After a period of testing Jesus returns to Galilee, his home, and proclaims the Gospel.
First Sunday of Lent  
February 18, 2018

The theme of safe passage through destructive waters to a place of life and hope pervades our understanding of this baptismal season of Lent.

Reflecting on the Word

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Upon making a commitment, how often do we start out with strong intentions, firm will, and fortitude? Perhaps nothing represents that more in our modern culture than a New Year’s resolution. We see and hear ads for gym memberships and diet plans flooding the Internet and the airwaves during those first few weeks of January. So many of us are resolute in those weeks. But once a hurdle is in our path we can quickly stumble. Sometimes we can make a commitment to exercise daily, and that routine is manageable for a few days, or even a few weeks. But we also face other priorities in the midst of our goal to exercise daily. Pretty soon, exercising is a long-gone wish.

Jesus faced something much more profound than a New Year’s resolution or an intention to exercise daily. Upon being baptized and starting his ministry, he was immediately faced with temptation. He was driven into the desert, a place of no consolation, no respite, and no refreshment. The experience of knowing he is God’s Son gives way to isolation and solitude in a harsh environment.

As a human being, Jesus knew temptation; the gospel is clear about that. But for many Christians it can be difficult to imagine that Jesus was truly tempted, for he was also divine. And yet as he was fully human he was truly tempted. Despite these real temptations, he overcame them. Mark does not tell us much about this period, unlike Luke, for example, with the many scenes of Jesus conversing with Satan. Mark is intent to tell us in sparse text, without wasting a word, that Jesus was tempted by Satan. Jesus was fully human and experienced temptation as we do.

As Jesus was tempted we too will be tempted. Perhaps even our profound experience of faith and trust in God is tested. But after this period of testing Jesus returns to Galilee, his home, and proclaims the Gospel. In this he is a model for us, who will not live without temptation. We might have an experience of desolation that God is not with us in our trials. But like Jesus we can undergo this experience and emerge stronger, with the courage to proclaim the Gospel.

Living the Paschal Mystery

Our lives are filled with many competing priorities. Sometimes we call these “distractions” or temptations. But it is important for us to wisely discern between distractions/temptations and merely competing priorities. Family responsibilities, for example, are hardly temptations, but they can sometimes pull us in directions we do not enjoy or that are not always life giving. Perhaps this is why they are called “responsibilities.” Life-giving activities are from the Spirit of God. Pursuits that pull us away from who we are called to be are better called “temptations.” This is where the example of Jesus can be so powerful.

Jesus was, and was called to be, the Son of God. Mark tells us about this experience at Jesus’ baptism. Yet immediately after his baptism, Jesus was in the desert for forty days, being tempted, only to return to his home, true to his mission, to preach the Gospel.

Often we know who we are called to be. Even in the midst of temptation, or desolation, we know who we are and what we ought to do. Following Christ does not mean a life on easy street without trials or perils. Quite the opposite. The Christian life is beset by obstacles, temptations, and pitfalls. As Jesus did, we are called to proclaim the Gospel, whether we do that at home, in our workplace, or with friends.
MASS FOR THE WEEK
February 18, 2018

2/17 Saturday
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order
8:00 a.m. † Andrew Greene
(by: Barney, Aileen & Maeve Keaney)
5:00 p.m. † Rosemary & Frank Doonan
(by: The O’Leary Family)

2/18 Sunday
First Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Dave Aliventi (Birthday)
(by: The Anderson Family)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

2/19 Monday
8:00 a.m. † Roger, Cecilia, Thomas, Michael,
William & Margaret Furey
(by: Ellen Furey)

2/20 Tuesday
8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan
(by: The Maughan Family Trust)

2/21 Wednesday
Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of
the Church
8:00 a.m. Special Intentions
(by: Anonymous)

2/22 Thursday
The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle
8:00 a.m. † Mike Ashe
(by: Candy Ashe)

2/23 Friday
Saint Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr
8:00 a.m. † Kathry “Kay” Ferrey
(by: Maria Ferrey)

2/24 Saturday
8:00 a.m. † Anna & Jan Nalepa
(by: Walter & Cecylia Maciol)
5:00 p.m. † Bruno Piva
(by: Agnes Piva)

2/25 Sunday
Second Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi (Special Intention)
(by: Rowena & Scott Kern & Aurora & Oscar Mallari)
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 Dekle  David Dickey
Agnes Piva  Marian Dickey  Dolores Martin
John Bamber  Bill Matthews  Michael Brust
Fred Jungmann  Leo Juarez  Corrado DeMartini
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.

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

February 12, 2018 Sunday Collection $2,304.00
Online giving $1,020.00
Total Collection $3,324.00
Second Collection—Maintenance $95.00

LENTE FAST & ABSTINENCE REGULATIONS
For Lent the following regulations are in place in the
Archdiocese of San Francisco.

Abstinence: Everyone fourteen years of age and older
is bound to abstain from meat on ASH WEDNESDAY,
the FRIDAYS of Lent, and GOOD FRIDAY.

Fast: Everyone eighteen years of age and older but
under the age of sixty is also bound to fast on ASH
WEDNESDAY and GOOD FRIDAY. On these two
days, the law of fast allows only one full meal a day, but
does not prohibit taking some food during the day, so
long as this does not constitute another full meal. Drink-
ning liquids during the day is permitted. When health or
ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does
not oblige. In doubt concerning fast or abstinence, a
priest assigned to pastoral ministry or confessor should
be consulted. In the spirit of penance, the faithful should
not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

A Stewardship Moment
In today’s Gospel, Jesus urges his listeners
to do two things: to believe in the Good
News and to repent. The steward is called
to repent: to acquire an openness to begin
anew, to change existing attitudes and hab-
its, and to act with faith in the Gospel. In this
season of Lent, now is the time to ask our-
selves whether or not we truly believe in the
Gospel; and if we do, to what extent are we
willing to change our prevailing habits and
be more faithful to the Gospel?
Activities & Events on the Horizon

Worth Noting

**February**
- 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, 7PM to midnight, 111 Minna Gallery, San Francisco
- 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. & Tenebrae Service at 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Vigil—March 31, 8:00 p.m.

**April**
- 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

**May**
- May Crowning, Sunday, May 6 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass
- Pentecost, May 20th

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**Lent the Season of Prayer, Almsgiving & Fasting**

**How will you prepare?**

**Continue your Lenten Journey at The Shack**

*Based on the New York Times Best-Selling Novel by Wm. Paul Young*

**Sam Worthington**

**Octavia Spencer**

**And Tim McGraw**

**Continue your Lenten Journey at The Shack**

*From the Producer of Life of Pi and The Blind Side*

**The Shack**

*You’re Never As Alone As You Think.*

Continue your journey with faith sharing discussion groups
Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
February 22, March 1, March 8 and March 15th
Call the Parish Office to make your reservation.

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**Keep a Prayer Journal During Lent**

This Lent why not express our love for the Lord by keeping a prayer journal during Lent?

The season of Lent can be a great time of spiritual growth and keeping a prayer journal can help strengthen our prayer life. Journaling can help us listen more intently to God’s voice, track our spiritual growth, and deepen our relationship with the Lord.

There are different ways to keep a prayer journal. You can simply reflect on a passage from scripture, then write down your thoughts and feelings. Or, you can write down what the Holy Spirit places upon your heart during prayer. It is important to commit to a specific time and place each day to pray and spend time in silence with God. Then, as part of your prayer experience, write a few lines. Whether you want to express your gratitude, challenges, praises or laments, share them with the Lord in writing.

If you’re not already in the habit of keeping a prayer journal, try it. You will be surprised by the spiritual awareness cultivated within yourself as you journey with Christ toward Easter.
Gather your friends for another Jambalaya Feast and the return of Chef Charles and his renowned Baton Rouge style jambalaya accompanied by live New Orleans music.

**Saturday, February 24, 2018**

**Location:** Saint Philip’s Parish Hall  
**Time:** 6:00 p.m. (No host cocktails) - following the 5:00 p.m. Mass  
**Dinner:** at 7:00 p.m.  
**Price:** $25/person in advance or $30 at the door

RSVP: 415-282-0141  
Send payment to Saint Philip Church, 725 Diamond, San Francisco, CA, 94114

This event is being presented by the St. Philip Parish Council and all proceeds benefit the 8th Grade scholarship fund.

As we mark President’s Day, February 19, let us pause and remember the words of Abraham Lincoln on prayer

“I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had no where else to go. My own wisdom and that of all about me seemed insufficient for that day.”

**Archdiocese of San Francisco**

**ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018**

“By one Spirit

we are all baptized into one body”  
1 Corinthians 12:13

**CALLED TO CARE AND TO SHARE**

Dear St. Philip Community,

The **2018 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal has officially been launched.** As mentioned last weekend we have been blessed in previous years by being able to meet our assessment without having to draw from our savings account due to **your generous support.** This year’s assessment is **$39,080.00.** Once again, with everyone doing their part, we should be able to meet this obligation.

Your donations not only serve and support parish ministries, schools, social and clergy support and the Universal Church & Communication, but actually have an impact in changing lives.

There are several ways to give so as not to burden your financial planning:

1) Pledge over time,  
2) Do a one-time gift with check or cash,  
3) Donate with your credit card using the brochure,  
4) Donate online at sfarch.org/AAA.

Pray, Think & Act!
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.
**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 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. 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 Services**

**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

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

**Parish Resources**

**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 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) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
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

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**Parish Office Hours**
Monday—Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
415-282-0141 Fax: 415-282-8962
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