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January 28, 2018  The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“A new teaching with authority.

He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.”

Painting by James Tissot

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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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 28, 2018

In both testaments of the Bible, there are struggles to understand how divine authority comes into the world. If we remain connected to the mission and message of Jesus, we have the authority to live as a disciple.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Having called his first four disciples, Jesus goes to the village of Capernaum on the Sea of Galilee, where he begins to teach in the synagogue. He is confronted by evil, a man with an unclean spirit. There is a foreshadowing here as we know that in the end, Jesus will lose his life in a confrontation with evil. What the reader knew from the beginning of Mark’s gospel, namely, that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God (1:1), the man with the unclean spirit shouts out, “I know who you are the Holy One of God!” No human being, only the spirits, call Jesus this during his earthly ministry. The only human being to call him “the Son of God” will be the centurion, and only after he has witnessed Jesus die on the cross (15:39). Jesus’ mission necessarily involves a confrontation with evil, suffering, and death, only after which his true identity as “Son of God” can be proclaimed by a human being.

As we have it in this story, Jesus commands the evil spirit to come out of the man, and it obeys, though not without dramatic theatrics. The assembled people were understandably amazed. And, not surprisingly, Jesus’ reputation spread.

As we will learn later in the gospel, Jesus’ wonder-working will be tempered with suffering and ultimately death. We have here not the lilies-of-the-field Jesus but the Jesus who encounters, battles, and is victorious over evil.

The term “authority” is used twice in this story. Jesus’ teaching is not like the others, for he teaches with authority. As if to demonstrate the authority Jesus wields, even the unclean spirit obeys him. If any wondered about his teaching authority, they need look no further than the man from whom the unclean spirit was expelled.

It is significant too that the disciples were with Jesus during this encounter. We see that no sooner had the disciples been called by Jesus to be his followers than did they encounter evil. The disciples are in relationship with Jesus, and as such they witness the opposition he faces. Later they will encounter similar opposition. Even though the gospel does not tell the story, we, like those in Mark’s community, know that many of Jesus’ disciples lost their lives too in confrontations with evil.

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Praying with the Word

Father,
In your Son, Jesus, you became one with us and raised up from among us someone who shows us your face. Help me make Jesus the center of my life. Open me to the familiar and surprising ways that he heals and empowers me each day. Amen

LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Perhaps we do not like to hear it, but the Christian life (and, in fact, any life) is riddled by encounters with evil. We learn in today’s gospel that Jesus is more powerful than that. Jesus has authority and by that authority he can dispel what is oppositional and troublesome. Once we become followers of Jesus we will still encounter challenges and hostility. Some might wish to think that becoming Christian inoculates one from having those encounters. But the gospel (and our own lived experience) tells a different story.

Even though we will continue to face such encounters, we are comforted in knowing that Jesus has authority over all. A preacher once phrased it this way: “Rest assured in your baptism.” By that he meant that our baptism configures us to Christ, who will be with us. Of course, this doesn’t mean that we disregard precautions, or that we walk around in a state of naïveté. Remember that Jesus himself was killed. It does mean that we have an ally, the author of life. Once we know this, we can rest assured. Even death itself is not the final word.
**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.

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**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

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**A Stewardship Moment**

In today’s Gospel we hear proclaimed the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. He teaches. He heals. And all are amazed. By their baptism, Christian stewards realize they are called to do the same in their lives. They are called to be the light of Christ each day.

As we bring closure to the beginning of this new year, now is a good time to ask the Lord to fill our hearts with courage and faith, so that we too may publicly minister in his name; that we may be liberated from our insecurities and fear so that we can share the Gospel authoritatively and work to heal at least one wounded relationship in the coming months ahead.

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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, Kain Chiu, Mary Crowley, Laura Garcia, Mary Dekle, David Dickey, Agnes Piva, Marian Dickey, Dolores Martin, John Bamber, Leo Juarez, Corrado DeMartini, Fred Jungmann, Bill Matthews, Michael Brust, Ron Ramirez, Chloe Smith, Father Paul Rossi, Jana Atlas, Anne Rivera, Father Juan Manuel Lopez

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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**January 21, 2018 Sunday Collection**

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**Second Collection—Building and grounds**

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register for the 4-week evening discussion group

A Prayer for Our Educators
Gracious Father,
Thank you for the men and women who have given their talents to educate our young people. Through the challenges they encounter each day, lead them to an ever deeper appreciation of the sacred duty to which you have called them. We give thanks for the invaluable work of all those who contribute to the efficient running of our school; support staff, maintenance staff, and volunteers. We thank them for their hard work and dedication and we pray that they may continue to work in support of our school.

Thank you for all those who lead our Catholic schools. May they be people of integrity so that they can be witnesses as well as teachers. We pray that the schools they lead will become places where our young people can experience your love in their lives. Thank you for our Catholic schools.

Help us to pray without ceasing, to work without wavering and to give without grudging in order to ensure the future of Catholic education for all of our children. We make this prayer through your Son, Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord,
Amen

Archdiocese of San Francisco

Wedding Anniversary Celebration
All husbands and wives celebrating a “5-year wedding anniversary” (5, 10, 15…35, 40), or over 40 years in 2018 are invited to attend and be recognized.

Saturday, February 3, 2018
10:00 am Mass followed by reception
$20 suggested donation per family

Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption
1111 Gough Street, San Francisco
Principal Celebrant:
His Excellency Salvatore J. Cordileone
Archbishop of San Francisco

Registration required
www.anniversarymass.net or call (415) 614-5680
Please register by: January 26, 2018
Questions/information: (415) 614-5680
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!
Grieving a Suicide: Group Meetings

Wednesday, January 31, and Saturday, February 3
Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher, RSM,
Bereavement Coordinator
415-681-6153
tlgallagher@mercywmw.org

Grief in any loss is hard. The journey is difficult,
seems to last forever, and is a singular walk, even
though others may be near. These Died by Suicide
Offerings can help you share the common experi-
ence of a sorrow that will not go away. Prayer, affir-
mation, and some coping ideas will be part of the
work. All who have experienced a loved one’s death
by suicide are welcome.

Two opportunities:

- **Wednesday, January 31, 7:00-8:30 pm**, Holy
  Name Parish Center, 1555 39th Ave. San Francis-
  co
- **Saturday, February 3, 9:15 -10:30 am**, Holy
  Cross Cemetery Main Building, Colma
  (followed by Mass at 11:00 am in All Saints
  Chapel, Fr. Dan Carter presiding.

Are you planning a 2018 spring or summer wedding?

If so, now is the time to con-
tact the church’s rectory of-
face and discuss your plans
with our pastoral staff and
reserve the church.

Keep in mind Archdiocese guidelines require cou-
ples contact the parish office at least six months pri-
or to the wedding date to begin the pre-Cana prepa-
ration.

Call our parish office to schedule your initial meet-
ing at 415-282-0141

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 bap-
tism. **Next Session is January 9th , 7:00 p.m. due to the New Year’s Holiday.**

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

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 accord-
  ing 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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Carlton White, Music Director

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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 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) 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 3
Wednesday Alanon 7:00 p.m. Lyons
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