"If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me."

Matthew 16:24

September 3, 2017 Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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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Though we’d prefer an always-easy life, life isn’t that way.
A deepened relationship with God is the ultimate place to turn.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Sometimes we are asked, “Do you want the good news first, or the bad?” How we answer probably depends on the gravity of the situation, our own mood and temperament, and whether we want to get the bad news out of the way so we can enjoy the good or hear the good first so that it softens the bad. In this gospel Jesus definitely gives the bad news first: he will suffer and die; his followers must carry their cross and lose their life for the sake of others. We not only have to hear the bad news before hearing the good news, we also must live the bad news before we receive the best news possible: that we will share in Jesus’ risen Life.

W wouldn’t recoil, like Peter, when Jesus says that he would “suffer greatly . . . And be killed,” especially when he says that this is also the lot of those who faithfully follow him. Jesus’ curt command to Peter—“Get behind me, Satan!”—points to the crux of the challenge: we are to think like God, not like humans. In God’s saving plan, we must lose our life for Jesus’ sake—only in this way can we share in Jesus’ risen Life. No human instinctively understands or naively embraces this. God’s love alone reveals this mystery and strengthens us as we surrender ourselves to it.

If we only focus on the cost of discipleship—dying to self; losing one’s life for the sake of another; daring to be a countercultural sign in a culture overtaken with more and better possessions, constant entertainment, self-indulgence—we’ll become as disillusioned and discouraged as Jeremiah in the first reading. We always need to hear Jesus’ whole message about the paschal mystery: we must lose our life in order to find it. The suffering and death always lead to new Life. We know this because Jesus has already shown us the way. His prophecy about his passion and death includes his announcement of being raised to new Life. The good news-bad news question really is a non-question for Jesus’ disciples. Whatever suffering and death we embrace, we know includes a share in Jesus’ risen Life.

Living the Paschal Mystery

This gospel begins with a clear statement of what we call the paschal mystery: Jesus will “suffer,” “be killed,” and “be raised.” Peter recoils at this statement of Jesus’ fate. So do we! Suffering and death is hardly an attraction that we would seek and make central in our daily lives. Yet it must be, for Jesus attests that the only way to have our life is to lose it. Why would we want to make losing our life—suffering and death—something central to our daily living? Like Peter, we tend to limit our vision by focusing only on the suffering and death, only on the bad news. The fullness of the paschal mystery always leads through suffering and death to new Life. And this is good news, indeed—the best of good news!

Authentic discipleship doesn’t require us to seek suffering. Being faithful to Jesus will bring enough as it is. This is so because living and witnessing to Gospel values challenges so many values society touts are the ones that will bring us happiness. Ultimately, though, we find that only living Gospel values brings us lasting happiness, even though we must die to self in the process. All who wish to be faithful to Jesus’ call to Gospel living must be prepared to suffer—and also be prepared to receive new Life. The Life Jesus offers is worth any price!
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.

Patricia Crowley  
Laura Garcia  
Agnes Piva  
John Bamber  
Fred Jungmann  
Mow, Kain Chiu  
Mary Deke  
Marian Dickey  
Bill Matthews  
Leo Juarez  
Mary Crowley  
Mary Deke  
David Dickey  
Mary Leung  
Gina Wood  
Chloe Smith

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.

The Parish Office will be closed  
Monday September 4th  
In celebration of the Labor Day Holiday!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK  
September 3, 2017

9/02 Saturday  
8:00 a.m. † Mary Santana  
(by: Rosa Pavone)  
5:00 p.m. † Ann O’Donnell  
(by: Wesley)  

9/03 Sunday  
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. † Giovanni & Eugenia DeMartini  
(by: Corrado DeMartini)  
10:30 a.m.  For the People of the Parish

9/04 Monday  
Labor Day Holiday  
8:00 a.m. Sony Greutert (Spl. Int.)  
(by: Blanche & Karl Greutert)  

9/05 Tuesday  
Saint Teresa of Calcutta, Religious  
8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan  
(by: Maughan Family Trust)  

9/06 Wednesday  
8:00 a.m. † Isabel Juarez  
(by: Young Ladies Institute)  

9/07 Thursday  
8:00 a.m. Francisco Cagalingan (Spl. Int.)  
(by: Cagalingans of San Francisco)  

9/08 Friday  
The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:00 a.m. † John Tivenan  
(by: Candy Ashe)  

9/09 Saturday  
Saint Peter Claver, Priest  
8:00 a.m. Louis & Margene Brignetti  
(50th wedding anniversary)  
(by: Sandra Kearney)  
5:00 p.m. † Bisson Family  
(by: Paula Bisson)  

9/10 Sunday  
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:00 a.m. † Jose & Maria Gonzalez  
(by: Maria DeMartini)  
10:30 a.m.  For the People of the Parish

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. These sessions normally take place the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.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. 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 4:15—4:45 p.m. or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS  
Monday—Friday  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
415-282-0141  
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First Communion—Registration

We are currently accepting applications for the 2017-2018 First Communion (2nd graders) for those who are not enrolled in our Parish School and wish to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Classes will commence on Sunday, September 10th at 9:15 a.m. in the Church Chapel. Parents are required to attend an orientation meeting in the Parish Hall that morning at 9:15 a.m.

Copy of the student’s baptismal certificate will be required when submitting the registration, so plan accordingly.

Please contact the Parish Office for more information at 415-282-0141

Confirmation Registration

We are pleased to offer Confirmation Preparation Sessions for those students who attend the Public Unified School System.

Sessions will commence on Sunday, October 1st at 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. in the Lyons Room on campus. Students and parents are asked to attend the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday September 17, followed by a brief welcome meeting. Please contact the Parish office at 415-282-0141 for Registration and more detailed information. Baptismal certificate is required.

Tuesday’s Choir Practice
Adults: Begins Sept 5th
Children’s Choir - Begins August 29th, 4:00 p.m., Parish Hall

9/4 Labor Day Holiday—Parish office closed
9/5 Baptismal Prep Class, Rectory—By Appointment
9/6 Back to School NightK-5, 6:30 p.m.
9/7 Rosary Makers Group 11:30, Hall #3
9/10 School Second Collection
9/10 5th Grade hosting 10:30 Mass and Hospitality
9/10 CCD Parents First Communion Mtg, Parish Hall, 9:15 a.m.
9/10 CCD First Communion Classes begin 9:15 a.m. Chapel
9/17 Priest’s Retirement Second Collection
9/17 Religious Education 10:30 a.m. Confirmation class Mass attendance & Welcome meeting, Church

St. Philip Parish Annual Festival
A Noe Valley Tradition

Festival Time Fast Approaching!

Would you like to help with your time? We are looking Parish Volunteers to do kitchen prep and cleanup, calling Bingo, and staffing the Carnival-style games. Please contact Eunice Chan at eunice.lim@gmail.com for specific details and shift times.

Would you like to donate items for the Wheel of Chance booths? We are looking for items such as gift cards (any denominations), home made baked goods, and live plants! Please contact Kim Anderson at knranderson@gmail.com or 650-222-8758.

Please join us for the Festival Dinner on Friday, 9/22. Tickets may be purchased online, https://stphilipschool.schoolauction.net/stphilipfestival2017/tickets/ticket_sales or by contacting the Rectory at 415-282-0141 Adult ticket price = $30.00 or Children ticket price = $20.00.

Seek Comfort in Prayer Together

At the Rachel Mourning Shrine. Remembering our babies who died before, at, or after birth.

We hold these children gently in our hearts and pray for all those who mourn for them.

“For I will turn their mourning into joy.”

Jeremiah 31:13

Mass and Healing Liturgy in memory of our little ones

Sponsored by The Archdiocesan Project Rachel Ministry and Holy Cross Cemetery

Saturday, September 16, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.
Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone, principal celebrant

Holy Cross Old Mausoleum, 1500 Mission Road, Colma, CA

Parents, family and the community are welcome to a gathering and light luncheon.

For further information, please contact the Project Rachel Program at 415-614-5570 or Project Rachel Ministry at 415-717-6428

To reach the Old Mausoleum, please enter by the Main Gate at Holy Cross Cemetery, 1500 Mission Road, Colma. Signs will be posted to direct you.
The Consecration of the Archdiocese of San Francisco to

The Immaculate Heart of Mary at the San Francisco Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 7, 2017
Saint Mary’s Cathedral • San Francisco

9:00AM Rosary – Gathering and Rosary (Joyful Mysteries)

10:00AM Mass – Celebrated by Archbishop Cordileone
St. Mary’s Cathedral. 1111 Gough Street and Geary Blvd. in San Francisco

11:30AM Procession and Consecration – Procession of the Blessed
Sacrament and the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. Be a witness to this historic occasion during the Centennial Anniversary of Our Lady’s Apparition at Fatima. The procession will be followed by the Consecration of the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Archbishop Cordileone and will end with Benediction.

SFArch.org/IHM RosaryRallySF.com (415) 272–5837
Saint Theresa of Calcutta—(August 26, 1910 – September 5, 1997)

The tiny woman recognized throughout the world for her work among the poorest of the poor, was beatified October 19, 2003. Among those present were hundreds of Missionaries of Charity, the order she founded in 1950, as a diocesan religious community. Today the congregation also includes contemplative sisters and brothers and an order of priests.

Born to Albanian parents in what is now Skopje, Macedonia, Gonxha (Agnes) Bojaxhiu was the youngest of the three children who survived. For a time, the family lived comfortably, and her father’s construction business thrived. But life changed overnight following his unexpected death.

During her years in public school, Agnes participated in a Catholic sodality and showed a strong interest in the foreign missions. At age 18, she entered the Loreto Sisters of Dublin. It was 1928 when she said goodbye to her mother for the final time and made her way to a new land and a new life. The following year she was sent to the Loreto novitiate in Darjeeling, India. There she chose the name Teresa and prepared for a life of service. She was assigned to a high school for girls in Calcutta, where she taught history and geography to the daughters of the wealthy. But she could not escape the realities around her—the poverty, the suffering, the overwhelming numbers of destitute people.

In 1946, while riding a train to Darjeeling to make a retreat, Sister Teresa heard what she later explained as “a call within a call. The message was clear. I was to leave the convent and help the poor while living among them.” She also heard a call to give up her life with the Sisters of Loreto and instead, to “follow Christ into the slums to serve him among the poorest of the poor.”

After receiving permission to leave Loreto, establish a new religious community, and undertake her new work, Sister Teresa took a nursing course for several months. She returned to Calcutta, where she lived in the slums and opened a school for poor children. Dressed in a white sari and sandals—the ordinary dress of an Indian woman—she soon began getting to know her neighbors—especially the poor and sick—and getting to know their needs through visits.

The work was exhausting, but she was not alone for long. Volunteers who came to join her in the work, some of them former students, became the core of the Missionaries of Charity. Others helped by donating food, clothing, supplies, and the use of buildings. In 1952, the city of Calcutta gave Mother Teresa a building. In 1954, she was able to open a home for the dying, called the “Home of the Dying.”

For the next four decades, Mother Teresa worked tirelessly on behalf of the poor. Her love knew no bounds. Nor did her energy, as she crisscrossed the globe pleading for support and inviting others to see the face of Jesus in the poorest of the poor. In 1979, she was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. On September 5, 1997, God called her home. **Blessed Teresa was canonized by Pope Francis on September 4, 2016.**

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Saint Peter Claver, S.J.—(June 26, 1581 – September 8, 1654)

A native of Spain, young Jesuit Peter Claver left his homeland forever in 1610 to be a missionary in the colonies of the New World. He sailed into Cartagena, a rich port city washed by the Caribbean. He was ordained there in 1615.

By this time the slave trade had been established in the Americas for nearly 100 years, and Cartagena was a chief center for it. Ten thousand slaves poured into the port each year after crossing the Atlantic from West Africa under conditions so foul and inhuman that an estimated one-third of the passengers died in transit. Although the practice of slave-trading was condemned by Pope Paul III and later labeled “supreme villainy” by Pope Pius IX, it continued to flourish.

Peter Claver’s predecessor, Jesuit Father Alfonso de Sandoval, had devoted himself to the service of the slaves for 40 years before Claver arrived to continue his work, declaring himself “the slave of the Negroes forever.”

As soon as a slave ship entered the port, Peter Claver moved into its infested hold to minister to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. After the slaves were herded out of the ship like chained animals and shut up in nearby yards to be gazed at by the crowds, Claver plunged in among them with medicines, food, bread, brandy, lemons, and tobacco. With the help of interpreters he gave basic instructions and assured his brothers and sisters of their human dignity and God’s love. During the 40 years of his ministry, Claver instructed and baptized an estimated 300,000 slaves.

Fr. Claver’s apostolate extended beyond his care for slaves. He became a moral force, indeed, the apostle of Cartagena. He preached in the city square, gave missions to sailors and traders as well as country missions, during which he avoided, when possible, the hospitality of the planters and owners and lodged in the slave quarters instead.

After four years of sickness, which forced the saint to remain inactive and largely neglected, he Claver on September 8, 1654. The city magistrates, who had previously frowned at his solicitude for the black outcasts, ordered that he should be buried at public expense and with great pomp.

Peter Claver was canonized in 1888, and Pope Leo XIII declared him the worldwide patron of missionary work among black slaves.

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**Seventh Annual Saint John Vianney Luncheon**

**Friday, September 29, 11:30 am**

**Saint Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco sfarch.org/prflunch**

This luncheon benefits the Priests Retirement Fund, which covers additional medical expenses not covered by insurance, assisted living, and nursing care for our retired priests. Since the first Luncheon in 2011, more than $1.5 million has been raised, providing critical financial assistance to our retired Priests. The Luncheon also provides all of us with the unique opportunity to come together and demonstrate our gratitude to these men for their life’s work and their unyielding devotion to all whom they serve.

Attend the Luncheon, or donate directly to the Priests Retirement Fund. Information and registration are at the website, above.
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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, 11:30a.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 5
Wednesday Alanon 7:00 p.m. Lyons

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.

Are you planning a 2017 winter or 2018 spring wedding?
If so, now is the time to contact the church’s rectory office and discuss you 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

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.

Archdioceses Approved Marriage Preparation Programs
Online Marriage Prep
http://www.catholicmarriageprep.com
Engaged Encounter: www.sfcee.org
Marriage for Life: www.marriageforlifesf.com
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