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

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February 25, 2018 The Second Sunday of Lent

“This is my beloved Son. Listen to him.”

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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
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Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2018

After last Sunday’s account of Jesus’ trials in the desert, today we hear of his Transfiguration. It was doing the Father’s will that he desired, not status, wealth, or power.

Reflecting on the Word

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

Mountains have always been a place for human beings to seek the transcendent. Mountains were considered the realm of the gods from antiquity. We recall the ancient Greeks and Mount Olympus, the home of Zeus. In the Old Testament we know of Mount Sinai and Moses’ encounter with God there. In today’s gospel we hear of another encounter with the divine on a mountain, the place of the transcendent. This encounter takes place not in front of the crowds, the disciples, or even the Twelve. This encounter is special; it is unique. For this special event, Jesus takes Peter and the sons of Zebedee.

The language of this encounter is steeped in symbolism, beginning with the mountain itself, but including the white garments, the cloud, the voice from heaven, and the figures alongside Jesus. The garments Jesus wears are turned “dazzling white, / such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.” Modern ears may wonder about the word “fuller,” which is not commonly used today. The word comes from Latin, via Old English, and refers to one who cleans cloth, especially wool. In any case, Jesus’ garments were made really white. The symbolism should be clear. He is pure.

Moses and Elijah, appearing alongside Jesus, represent the Law and the Prophets. Jesus fulfills both; his ministry is in continuity with Moses and Elijah. He is not doing anything contrary to either. Rather than rest in the moment, and simply take in the wonderment of it all, Peter breaks into the scene with an idea to make three tents, which would be places of worship, commemorating this event. His response is so often typical of our own. He wants to preserve the occasion, mark it in some way. But no sooner had he voiced this proposal than God himself, the voice from heaven, speaks in a way reminiscent of Jesus’ baptism. At Jesus’ baptism the voice from heaven was heard by Jesus alone: “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Mark 1:11, NABRE). Now the three disciples, not present at Jesus’ baptism, hear the voice too. And with that, the episode ends. The three disciples are left alone with Jesus to come down from the mountain, struggling to understand what this experience and Jesus’ own admonition meant.

When considering the symbolism associated with this mountaintop experience, we can relate it to our own lives when we have an experience of the transcendent.

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

The hope of being transformed or transfigured into the image of God awaits all of God’s children. We walk through this life knowing that our eternal destiny is to be like God and live eternally in his presence. How does this truth about who we can become change the way we live today? Does it even matter to us that we are called to a higher purpose that is often quite different than the one we fabricate for ourselves here on earth? A transformed, eternal life is God’s desire for all of his daughters and sons. Knowing this helps us put suffering in perspective and walk peacefully with hope in our hearts.
MASSES FOR THE WEEK
February 25, 2018

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

2/26 Monday
8:00 a.m. Dena & Tommy Walsh (Spl. Int.)
(by: The Anderson Family)

2/27 Tuesday
8:00 a.m. †
(by: )

2/28 Wednesday
8:00 a.m. † Simon Corry
(by: Rita Murphy)

3/01 Thursday
8:00 a.m. †
(by: )

3/02 Friday
8:00 a.m. †
(by: )

3/03 Saturday
Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin
8:00 a.m. † Evelyn Hunt
(by: The McLaughlin Family)
5:00 p.m. † Simon Corry
(by: Rita Murphy)

3/04 Sunday
Third Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi (Special Intention)
(by: 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 18, 2018 Sunday Collection $1,565.00
Online giving $730.00
Total Collection $2,295.00
Second Collection—Maintenance $507.00

LENTEN 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. Drinking 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY
Father Musaby’Imana at Davies Hospital, the staff chaplain, is in great need of Eucharistic ministers to the sick at Davies and St. Luke Hospitals in San Francisco. Service would be to do one day a week (about 1-2 hours) bringing communion to the hospitalized. If you would like to serve. Please contact Father at 310-526-1404.

A Lenten Prayer

Loving and merciful God, when we were baptized, you made us your beloved daughters and sons. You are always for us. May our Lenten practices help us believe that more fully and transform us to know the life that comes from you alone.

Amen

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

2/25 Sunday Kindergarten Family Class Mass, 10:30 a.m. & Hospitality following the Mass
3/1 Senior/Rosary Group Gathering, 11:30 a.m., Hall #3
3/1 “The Shack” Lenten Series Discussion Group #3, 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall
3/4 Hospitality Sunday following the 10:30 a.m. Mass
3/6 Baptismal Prep Sessions, by appointment 7:00 p.m., Rectory
3/8 Thursday, 3rd Grade Class Mass, 8:45 a.m.
3/11 3rd Grade Family Mass, 10:30 a.m., Hospitality follows our celebration.
3/13 Tuesday, Parish-Wide Communal Penance Service, 7:00 p.m. in the Church (new date)
Activities & Events on the Horizon

February
- Lenten Community Almsgiving for the Gubbio Project - Feb 17—March 24
- 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 13, 7:00 p.m. new date
- 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

Prayer: Throughout Scripture, Jesus goes to pray in deserted places. Lent is our “deserted place.” We draw near to God through Mass, confession, and spiritual practices like the Stations of the Cross, but we are also invited to spend time in prayer alone with the Father like Jesus did. Try and set some meditative time this week. We have Lenten Reflection booklets to guide you at the back of the church for your use.

Fasting: Fasting is not a diet! With a diet, we try to achieve a physical goal in this world. In fasting, we try to achieve a spiritual goal in the next. Fasting helps us to sacrifice our preferences and less-than-healthy impulses to build discipline to choose the good in all areas of life. You might consider refraining from social media this week, or turning your phone off at meal times. Practice being present with those around you.

Almsgiving: Time and time again, the Bible tells us that to love God we must love others. Our “neighbor” is someone we might not expect. Giving alms is an opportunity to support and care for our neighbor in need. Will you consider supporting the Gubbio Project this week by donating a needed toiletry item for those in need?

Assisting the Marginalized
Our Annual Lenten Almsgiving project supporting the Gubbio Project has begun.

If you can spare basic toiletries such as toothpaste, brushes, deodorant, shampoo, lotion, disposable shavers for men/women, cough lozenges, etc., please leave them in the box provided by the Mary statue in the church. These will be delivered during Holy Week to those seeking shelter and hygiene care through the St. Boniface Church Gubbio Project. As always, thank you for your generous expression of love for others.

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
How’s Your Lenten Journey Going?
Suggested Lenten Action Practices to Consider

- Pray with your family at mealtime. Make a point of praying for people in need.
- Be more courteous in your attitude, words, and deeds.
- Make a list of ten things you are grateful for in your life.
- Go through your closets and donate usable clothing and household goods to a local charity.
- Fast from gossip.
- Pay attention to someone you are tempted to brush aside.
- Fast from e-mail, text messaging, or both for a day.
- Speak less and listen more. Give others the gift of your undivided attention.
- Pray while you go for a walk.
- Send a greeting card or a letter to a relative, friend, or fellow parishioner who is homebound.
- Fast from eating food mindlessly, that is, from not even bothering to taste it.
- Fast from worrying. Trust God instead.
- Pray for the willingness to seek forgiveness from people you have hurt.
- Make a prayer out of performing a loving action for others. For example, when you take out the garbage or help your child with homework, do it mindfully, and it will become your prayer.
- At the grocery store, pray for the farmers and all those who help make available food that you will bring to your table.
- Fast from comparing yourself to others.

Just a small sample to get you going on your Lenten journey.

Catholic Charities Lenten Tours and Volunteer Opportunities

During Lent, Catholic Charities invites you to practice compassion by:

- Touring one of our programs serving the poor and vulnerable
- Share your time by volunteering; tutoring; serving food or leading activities
- Donating to those in need.

To sign up for a program tour in San Francisco, Marin, or San Mateo, or for more information about volunteering, please contact:
Regina O’Connor, Volunteer Manager, 415-972-1297, volunteer@CatholicCharitiesSF.org.

Visit the website at CatholicCharitiesSF.org/all-opportunities

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ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 2018

“By one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.”
1 Corinthians 12:13

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Outstanding balance $36,160.00 from our assessment of $39,080.00

Mr. & Mrs. Rob Anderson
Anne Auren-Gray & William Gray
Harold Coffee, Jr.
Brian & Sandra Kearney
Milena Pastor
Dale Richardson
Mary C. Vargas

As of February 16, 2018

CALLED TO CARE AND TO SHARE

Remember, our 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. Start your pledge in February and take advantage to fulfill your pledge over 10 months!
2) Give a one-time gift with check or cash,
3) Donate with your credit card using the brochure, 4) Donate online at sfarch.org/AAA.
B15 Jesus Is Transfigured, Mark 9:2-10, Second Sunday in Lent,
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It must have frightened Peter, James, and John to see rays of light coming from all parts of the body of Jesus. He looked dazzling white! That's what you try to get your teeth to be. That's what you want your clothes to be. God makes your soul dazzling white with forgiveness. When you are scared, God will calm you with his peace.

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alone    conversing    John    Peter    suddenly
day      dead         kept     questioning  tents
apart    dazzling     knew     Rabbi      terrified
appeared  earth     listen     relate      three
became    down         longer   reply       transfigured
beloved   earth     looking     risen      up
bleach    Elijah     matter     rising     voice
charged   hardly     meant     saw        white
clothes   high     Moses     seen
cloud     James     mountain   shadow
coming    Jesus     over      six
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 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 Ordinary 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.
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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