We are a welcoming inter-generational community united through our faith in Jesus Christ, demonstrating our love to others through service and charity.

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November 12, 2017  32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Be Prepared”

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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
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midnight darkness, arrival, wedding feast, some admitted and some are not. All these images turn our attention to the Second Coming of Christ, our own waiting in this in-between time of living in both light and darkness, the reality that some will be admitted to the heavenly banquet and some will not, the necessity of being known by Christ and being prepared for his coming. Wait we must, but this waiting is not inactive or empty. How we spend this waiting time determines how we will spend the rest of time.

There is no doubt that the Bridegroom will come. What is unexpected is his long delay which Matthew is specifically addressing. The questions for us, then, is how do we deal with the delay? How do we live in the in-between time of now and what is to come? Matthew is suggesting an issue beyond vigilance—that we must also be prepared.

We are living in a crucial time of spending our lives being open to Christ’s comings in the here and now. The here and now is an all-important readying for his Second Coming, and we cannot afford to sleep it away! The long delay of the Bridegroom’s coming reveals both the wisdom and longer vision of the five virgins who were prepared the loss of those who were shortsighted and unprepared—the “door was locked” and they were not admitted to the wedding feast.

Everyone in today’s Gospel reading fell asleep. The real difference is that one group—though asleep—was prepared and ready to go whenever it was time to wake up!

Gospel Reflection

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

In 1907 Robert Baden-Powell founded the Boy Scouts and soon after, in 1912, Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts after she met Baden-Powell. Although other interests have drained the number of Scouts worldwide, several million young girls and boys still adhere to the principles of these organizations. They share the same motto: “Be prepared!” The motto emphasizes preparedness in mind through self-discipline and preparedness in body through wholesome exercise and activities. Be prepared! Although we cannot prepare for every contingency in life, thinking ahead anticipating outcomes, and being alert to persons and events around us do help us meet head-on whatever comes our way. We avoid as many surprises as we can that may disrupt our journey of life.

This Sunday’s gospel is about being prepared. And while Jesus doesn’t use the Scout motto’s words, he does tell his disciples to “stay awake.” Jesus tells a parable that reminds us of what we must be prepared for in life the most: the Second Coming of Jesus when this world as we know it will end and all will be returned to the Father.

This parable is fraught with symbolic images of light, delay, waiting, drowsiness and sleep, a cry, midnight darkness, arrival, wedding feast, some admitted and some are not. All these images turn our attention to the Second Coming of Christ, our own waiting in this in-between time of living in both light and darkness, the reality that some will be admitted to the heavenly banquet and some will not, the necessity of being known by Christ and being prepared for his coming. Wait we must, but this waiting is not inactive or empty. How we spend this waiting time determines how we will spend the rest of time.

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Living the Paschal Mystery

We rarely, if ever, view our daily Christian living in light of the final coming of Christ. But his final coming is, in fact, the context which gives meaning to our daily behavior and our ongoing hope. If we are not ready at the Second Coming of Christ (with its accompanying judgment), we can’t count on anyone else to cover for us. We are provided now with all we need (e.g., wisdom, invitation to vigilance, warnings about preparedness) to be ready when Christ comes. The real challenge is not to think of this as only a future event that won’t happen in our own lifetime. When Christ will come is not the important issue. We don’t know when Christ will come again! And so Christian living requires that we act each day as if this were the day when our Bridegroom will come and invite us to the feast. We must be ready. We must be prepared. Are we?
**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**November 12, 2017**

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**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
- Jean Ramirez
- Mow, Kain Chiu
- Mary Dekle
- Marian Dickey
- Bill Matthews
- Leo Juarez
- Chloe Smith
- Mary Crowley
- David Dickey
- Dolores Martin
- Michael Brust
- Corrado DeMartini
- Father Paul Rossi
- John Dwyer

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.

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**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 to baptize. 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 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 4:15—4:45 p.m. or by appointment.

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday—Friday

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

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

| November 5, 2017 Collection | $2,490.00 |
| Online giving               | $1,285.00 |
| Total Collection             | $3,775.00 |
| Second Collection St. Patrick Seminary - total | $750.00 |

Tuesday’s Choir Practice
Adults: 7:30 p.m., Church
Children’s Choir - 4:00 p.m., Parish Hall

11/14 Kindergarten and Transitional Kindergarten Open House, 6:30 p.m., 665 Elizabeth Street
11/15 First Reconciliation for our school and public/private school students, 4:00 p.m., Church
11/15 Cub Scout Meeting, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.
11/15 Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Rectory
11/16 Seniors Gathering, Hall #3, 11:30 a.m.
11/16 2nd Grade Class Mass, 8:45 a.m.
11/16 PTA, Mom’s Night Out, Parish Hall, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
11/19 2nd Grade School Mass, 10:30 a.m., Hospitality to follow

We continue to be blessed as we welcome the following children into the Catholic faith Community during October, 2017
Ava Patricia Cusack (pictured above)
Cian James Curley-Cushnahan

We extend our Congratulations and prayers to Ciaran Patrick Dolan and Michelle Teresa Reilly who received the Sacrament of Marriage on Friday, November 1, 2017 here at Saint Philip the Apostle Church

“Therefore, what God has joined together, man must not separate.” Matthew 19:3-6

Our volunteer slots have been filled!
SF-Marin Food Bank needs our help.
Thank you for responding to the request to help those in need. There are many families that will benefit from the time and energy given by those who have volunteered.

If you were not able to share your time this November, we will host another community packing day during Lent.

This will be St. Philip’s third year returning to the food bank.
PTA EVENT - Save The Date!
Mom's Night Out
Sip, Shop, and Socialize!

This is a great way for our moms to come together, meet those that are outside your own grade(s) and build community. The timing is just right to get some holiday shopping done from our “maker” moms (jewelry, lipsticks, aprons, handbags, beauty services, etc.).

Date: Thursday, November 16th
Time: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Location: Parish Hall

On-site drawings will include delicious wines, hand selected by our PTA Co-chair, Tony Connell.

What to Bring?
Food to share ~ If your last name begins with A-P, please bring an hors d'ourves.
If your last name begins with Q-Z, please bring a dessert.
Beverage ~ BYOB
**PTA will provide non-alcoholic beverages.

RSVP: Please RSVP and you’ll be automatically entered into a drawing for a Jo Malone gift set (Nectarine Blossom & Honey Body Gel and Creme)!

"God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation and have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war, whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day.
We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm’s way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace.
Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor! May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us. Christ Jesus, hear us! Lord Jesus, hear our prayer!

Please remember in your prayers our second grade students from St. Philips School along with our public and private schools who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Wednesday, November 15 at 4:00 p.m. here in our Church.

This is in preparation for receiving their First Communion on April 29, 2018. Our students have been working hard on their prayers and learning about God’s unending love and forgiveness for them.
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.

Did you know 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.

The Pope Asks Young People to Take a Survey

The Pope is requesting your feedback. A survey for young people 16 to 29 years old is online on a special website. The Synod of Bishops that will meet in October 2018 has this for its theme: “Young People, the Faith, and Vocational Discernment.” Young people from around the world are urged to help the Church prepare for the Synod by taking this survey. Pope Francis says, “The Church also wishes to listen to your voice, your sensitivities and your faith; even your doubts and your criticism… Make your voice heard.” The survey is online at: https://survey-synod2018.glauco.it/limesurvey/index.php/147718

Surveys should be completed by November 30, 2017.

Margaret of Scotland was a truly liberated woman in the sense that she was free to be herself. For her, that meant freedom to love God and serve others.

Not Scottish by birth, Margaret was the daughter of Princess Agatha of Hungary and the Anglo-Saxon Prince Edward Atheling. She spent much of her youth in the court of her great-uncle, the English king, Edward the Confessor. Her family fled from William the Conqueror and was shipwrecked off the coast of Scotland. King Malcolm befriended them and was captivated by the beautiful, gracious Margaret. They were married at the castle of Dunfermline in 1070.

Malcolm was good-hearted, but rough and uncultured, as was his country. Because of Malcolm’s love for Margaret, she was able to soften his temper, polish his manners, and help him become a virtuous king. He left all domestic affairs to her, and often consulted her in state matters.

Margaret tried to improve her adopted country by promoting the arts and education. For religious reform she encouraged synods and was present for the discussions which tried to correct religious abuses common among priests and laypeople, such as simony, usury, and incestuous marriages. With her husband, she founded several churches.

Margaret was not only a queen, but a mother. She and Malcolm had six sons and two daughters. Margaret personally supervised their religious instruction and other studies.

Although she was very much caught up in the affairs of the household and country, she remained detached from the world. Her private life was austere. She had certain times for prayer and reading Scripture. She ate sparingly and slept little in order to have time for devotions. She and Malcolm kept two Lents, one before Easter and one before Christmas. During these times she always rose at midnight for Mass. On the way home she would wash the feet of six poor persons and give them alms. She was always surrounded by beggars in public and never refused them. It is recorded that she never sat down to eat without first feeding nine orphans and 24 adults.

In 1093, King William Rufus made a surprise attack on Alnwick castle. King Malcolm and his oldest son, Edward, were killed. Margaret, already on her deathbed, died four days after her husband.

Elizabeth manifested such great love for the poor and suffering that she has become the patroness of Catholic charities and of the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, Elizabeth chose a life of penance and asceticism when a life of leisure and luxury could easily have been hers. This choice endeared her in the hearts of the common people throughout Europe.

In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order, spending the remaining few years of her life caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honor of Saint Francis.
Are you planning a 2018 spring wedding?

If so, now is the time to contact the church’s rectory office and discuss your plans with our pastoral staff 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.

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Archdioceses Approved Marriage Preparation Programs

Online Marriage Prep
http://www.catholicmarriageprep.com

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Marriage for Life: www.marriageforlifesf.com
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