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

St. Philip the Apostle Church
725 Diamond Street, San Francisco, CA 94114

November 26, 2017  Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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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

ST. PHILIP PRE-SCHOOL
Phone: 415.282.0143

ST. PHILIP SCHOOL
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So much about this gospel speaks to us of Christ’s glory and power (“When the Son of Man comes in his glory,” “all the nations will be assembled before him,” “king will say”) and rightfully it should. However, there is a remarkable surprise in the gospel. Christ is victorious, to be sure; he is King enthroned, to be sure; he judges all nations, to be sure. The surprise is that on this festival honoring Christ the King both the gospel and first reading speak about others who need our help and caring for them. We honor Christ the King by acknowledging that he is the other and within us. No greater honor can we give our Savior-King than to serve him in one another. In a sense, then, our focus on each other is really a focus on Christ—for it is a measure of how much we imitate his care for others. It is a measure of how much we are his faithful disciples.

He showed us by his very life how to care for others. So must we spend our lives in this way.

Christ the King will come “in his glory.” It is not “if” he will come, but “when.” There is an imperative in the immediacy of this “when.” The gospel claim is clear: Christ the King, arrayed in all his glory, is present now in the other. We must look beyond what we see with our eyes and see with the heart of Christ; we must see others as he sees them. His throne is the person of the other; he dwells within them. The “when” of his coming is now. In our care for others here and now, Christ the King reigns.

Gospel Reflection

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Seeing can be a physical activity of the eyes, or an inspired activity of the heart. We might see with our eyes the worried look of a parent caring for a sick child; our inspired heart sees love and compassion pouring out. We might see with our eyes a student struggling to get through school; our inspired heart sees potential for creativity and insight beyond book learning. We might see with our eyes the run-down condition of a neighborhood; our inspired heart sees the inner beauty of downtrodden people desiring a better life. We might see with our eyes the homeless; our inspired heart sees hopelessness reaching out for understanding. We might see with our eyes the hungry, the thirsty, strangers, the naked, the ill, the imprisoned, the lonely, the abandoned, the elderly, the dying; our inspired heart sees the Person of Christ our King in each of them crying out to be touched by the Person of Christ our King who dwells within each of us. This gospel and solemnity invites us to draw on the strength of the Christ who dwells within us to reach out to the Christ in the other. This gospel is about future judgment; it is even more about present discipleship.

Living the Paschal Mystery

One of the best ways we can begin to see the Christ in the other is by not judging the negative aspects of their persons first, but instead looking for the good in the other. We can be carried out in such a simple Christian practice as seeking always to compliment rather than to criticize another. Care that we don’t spread gossip is another way. Thus do we build up the Body of Christ and bring honor to Christ our King who dwells in ourselves and the other. Thus do we see the face of Christ our King in everyone we meet. Perhaps the first and most important task of being good subject of Christ the King is to live as he did—not simply seeing with the eyes, but seeing with hearts responding to the dignity of others, to their need for healing, forgiveness, reconciliation, compassion, mercy and love.
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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Laura Garcia  Mary Dekle  David Dickey
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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
November 26, 2017

11/25 Saturday  Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr
8:00 a.m. † Aleck & 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

11/27 Monday  8:00 a.m. † John & Pat Ripple (by: Helen Ripple)

11/28 Tuesday  8:00 a.m. † Gordon & Doris Ripple (by: Helen Ripple)

11/29 Wednesday  8:00 a.m. † Virginia & William Hudson (by: Helen Ripple)

11/30 Thursday  Saint Andrew, Apostle
8:00 a.m. † Kathy Dal Fante (Kim Anderson & Family)

12/01 Friday  8:00 a.m. † Paula Ripple-Comin (by: Helen Ripple)

12/02 Saturday  8:00 a.m. † Brid McCabe (by: Peggy Fullerton)
5:00 p.m. † Bruno Piva (by: Agnes Piva)

12/03 Sunday  First Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
5:00 p.m. † Norrie Harty (by: Rita Murphy)

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ASSISTANT 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. Philip's. 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

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.

As a result of early printing schedules, our offerings for the weekend of November 18 & 19, 2017 will be reported in a future bulletin edition.

WITH A GRATEFUL HEART

For several years now, with the leadership of Theresa Erkkila, parishioner, our St. Philip the Apostle Community has been able to provide roasted turkeys to St. Joseph Family Center during the Thanksgiving Holiday. This year was no different and we put the call out for help once again.

We wish to extend our sincerest thanks to the following individuals who provided roasted turkeys this year to help feed the families at St. Joseph Family Center.

Alicia De Jesus
Matthew & Gavia Brennan
Anne Holman
Ginger Canata

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat,...’Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

Annual Ornament Luncheon & Raffle
Save the Date
Sunday, December 3, 2017
Flanagan Center—Holy Name of Jesus Church
Lawton Street at 39th Avenue
Time: 12:00 noon
Cost: $35.00 per person

Please bring a wrapped ornament for exchange and an item for a baby layette to be given to the Alpha Pregnancy Center.

All proceeds from this luncheon is to benefit the Alpha Pregnancy Center

A special raffle will be held for an ornament made by Gina Wood.

Send reservations by this weekend to:
Christine Del Carlo
4043—25th Street, San Francisco, CA 94114
Phone: 415-648-4522

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

11/26 St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection
11/29 Cub Scout Mtg, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.
11/30 Girl Scouts Meeting, 3:00 p.m., Hall #1
12/3 School Candle Lighting Mass, 10:30 a.m., Hospitality following the Mass (First Sunday of Advent)
12/5 Baptismal Prep Session, 7PM, Rectory
12/6 Cub Scout Mtg, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.
12/7 Senior/Rosary Makers Mtg, 11:30 a.m., Hall #3
12/8 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Masses at 8AM, 9AM & 7PM
12/9-10 Anointing of the Sick at all weekend Masses will take place.

SAVE THE DATE

Our Parish School will once again present the Candle lighting Ceremony during the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 3rd, which is also the First Sunday of Advent.

Request your Mass Intention

Those who wish to have Masses offered during 2018 for friends and family members, our 2018 Mass Intention Book is now open for reservations.

Offering a Mass for a dearly departed one or special intention for birthday/anniversary remembrance is a wonderful and thoughtful gift to present.

Masses can add comfort for those physically or emotionally ill and in need of healing prayers.

Stop by the parish office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to make your request.

A card will be printed at your request.
Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Saint Philip the Apostle church offers Sunday Children’s Liturgy for the youngsters in our community ages 4—6 during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

After the opening prayer the children are invited to step into the chapel before the proclamation of the first reading to the faithful. We have volunteer parents who read and help the children reflect on the daily readings in a way that is easy to understand and sometimes work together on an interactive activity that is related to the day's gospel.

The Children's Liturgy of the Word is facilitated by parent volunteers who have taken the necessary safety compliance as well. Parents do not need to accompany their child/children, but are most welcomed!

Please join us in saying thanks to our Children’s Liturgy Volunteers

Nicole McGrath
Jenna Lyons
Julie Dowd
Eunice Chan

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

One year ago this month we were pleased to announce the formation of a new ministry, that of Extra Ordinary Ministers of Communion to the Homebound.

This is a reminder that if you become aware of anyone in the parish this is homebound and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist, please call the parish office at 415-282-0141 and provide us their name and contact information so we can follow up with a minister.

We offer our sincerest thanks to our 10 ministers who have made themselves available to serve our parish in this ministry.

May God continue to bless them and guide them in their works of mercy.

The Changing Liturgical Seasons

The Feast of Christ the King, marks the close of the liturgical season known as Ordinary Time. As we conclude this season to make way for our Advent observances, this maybe a good time to reflect upon where we have been spiritually and where we wish to grow in our understanding of our Catholic faith.

During Ordinary Time (the time between Christmas Season and Lent, and between Easter Season and Advent) it has been nothing but ordinary. We have listened to scripture readings, celebrated the liturgy and participated in prayer and devotions. We’ve covered the many teachings and lessons Christ has given us to help guide us to lead a Christ-like life. We have journeyed with him on the road to discipleship and hopefully, we allowed ourselves to reflect on the journey deepening our relationship with God as well as our relationships with each other. While the title Ordinary Time seems mundane and banal, it certainly is not. It is an extra-ordinary and beautiful time for us to discover or rediscover what it takes to become a true disciple of Christ and a light for others.

Next weekend December 2-3 we will be entering our Advent Season. Our Catholic traditions of having special seasons throughout the year affords us time to focus on various aspects of spiritual growth. Whether the emphasis is discipleship, forgiveness or preparedness, these seasons are there for our own benefit.

Advent is a time of preparation, and similar to Lent, a time for inner reflection. What are we preparing for you ask? Of course we have the commemoration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on Christmas Day, but just as important the Second Coming of our Lord as he promised. We proclaim this belief at Mass when we say “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.” We do not know the time when this joyous event will occur, but Advent allows us the time to reflect on how we can be better prepared. Help in reprioritizing our lives. We are busy to say the least and we wonder how we can manage to make time to prepare for something we don’t even know when it will occur! The Advent scripture readings during our liturgies once again are there for our assistance.

Let’s prepare our minds and hearts to embrace this Advent Season without worry and surrender to this beautiful time in our Liturgical Calendar to pause, reflect and grow.

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.

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.saintphillipparish.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.
PARISH RESOURCES

PARISH OFFICE
Rio Stefanus, Financial/Business Manager
Email: rio.stefanus@saintphilipparish.org
Mary Dante, Bookkeeper
Email: mary.dante@saintphilipparish.org
Sandy Kearney, Pastoral Associate
Email: sandy.kearney@saintphilipparish.org

MUSIC MINISTRY
Carlton White, Music Director

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SCHOOL GRADES TK-8
665 Elizabeth Street, San Francisco, CA 94114
Phone: (415) 824-8467 • Fax: (415) 282-0121
Tony LesCallett, Principal
www.saintphilipschool.org
Email: info@saintphilipschool.org

PRE-SCHOOL
(415) 282-0143 www.saintphilippreschool.org
Ms. Rachel Williams, Director
Email: preschoolinfo@saintphilipparish.org

PARISH OUTREACH
Baptismal Classes
First Tuesday of the Month
7:00 p.m. (Rectory by appt.)

Belfry Society
Adult Choir
Children Choir
First Communion Instruction…Sundays 9:15 a.m. (chapel)
CCD Confirmation Instruction Sundays 9:15 a.m. (Lyons Rm)

Liturgy Committee
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Second & Third Thursday,
Rosary Makers 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 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

Interested in having your child Baptized at Saint Philip the Apostle Church?
Please call the parish office at 415.282.0141 to reserve your spot for any upcoming Tuesday evening preparation session and schedule a date for the baptism.

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.