:** Generous God, you have planted the gift of faith in our hearts. Help me trust that the faith I have will be enough whether life is easy or difficult. Stir that gift into a flame that sets the world on fire with the light of your Son, Jesus Christ

**Amen.**
**Tuesday’s Choir Practice**

Adults  Tuesdays, 7:30PM in the Church
Children’s Choir  - Tuesdays 4PM in the Church

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  Mow, Kain Chiu
Patricia Crowley Mary Deke
Laura Garcia Douglas Martin
Agnes Piva Bill Matthews
John Bamber Mary Leung
Mary Crowley Gina Wood

Those Who Have Entered Their Eternal Rest.
May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

For those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage

Robert de Francis & Kimberly Tagle

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**Masses for the Week**

**October 2, 2016**

10/01 Saturday  Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, Doctor of the Church
5:00 p.m. † Michael O’Leary
(by: Rhona O’Leary)

10/02 Sunday  8:00 a.m. Alaia Dean (Spl. Intention)
(by: Papa & Mama)
10:30 a.m. † Nestor Quiambao
(by: Mila Schneider)

10/03 Monday  8:00 a.m. † Peggy McGuinness
(by: Caroline Delancy)

10/04 Tuesday  Saint Francis of Assisi
8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

10/05 Wednesday  8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

10/06 Thursday  Saint Bruno, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Peggy Cashman
(by: McAuliffe Family)

10/07 Friday  Our Lady of the Rosary
8:00 a.m. Nelly Killian
(by: the McAuliffe Family)

10/08 Saturday  8:00 a.m. † Ashley Phero
(by: The Gard Family)
5:00 p.m. † Rusty Firenze
(by: Rita Murphy)

10/09 Sunday  8:00 a.m. † Rev. Joseph Sullivan
(by: Aurora & Oscar Mallari)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

**September 25, 2016**

Louisiana Flood Aid - $700.00

**Luncheon Honoring Retired Priests and Benefiting the Priests Retirement Fund**

Friday, October 28, 11:30 a.m.
St. Mary’s Cathedral,
1111 Gough Street, San Francisco

This Sixth Annual Saint John Vianney Luncheon raises funds to pay for medical expenses not covered by insurance and assisted living and nursing care for our retired priests. The Luncheon also provides us with the unique opportunity to show our appreciation for their life work and dedication to our Catholic community.

To reserve tickets and complete an RSVP card, please visit the Development Department online at SFArch.org/PFRlunch. Tickets are $125 per person and are partially tax-deductible.

If you cannot attend you can support the Retirement Fund by sending in your individual donation to Archdiocese of San Francisco, Office of Development, Priests Retirement Fund, One Peter Yorke Way, San Francisco, CA 94109

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2016 Rosary Rally, Saturday, October 8
Rosaryrallysf.com

San Francisco Rosary Rally: Join priests, seminarians, your fellow Catholics, and Archbishop Cordileone on Saturday, October 8 in witnessing to the truth and beauty of the Catholic faith at the Fifth Annual San Francisco Rosary Rally! The day will begin with a 10:00 AM Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral, followed by a Eucharistic procession to U.N. Plaza (on Market between 7th and 8th Streets) at 11:15. The rally begins in the Plaza at 12 noon. The rally will be completed and crowned with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. For more info, visit www.rosaryrallysf.com
October count is here!

Beginning with the October 1 & 2 weekend of Masses, please be aware our ushers will be seen discreetly going up and down the church aisles and taking an attendance count of people for each of the individual Masses.

This is a practice that is done annually throughout all the parishes as a means of measuring the attendance from year to year.

Thank you for your understanding during this process.

Thank You & Congratulations!

We wish to express our heart-felt thanks to the many families, parishioners, friends and guests and sponsors who supported this years annual festival. By the sights and sounds of the weekend, it was apparent all the right pieces were in place for a positive and fun-filled event.

We all know it takes many hands volunteering to accomplish this annual event working behind the scenes as well. From those responsible for the planning, set up, take down, packing, carting, hammering, etc., you get the idea we appreciate you all.

A special thanks to our Co-Chairs, Kim Anderson and Robb Erskine for overseeing and keeping this event on task. We hope you can hear the round of applause!

We also extend a grateful thanks to the following sponsors for their support:

**Gold Sponsor: $2000**
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1st Place $2,500 Megan Mullins
2nd Place $1,000 Federico Tevarotto
3rd Place $ 500 Tony Foglio

Congratulations to our Raffle Winners!

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE RECTORY OFFICE

The Archdiocese of San Francisco presents the 2016

**Clericus Classic Basketball Game**

featuring Priests of the Archdiocese vs. St. Patrick’s Seminarians

Bring family and friends to root for your favorite priest or seminarian!

Friday, October 21, 7:00 pm
Archbishop Riordan High School
175 Phelan Ave., San Francisco

Limited number of tickets available in select parishes or at SFArch.org/basketball
$10 general | $5 students

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
CELEBRATING OUR SACRAMENTS

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.

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 make contact with the parish 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

CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE?
Call Retrouvaille.... (415) 893-1005
❤️Do you feel lost and alone?
❤️Are you hurt, frustrated, or angry with each other?
❤️Have you thought about separation or divorce?
❤️Would you simply like to improve communication skills?
Pope Benedict XVI met with Retrouvaille participants and explained that when a marriage is suffering, the spouses are facing an opportunity that “will help them to grow.” Guided by Mary and with the help of the Lord, their love will be purified, deepened and strengthened.
Retrouvaille is the name of a Catholic Ministry designed to help heal and renew marriages. Retrouvaille is not just for hurting couples and welcomes all couples wanting to bring new life to their marriage. Couples of all faiths and those with no faith tradition are welcome and encouraged to attend. The ultimate goal of Retrouvaille is solely to help save marriages.
Retrouvaille is not a retreat or marriage counseling. There are neither group dynamics nor group discussions on the weekend. It is not a time for hurting; it is a time for healing. There are several Retrouvaille weekends each year being held throughout California, along with English or Spanish speaking sessions.
Go to www.retrouvaille.org
It’s not too late to register for the November 4th weekend!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
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First Communion Classes
While our sessions have formally begun there is still time to register!
If you have a son/daughter, or know of someone who is not enrolled in our school, but wishes to have their child receive the Sacrament of First Communion, do call the parish office at 415-282-0141 to get registered.

We are more than happy to welcome anyone interested in receiving their Sacraments. It is a blessing and a joy to offer our Catholic faith and traditions to those interested.

The class meets at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the chapel of the Church followed by the 10:30 Mass. Classes conclude at 11:30 a.m.

It is with great joy that we welcome the following children into our Catholic Community as they received the Sacrament of Baptism during September, 2016

Violet Grace Brady
(Parents: Stuart & Alexandra Brady)

Sean Anthony Conlan
(Parents: Sean & Aislinn Conlon)

Ava Claire Fahey
(Parents: Noel & Sharon Fahey)

Ivan Mateo Tagle
(Parents: Jason & Christina Tagle)

"...for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ." ~ Galatians 3:27
The son of a wealthy cloth merchant and a devout, loving mother, Francis enjoyed an easy life. His fun-loving way and sunny personality made him very popular. Francis dreamed of becoming a noble knight who would accomplish fantastic deeds. When Assisi and Perugia were at war, Francis had his chance to be a soldier, a defender of right. But the vicious deeds. When Assisi and Perugia were at war, Francis had his chance to be a soldier, a defender of right. But the vicious

One day while he was praying in an old church, Francis heard a voice say, “Francis, go repair my house which, as you see, is falling into ruin.” Impulsively Francis rushed home, grabbed bolts of cloth to sell, and took the money to the priest of the church. But the priest refused the money, and Francis’s father was very angry with his son. Francis returned the money, gave up his own expensive clothes, and decided that he would rely on his heavenly Father for all that he needed.

For the next few years, Francis worked by hand to repair the little church. Then one day at Mass he heard a reading from the Gospel that helped him understand that he was called to do three things: to be one with his heavenly Father, to work for the Church, and to become as much like Jesus as possible.

Thérèse was the daughter of Louis and Zélie Martin. When she was four years old, her pleasant childhood was interrupted by Zélie’s untimely death. Then Thérèse’s older sister, Pauline, took responsibility for raising her in the faith. In 1882, Pauline entered the Carmelite convent at Lisieux, igniting a desire in Thérèse to do the same. Thérèse’s fourteenth year was pivotal. Her sister, Mary, joined Pauline at the convent. And at Christmas, the young saint had an experience she described as her “conversion.” Later, in A Story of a Soul, her autobiography, Thérèse described it as a release from depression and oversensitivity: “Jesus flooded the darkness of my soul with torrents of light. I got back for good the strength of soul lost when I was four and a half. Love filled my heart, I forgot myself, and henceforth I was happy.” In spite of Thérèse’s youth, the next year the bishop allowed her to become a Carmelite at Lisieux.

Thérèse said, “My vocation is love.” The Carmelite sisters were not perfect, but she loved them as she loved Christ. This took much faith and sacrifice. Thérèse also loved the Church. She could not go to the missions as she desired, but she offered up her sufferings for missionaries. After intense suffering from tuberculosis, Thérèse died when she was 24. Her last words were “My God, I love you.” In 1997 she was declared a Doctor of the Church. In 2002 her relics were taken to countries like Iraq on a peace pilgrimage.

October 1 - Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (1873-1897)

October 4 - Saint Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

People who met Francis of Assisi had to notice his enthusiasm and energy, his tendency to give playful pats to a wandering animal, and his grateful acceptance of anything that was offered to him. His warmth and his love for people and nature might have given the impression that Francis knew nothing about discipline or suffering. But this would be a false impression.

He also realized that he was to rebuild not churches, but the Church. All alone he started traveling from place to place, sleeping on the ground, begging for food, preaching about the Father’s loving care and the need everyone has to repent and to turn back to God. He tried to convince the rich to live a simpler lifestyle and to create better conditions for the poor. He offered a sense of dignity and respect to the poor themselves. Francis’s gentleness and good humor were contagious. Many men joined him, living in poverty and traveling with him, preaching the Good News. So many came that Francis had to write guidelines for their lives, which received the approval of the pope.

Francis wanted more than anything else to become like Jesus because he loved Jesus so much. He tried to be as poor as Jesus was, as humble as he was, and as compassionate toward those who suffered.

October 4 - Saint Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

As a school and parish community last December we came together to kick off the Year of Mercy by volunteering at the San Francisco Marin Food Bank. November 20th marks the close of the Year of Mercy and once again I’d like to invite you to participate in another volunteering night.

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 22, 2016 for Saint Philip’s return to the Food Bank.

Our session will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. This event is open to anyone aged 11+

Location: 900 Pennsylvania Ave, San Francisco, CA 94107

Keep in mind November 22nd is only two days before Thanksgiving Day. A day that many of us will be enjoying a bountiful meal at home with friends and family or traveling.

Let’s once again join forces to ensure some of our local brothers & sisters can have a full pantry in order to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal too.

If you are interested in joining me in this worthwhile effort, email me at sandy.kearney@saintphilipparish.org

Peace & Blessings to you all

Sandy Kearney
Pastoral Assistant

Did you know that our parish school can earn cash by collecting General Mills Box Tops for Education?

That’s right and you can help in this easy fundraising effort

You may recognize the logo noted above on several products you normally purchase throughout the year. All you need to do is clip that little logo, collect several and turn them in to the school office or rectory during normal operating hours. Working together we can make a difference!
Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

“How long, O Lord?” (Habakkuk 1:2). With Habakkuk’s question echoing across twenty-six hundred years, Respect Life Sunday finds all life claiming sanctuary in our hearts: unborn infant, senior citizen, immigrant and refugee, imprisoned and addicted, people burdened with illness and disabilities of body, mind, or spirit. Even Mother Earth, Pope Francis notes in Laudato Si’, bears scars of disrespect for the life she nurtures and sustains. Life is still threatened, as in Habakkuk’s day, with ruin and misery, “destruction and violence, . . . strife and clamorous discord” (see 1:3). Since our efforts so often seem ineffective, we “unprofitable servants” cry with the apostles, “Increase our faith” (Luke 17:10, 5). But Jesus’ reply might be paraphrased, “Not quantity—quality.” Next weekend marks the Jubilee Year of Mercy’s special devotion to Mary, whose willingness to shelter Jesus in her womb and stand at the foot of his cross bears witness to the qualities that Jesus expects our faith to manifest: the willingness to trust, to risk, and to dare to speak up for life.

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PARISH OUTREACH
Altar Society
Baptismal Classes First Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
( Rectory)
Belfry Society
Adult Choir Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Church)
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, 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

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.

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, 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.
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