November 19, 2017  33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Parables of Jesus

“Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.” -Matthew 25:20-21

Thanksgiving Day Mass, November 23rd is at 9:00 a.m.

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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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Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

There is much talk these days about baby boomers moving into retirement age and the challenge that the number of retirees drawing social security will place on this government trust fund. Studies suggest to us that this fund will be completely depleted within a couple of decades. Workers are encouraged to put money aside in other accounts to supplement their retirement income. And even that extra money, given a prolonged illness requiring skilled medical care in a long-term facility, would probably run out. Many older people worry about their investments and whether they will have enough when they face various end-of-life issues. Younger people are encouraged to begin planning early in life and certainly to begin saving. In many ways our future is already upon us. We invest in our future and pray that everything will be OK. Nearing the end of the liturgical year, the gospels draw our attention to another future: life after death. As with retirement, we must prepare for, invest in this future. This Sunday’s gospel raises the issue of investment and benefits and directs us to think of how we await that future.

The master gave to the three servants in the gospel “each according to his ability.” We have not all been given the same sum of talents, but Jesus, our Master, has invested in every one of us, but we are judged by the choices we make to use to the fullest potential what Jesus has invested in us. The most important choice we make in life is fidelity to whatever we are called to do—even in what seems to be small matters. The continuation of Jesus’ saving work depends upon this fidelity. If we are faithful, Jesus will judge us worthy beneficiaries of the greatest return on any investment: a share in the riches of the “master’s joy”—eternal Life.

We are now living in the delay before our Master’s return. This parable teaches what to do during this time of waiting—it is not empty time, for sure. We are to live in such a way that we grow in our greatest “possession”—the divine Life that has been given us. If, like the lazy servant in the parable, we focus on our fear and Christ’s judgment, we will be paralyzed in our ability to continue using the “investments” we have been given to continue Christ’s work of salvation. However, if we focus on the promised share in the “master’s joy,” then we will be willing to risk what we have in order to grow in our most prized possession—our share in divine Life and the relationship with Christ that entails. The Christian life and journey of discipleship begins with our being given an unmerited share in God’s Life. When we are faithful it will end wondrously—we will enter fully into the “master’s joy.” If we are not faithful . . .

Generous God, you bless us in many ways. Help me to multiply your gifts to me in your service as a sign of my gratitude. Where fear holds me back, give me courage and freedom to move ahead. Amen
MASSES FOR THE WEEK
November 19, 2017

11/18 Saturday  The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles
8:00 a.m. † Al Niehaus
(by: Helen Ripple)
5:00 p.m. † Bisson Family
(by: Paula Bisson)

11/19 Sunday  33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Ryan Schneider (Special Int.)
(by: Mila Schneider)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

11/20 Monday  8:00 a.m. † Patricia Schultz
(by: Mary Culpeper)

11/21 Tuesday  Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

11/22 Wednesday  Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr
8:00 a.m. † Michael J. & Cassie O’Donnell
(by: Peggy Fullerton)
11:00 a.m. (School Thanksgiving Mass)

11/23 Thursday  Thanksgiving Day
Saint Clement I, Pope & Martyr; Saint Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest & Martyr
9:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

11/24 Friday  Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest
8:00 a.m. † Mary O’Leary
(by: Helen Ripple)

11/25 Saturday  Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
8:00 a.m. † Alec & Mary Ripple
(by: Helen Ripple)
5:00 p.m. † Betsey Auren
(by: Anne Gray)

11/26 Sunday  Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
8:00 a.m. Mila Schneider (Special Int.)
(by: Pura Lippi)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

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  Mow, Kain Chiu  Mary Crowley
Laura Garcia  Mary Deke  David Dickey
Agnes Piva  Marian Dickey  Dolores Martin
John Bamber  Bill Matthews  Michael Brust
Fred Jungmann  Leo Juarez  Corrado DeMartini
Jean Ramirez  Chloe Smith  Father Paul Rossi

Those who have died, the deceased of our parish and especially those who have no one to pray for them.

Dr. Maryann Collins (former St. Philip’s Kindergarten teacher)
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.

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 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 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  Fax: 415-282-8962
www.saintphilipparish.org —info@saintphilipparish.org
We are sincerely grateful for your financial stewardship supporting our various parish needs.

November 12, 2017 Weekly Collection
Online giving
Total Collection

$2,688.00
$455.00
$3,143.00

Second Collection - School total
$1,158.00

Campaign for Human Development
Second Collection

The annual collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) will be held this weekend of November 18-19, on the celebration of the First World Day of the Poor instituted by Pope Francis.

In his statement establishing the World Day of the Poor on the Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Pope Francis called for Christian communities to mark the occasion with “moments of encounter and friendship, solidarity and concrete assistance” with people living in poverty. CCHD is the official domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic bishops. This national collection is the primary source of funding for CCHD's community and economic development grants and education programs aimed at fostering a culture of life and hope in communities across the nation. Twenty-five percent of funds collected remain in each diocese to support local anti-poverty projects.

Thank you for your continued support. We appreciate your generosity.

Thank you for responding to our S.O.S. after the sock Grinch stole our previously collected socks. We are pleased to report 2,200 pairs of socks were picked up on November 6th by St. Anthony’s volunteers!

Gracious and loving God, as the autumn season continues its transformation; and the days become shorter, the earth cooler; as we anticipate joining family and friends in joyful celebration on Thanksgiving Day, we pause to give You thanks and praise for the abundant blessings You have bestowed upon us:

For life and health, safety and comfort, food and nourishment, we are sincerely grateful.

Through your Spirit, open our hearts so that we may be even better stewards of these rich and unmerited gifts.

Show us how to be a blessing for the poor, sick, lonely and all who suffer.

And help us nurture the gift of faith, revealed to us by your Son, Jesus Christ, our greatest gift, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever.

Amen

Thank You Isabel Erskine for bringing the community together for this worthwhile cause!

Traveling over the Thanksgiving Holiday?

Find a local church in the area of your travels at: www.masstimes.org then just enter the City, State or zip. It’s that easy.

Thanksgiving Day Mass—November 23, 2017
9:00 a.m.

Let’s gather as a community and give thanks for the blessings bestowed on us. Please bring a non-perishable food item to Mass and drop it in the bins provided. The food will be donated to a local food pantry. Our collection will also be given to Martin de Porres House of Hospitality.
Grateful people are those who are open to the simple realization that everything we have and are is pure gift. The more we give thanks—not only to God, but also to each other—the more we are able to recognize that everything about us is gift. Armed with this realization, we are much more open to the beauty of creation, and do everything we can to conserve the resources given us. We use what we need well, and are conscious not to waste what we don’t need or what is more than our due.

Most of us have been formed from the time we’ve been wee little ones to say thanks when we get a birthday or Christmas gift. Now perhaps the challenge is to form ourselves to say thanks for the many little ways people are good toward us so that our thanks becomes a recognition of that goodness and habit of self-giving communion. Saying thanks for a good meal; saying thanks for a sunny, warm day; saying thanks for small acts of kindness are all ways we open ourselves to deeper encounters with others. Saying thanks is such a simple but profound human activity! Cultivating the habit of gratitude bears the fruit of an ever-growing and deeper encounter with God and each other. So . . .

From all of us here in the Parish Office we say “Thank You” for your continued support and service you share with us day to day.

May you and your families continue to be blessed with God’s abundance love and blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**A THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

*Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, please look kindly upon us and receive our heartfelt gratitude in this time of giving thanks.*

*Thank you for all the graces and blessings. You have betowed upon us, spiritual and temporal: our faith and religious heritage. Our food and shelter, our health, the loves we have for one another, our family and friends.*

*Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessings throughout the coming year.*

*This we ask in the Name of Jesus, Your Son. Amen.*
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.
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.

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

Archdioceses Approved Marriage Preparation Programs

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

Engaged Encounter: www.sfcee.org

Marriage for Life: www.marriageforlifesf.com

Engaging the Heart www.vallombrosa.org

Saturday For Engaged Couples: 415-288-3866

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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DEVOTIONS

Rosary - Monday - Saturday • After 8:00 a.m. Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help • Tuesday after 8:00 a.m. Mass

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
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