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January 21, 2018  The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.” - Mark 1:17

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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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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
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Sometimes God calls us out of the patterns of our day-to-day existence to take on something new. Though we hesitate—we are content with life as it is—the call to turn our lives anew is not to be resisted.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Cycle B means we are reading primarily from the Gospel of Mark, even though last week we read from the Gospel of John, and heard about the call of the first disciples, Andrew, and an unnamed disciple. This week we have a different version, Mark’s version, of the call of the first disciples. Though Andrew is still part of the story, we do not have the “unnamed disciple” from the Gospel of John.

There are some significant differences between last week’s story and this. For one, in last week’s story Andrew and his companion were initially followers of John the Baptist. After the Baptist pointed out Jesus, they began to follow him. In Mark’s story Jesus is walking along the Sea of Galilee when he calls the brothers Simon and Andrew. They abandon their nets and follow him. He then calls the brothers James and John, sons of Zebedee. All four become Jesus’ followers that day, whereas Zebedee is left holding the net!

The sons of Zebedee are critical figures in the Synoptic stories as opposed to the Gospel of John. In fact, we only hear of the “sons of Zebedee” in the epilogue of the Gospel of John (chap. 21), but nowhere in the first twenty chapters. Even in John 21 we don’t learn their names. They are merely the sons of Zebedee.

But the image Mark paints for us is different. He gives us their names and depicts them as giving themselves in complete dedication to following Jesus. All is abandoned in their pursuit of him. In this story we also hear something of the preaching of Jesus, which to a certain degree echoed that of John the Baptist. Jesus’ preaching will be developed and expanded throughout the Gospel of Mark, but at this early stage it is centered around the two-fold command, “Repent, and believe.”

The story is certainly idealized for dramatic effect; we only need to look at the Gospel of John to see another version of Andrew and Peter being called by Jesus. But what is Mark telling us by narrating the story the way he does? Certainly that these first disciples left everything in a single-minded pursuit of Jesus. As such, they represent the ideal. Still, as we will learn throughout this gospel, the disciples did not often live up to that ideal. And perhaps this is another lesson of Mark’s story. Our beginnings can be filled with such idealism, promise, and pure-hearted devotion. Only later will “reality” begin to sink in and our failings and shortcomings become apparent, as they no doubt will with the disciples.

LIVING THE PASchal MYSTERY
Think back to the first time you fell in love, not a crush, but a true love. The emotional, spiritual, intellectual connection was undoubtedly strong and probably seemed like it would last forever. That’s also the way the love songs often sing of it. Yet, those initial stages inevitably recede and the grind of daily life looms larger. At that point the love may have developed into something deeper, stronger. Or perhaps it died out altogether and is now only a happy memory. Something similar often happens with a faith life, and the disciples were not immune to this. Today we hear the story about how they started out strong, abandoning everything to follow Jesus. We know that Simon Peter will eventually confess Jesus as the Christ. And later, Peter will deny three times that he even knows him. The relationship that starts out with such promise, even reaching soaring heights, can truly crash and burn. This happened with the disciples it can happen with us.

Our faith life might start out strong. It might need to be rekindled from time to time. We might need to go to the well of that initial experience of falling in love to draw sustenance and inspiration. And yet, there may be times when we effectively hang it up or abandon it, as Peter did. In those times we know that Jesus still sought Peter. Peter was forgiven and brought back into the fold. There will be another example later in this gospel of a disciple who abandoned Jesus and did not seek forgiveness. His end was not like Peter’s. Our living relationship with Christ is not a one-time exhilarating moment, but, like all relationships, it is a lifelong give and take, wax and wane, love and be loved.
Stewardship Second Collection Update

After discussion and approval by the Parish Finance Council and Parish Council, it has been decided that whenever we do not have a scheduled special second collection, we will have a second collection for the necessary maintenance of the Parish facilities.

Maintenance offering envelopes will appear in your March packet from our Offertory Printing Company.

Our next maintenance collection date will be 2/11/2018. As always your stewardship is greatly appreciated so we can continue to address necessary repairs and maintenance issues of the parish and grounds.

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
Ron Ramirez
Jana Atlas
Mow, Kain Chiu
Mary Deke
Bill Matthews
Leo Juarez
Chloe Smith
Mary Crowley
Mary Deke
David Dickey
Michael Brust
Corrado DeMartini
Father Paul Rossi
Anne Rivera

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
January 21, 2018

01/20 Saturday
Saint Fabian, Pope & Martyr; Saint Sebastian, Martyr
8:00 a.m. The McInerney Family
(by: Anne Holman)
5:00 p.m. † Celestina Denegri
(by: Agnes Piva)

01/21 Sunday
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Most Reverend Salvatore Cordileone (Special Intention)
(by: Daniel Roddick)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

01/22 Monday
8:00 a.m. † Isaac Puthota
(by: Mary Podesta)

01/23 Tuesday
Saint Marianne Cope, Virgin; Saint Vincent, Deacon & Martyr
8:00 a.m. †
(by:)

01/24 Wednesday
Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. † Jimmy & Jerry Spillane
(by: Greg Nacamura & Family)

01/25 Thursday
The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
8:00 a.m. †
(by:)

01/26 Friday
Saint Timothy & Saint Titus, Bishops
8:00 a.m. Special Intentions
(by: Anonymous)

01/27 Saturday
Saint Angela Merici, Virgin
8:00 a.m. † Raquel Reyes
(by: Ana Maria Chavez)
5:00 p.m. † Megan Powers
(by: Ruth Major)

01/28 Sunday
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Special Intention
(by: Mary Tom)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

Children’s Choir Practice
Tuesdays in the Parish Hall at 4PM

The Adult Choir Practice is held on Tuesday evenings in the church at 7:00PM

Walk for Life West Coast 2018:

Our local parish contact is: Daniel Roddick and can be reached at: 415-640-5741 or via email at: danielroddick@hotmail.com

Join fellow Catholics and ProLifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 27, 2018.

There will be Mass at 9:30AM celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary’s Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco’s Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city’s Market Street, begins at 1:30PM. Last year’s Walk drew 50,000+ people. For complete information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

January 14, 2018 Sunday Collection
Online giving $940.00
Total Collection $3,497.00

Second Collection—School
Online giving $20.00
Total Second Collection $507.00
Our Parish School now offers Transitional Kindergarten.

This two-year program is designed for students who will turn five years of age between September 2nd and December 2nd.

The registration and testing process is the same as for any other kindergarten applicant, with the exception that if a student is not accepted in Kindergarten, the Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program is now available.

For complete details of this new program, please visit the school website at www.saintphilipschool.org or call the office at 415.824.8467.

We are pleased to offer this new program as an added convenience to interested families. Spread the word!

Are you planning a 2018 spring or summer 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.

Call our parish office to schedule your initial meeting at 415-282-0141.

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We thank our new online donors using the St. Philip Offertory Portal. We were able to meet our user goal for 2017.

We invite you to visit our website at www.saintphilipparish.org and select the online giving tab on the homepage. Alternatively, you can download the mobile app from Google Play or the Apple App Store. 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.

Just when you think activities would slow down, take a look at
Activities & Events on the Horizon

January
◆ Walk for Life West Coast, January 27th, St. Mary’s Cathedral opening Mass 9:30 a.m.
◆ Crab Dinner January 27th, 6p.m. No Host Cocktails, 7p.m. Dinner
◆ Catholic Schools Week and Open House January 28th

February
◆ Confirmation February 3rd at 5:00 p.m. Mass
◆ Ash Wednesday February 14
◆ Lenten Community Almsgiving for the Gubbio Project
  Start collecting your toiletries now - Feb 17—March 24
◆ Lenten Movie & Series begins with the Movie “The Shack” February 15, Parish Hall, Noon & 6:30 p.m.
◆ Parish Council Jambalaya Dinner—February 24, 6:00p.m.
◆ Anointing of the Sick Feb/24 & Feb/25 at all Masses

March
◆ Lenten Penance Service—March 14, 7:00 p.m.
◆ Movie “The Robe” - March 21 12:00 noon, Parish Hall
◆ Spring Gala—March 24
◆ Palm Sunday—March 25
◆ Soup Supper 6:00 p.m., Holy Thursday Liturgy, 7 p.m.—March 29
◆ Good Friday—March 30, Meditation, noon, Liturgy 1p.m.
◆ Easter Vigil—March 31, 8:00 p.m.
◆ Easter Sunday—April 1
◆ SF-Marin Food Bank Packing Event—April 4, 6-8p.m. (21 slots to fill)
◆ First Communion—April 29, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Our Parish School is gearing up to celebrate Catholic Schools Week kicking it off with an All School Mass on Friday, January 26, 2018 at 8:45 a.m. Everyone is invited.

Another Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, January 28th at 10:30 a.m. as a kickoff to our Open House.

Everyone is invited to visit our school, see examples of our students work and meet our professional faculty. In the meantime visit our school website at: saintphilipschool.org

Catholic Schools Week 2018
January 28 – February 3
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 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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Music Ministry
Carlton White, Music Director

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Rosary - Monday - Saturday • After 8:00 a.m. Mass
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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)
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, 11:30a.m., (Hall 3)
Rosary Makers
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

Parish Office Hours
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