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July 23, 2017  Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE Parables of Jesus

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MASS TIMES
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.
           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

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It can be easy to focus on what’s wrong in life and in the world. Some time spent focused on grace and goodness can lead us to a brighter day.

**Reflecting on the Gospel**

Dear Parishioners and Guests,

Earthly kingdoms are marked by geographic boundaries, the will of the ruler and birthright. This gospel speaks of the “kingdom of heaven,” of God’s kingdom. This divine kingdom’s geographic boundaries are all that is. God’s will rules this kingdom and the kingdom is visible whenever God’s will is being done. The firstborn of this kingdom is the divine Son, but we are all heirs of this kingdom through our baptism.

“The kingdom of heaven is like . . . .” Whatever parable Jesus uses to teach about the kingdom of heaven, always at issue is growth, abundance, increase. While “the enemy” may try to thwart the kingdom, in the end God will prevail and “the righteous will shine like the sun.” So, “the kingdom of heaven is like” those of us who hear and live the Good News Jesus teaches. We ourselves are “the kingdom of heaven” when we live according to God’s ways, accepting the gracious will of God as the rule of our lives. We ourselves become the spaciousness of God’s kingdom, making visible the divine Presence and will to all those we touch with our own presence.

Jesus describes the kingdom of heaven as we presently experience it with room for growth and maturation: there are weeds among the wheat, a bush is in growth, the dough is rising. The wheat, bush, dough are not finished products; it takes time and patience to bring forth the desired good end. In this present age we are to live with patience and confident assurance that the kingdom of heaven will become fully manifest in us: we will be a harvest, we will be a large bush, we will be a loaf of bread. The mystery of the kingdom, of course, is that while the end is guaranteed—life will come forth—all of us must live faithfully and work diligently if we wish to reap the fruits of following God’s will—Life everlasting.

In the end it is less important to understand God’s kingdom with our minds than it is to live according to the values of the kingdom. The first reading lists some of these values for us: the children of the kingdom are to live like the Master of the kingdom—showing the kind of care, leniency, clemency, justice, and kindness that instill in others hope rather than despair, fecundity rather than barrenness, the desire to do good rather than evil. We can come confidently to the day of judgment by being good disciples of the Master. As we grow in our discipleship, it is patience and hope in the final outcome that sustains us so that in the end we will be counted among the “righteous [who] shine like the sun.”
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.

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Those who have died, David Pagano, William “Billy” Kreps, Maureen Mary Frances O’Donnell Socal 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.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**July 23, 2017**

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<td>7/26 Wednesday</td>
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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. These sessions normally take place the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.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. 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

**PARISH SERVICES**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Friday

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Tuesday’s Choir Practice
Adults - on Break
Children’s Choir - on Break

7/23 AAA 2017 Second Collection
8/01 Baptismal Prep Session—by Appointment 7PM
8/03 Senior/Rosary Group, 11:30 a.m., Hall #3
8/10 Last Summer Movie—11:30 Parish Hall
8/13 School Second Collection
8/15 Holy Day of Obligation—The Assumption

St. Philip Parish
Annual Festival
A Noe Valley Tradition

Sept. 23 & 24, 2017
Dinner on Friday
Sept. 22, 2017

SAVE THE DATE

A R O U N D  T H E  A R C H D I O C E S E

George Weigel Speaks on "The Courage to Be Catholic Today"

Thursday, July 27, 6:00–10:00 pm
Star of the Sea Auditorium,
4420 Geary Blvd., San Francisco
Claire Herrick 415-751-0450 x22

Star of the Sea Church welcomes George Weigel, Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center, a Catholic theologian, and one of America's leading public intellectuals. Weigel is the author of Witness to Hope: The Biography of Pope John Paul II and twenty other books. He is Senior Vatican Analyst for NBC News, and is a frequent guest on television and radio. His syndicated column, "The Catholic Difference," appears in 85 newspapers and magazines in seven countries, including our archdiocesan newspaper Catholic San Francisco.

Parking is free. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased online at Eventbrite. https://www.eventbrite.com/e/george-weigel-the-courage-to-be-catholic-tickets-35833074691

Your are Cordially invited to our final Summer Movie Showing and Ice Cream Social—FREE

Thursday, August 10, 2017—11:30 a.m.
Bring Your Own Lunch & Socialize with friends and make new friends!

Popcorn and refreshments will be provided. Call 415-282-0141 to RSVP and place your order: root beer float, hot fudge sundae or banana split

Mr. Hobbs TAKES A VACATION

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Let your light shine before all people...and glorify your Father in heaven." - Matthew 5:16

As of July 18, our outstanding balance due is: $3,594.00

We are almost there. Please use the AAA brochures in the pews to make your donation so we can complete this obligation. We offer our thanks to the following donors.

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- 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, engaged, but looking for more?

If you identify with any of the above, or know of someone who does, come and explore the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) here at Saint Philip.

**Sessions are held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in our Resource Center starting mid September.**

Interested parties please call the parish office 415-282-0141 for more information and a registration form.

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

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July 25—Saint James

This James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus had already called another pair of brothers from a similar occupation: Peter and Andrew. “He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him” (Mark 1:19-20).

James was one of the favored three who had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony in Gethsemani.

Two incidents in the Gospels describe the temperament of this man and his brother. Saint Matthew tells that their mother came—Mark says it was the brothers themselves—to ask that they have the seats of honor in the kingdom. “Jesus said in reply, ‘You do not know what you are asking. Can you drink the cup that I am going to drink?’ They said to him, ‘We can’” (Matthew 20:22). Jesus then told them they would indeed drink the cup and share his baptism of pain and death, but that sitting at his right hand or left was not his to give—it “is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father” (Matthew 20:23b). It remained to be seen how long it would take to realize the implications of their confident “We can!”

The other disciples became indignant at the ambition of James and John. Then Jesus taught them all the lesson of humble service: The purpose of authority is to serve. They are not to impose their will on others, or lord it over them. This is the position of Jesus himself. He was the servant of all; the service imposed on him was the supreme sacrifice of his own life.

On another occasion, James and John gave evidence that the nickname Jesus gave them—“sons of thunder”—was an apt one. The Samaritans would not welcome Jesus because he was on his way to hated Jerusalem. “When the disciples James and John saw this they asked, ‘Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to consume them?’ Jesus turned and rebuked them…” (Luke 9:54-55).

James was apparently the first of the apostles to be martyred. “About that time King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also” (Acts 12:1-3a).

This James, sometimes called James the Greater, is not to be confused with James the Lesser or with the author of the Letter of James and the leader of the Jerusalem community.

Reflection

The way the Gospels treat the apostles is a good reminder of what holiness is all about. There is very little about their virtues as static possessions, entitling them to heavenly reward. Rather, the great emphasis is on the Kingdom, on God’s giving them the power to proclaim the Good News. As far as their personal lives are concerned, there is much about Jesus’ purifying them of narrowness, pettiness, fickleness.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Our Sunday Children’s Liturgy of the Word is taking a hiatus for the summer. We will return again in September.

If you have available time and would like to share it with our school and parish youngsters and grow in your own faith, learn the teachings of the Church, and deepen your relationship with Jesus, we would love to hear from you.

Call the parish office at 415-282-0141.

Time commitment is on Sundays at 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. for First Communion Prep and Children’s Liturgy during the 10:30 a.m. Mass after the welcome till the Offertory.

Top Reasons to Get Involved

1. Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus’ ministry.
2. Children, teens, and adults in today’s world, more than ever, need to hear the Good News of Jesus.
3. Children, teens, and adults in today’s world, more than ever, need to encounter good role models of faith.
4. You have much to share with those you’ll teach, and you’ll have opportunities to share faith with other catechists.
5. Today’s catechetical resources offer outstanding support.
6. You’ll be challenged, you’ll have fun, and you’ll make new friends.
7. You’ll be helping people deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You’ll be evangelizing!)
8. You’ll be handing on a 2000-year-old Tradition that changes lives.

It’s our job: Jesus sent us to “go and teach all nations.”
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PARISH OUTREACH
Baptismal Classes First Tuesday of the Month 7:00 p.m. (Rectory by appt.)
Belfry Society
Adult Choir Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Church)
Children Choir Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)
First Communion Instruction...Sundays 9:15 a.m. (chapel)
Confirmation Instruction
Liturgy Committee
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
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 7:00 p.m. Lyons

Are you planning a fall or spring 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.
Feel free to call our parish office to schedule your initial meeting at 415-282-0141

Online Giving
Going on vacation? Please use Online Giving to catch up on offertory. Go to www.saintphilipparish.org and click on the Online Giving link—it’s quick and easy! Your support during summer months helps sustain our parish.
We also have “I gave online” cards at the back of the church if you wish to have a physical expression of your stewardship when the collection basket comes around.

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, or go online at www.saintphilipparish.org
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.
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