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October 16, 2016  Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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LITURGIES

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., (8:45a.m. School Mass) & 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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For many setting aside any definite time for prayer during the day may seem all but impossible, especially if we are talking about ten or fifteen uninterrupted minutes. Persistence in praying always might need to take the form in our lives of developing the habit of being aware of God’s abiding Presence and blessings even in our busyness. It might mean that we learn to catch little moments for prayer (like we sometimes are able to catch moments for catnaps)—while driving to pick up the youngsters or waiting in a checkout line.

The place and manner of prayer aren’t nearly so important as the fact that we pray—always and without ceasing. This prayer sustains our relationship with a God who loves beyond measure.

FOR REFLECTION:

- Name times when persistent perseverance has been effective in your life.
MASSES FOR THE WEEK  
**October 16, 2016**

10/15 Saturday  
5:00 p.m. † Eulogio Martinez, Jr.  
(by: The Vargas Family)

10/16 Sunday  
8:00 a.m. † Domingo Quiamao  
(by: Mila Schneider)  
10:30 a.m. † Bernie Murphy  
(by: Phyllis Murphy)

10/17 Monday  
Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr  
8:00 a.m. Judy Barron (Spl. Intention)  
(by: Candy Ashe)

10/18 Tuesday  
St. Luke, Evangelist  
8:00 a.m. † Gloria Adams  
(by: Marilyn Driscoll)

10/19 Wednesday  
Saints John de Brébeuf & Issac Jogues,  
Priests & Martyrs  
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

10/20 Thursday  
Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest  
8:00 a.m. † Jose & Maria Gonzalez  
(by: Maria DeMartini)

10/21 Friday  
8:00 a.m. † Peter Gallagher  
(by: The Fullerton Family)

10/22 Saturday  
Saint John Paul II, Pope, BVM  
8:00 a.m. † Floro Policarpio  
(by: Don & Carole Molloy)  
5:00 p.m. † Eulogio Martinez, Jr.  
(by: Young at Heart)

10/23 Sunday  
8:00 a.m. † Pedro Madrinan  
(by: Mila Schneider)  
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

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**Remember in your Prayers...**

Let us remember the sick, homebound and elderly of our Parish that they may find comfort and healing in Christ.

Isabel Juarez  Mary, Kain Chiu  
Patricia Crowley  Mary Deke  
Laura Garcia  Douglas Martin  
Agnes Piva  Bill Matthews  
John Bamber  Leo Juarez  
Isabel Juarez  Kain Chiu  
Mary Crowley  Mary Deke  
David Dickey  Dolores Martin  
Mary Leung  Gina Wood

Those Who Have Entered Their Eternal Rest. May the Perpetual Light Shine upon them.

For those preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage  
**Robert DeFrancis & Kimberly Tagle**

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**Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy December 8, 2015 - November 20, 2016**

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**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**  
NEXT WEEK’S SECOND COLLECTION  
**October 22 & 23, 2016**

Your contributions to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith on World Mission Sunday and throughout the year help support pastoral and evangelizing programs, catechists and catechetical work, the building of churches and chapels, the work of Religious Communities in health care and education, and communication and transportation needs.

Gifts provided on World Mission Sunday or at other times to the Propagation of the Faith help to ensure that the poor of the Missions receive help and the hope that comes from knowing of the love of Jesus Christ. The day-to-day service of the Catholic Church in the Developing World depends on such financial help. You generosity and support is greatly appreciated.

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**Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Seminars**

Saturday, October 22, 10:00 –11:30 a.m., Mission Dolores Basilica, 3321 16th Street, San Francisco  
Saturday, October 29, 2:00-3:30 p.m. All Souls Church, 315 Walnut Ave., South San Francisco  
Fr. Anthony Giampietro 415-614-5580  
development@sfarch.org

Estate planning? Funeral and burial planning? End-of-life bioethical decisions? Where do you begin? And where can you find trustworthy advice from a specifically Catholic perspective? The archdiocese offers free seminars to help orient you to these complex and important topics.

There will be no “sales pitch” at these workshops, only up-to-date and relevant information you can use. Seating is limited, so please register to attend by phone or email noted above.

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**Tuesday’s Choir Practice**  
Adults  Tuesdays, 7:30PM in the Church  
Children’s Choir - Tuesdays 4PM in the Church

10/16 Hospitality following the 10:30 AM Mass  
10/19 Boy Scouts, 6PM, Hall 3  
10/20 Rosary Makers , 11:30 AM, Parish Hall  
10/21 Clericus Classic Basketball Game, 7PM Riordan High School  
10/23 World Mission Sunday Second Collection  
10/30 Scholastic Book Fair, Parish Hall  
10/30 St. Vincent de Paul Second Collection

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October 10, 2016  
School Monthly Collection - $791.00  
$2,166.00
October count is here!

Beginning with the October 1 & 2 weekend of Masses, please be aware our ushers will be seen discreetly going up and down the church aisles and taking an attendance count of people for each of the individual Masses.

This is a practice that is done annually throughout all the parishes as a means of measuring the attendance from year to year.

Thank you for your understanding during this process.

Reciting the Rosary as a Meditative Prayer

The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ’s spirit dwells.

If you are interested in learning more about How to Pray the rosary, we have pamphlets to guide you as well as rosaries for your use made by members of our Rosary Ministry here at Saint Philip.

Visit the table by the altar on St. Joseph’s side this week.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

LADIES OF CHARITY INVITE YOU TO LEARN ABOUT VINCENTIAN PRAYER AND SERVICE

Are you looking to deepen your prayer life and your life of service? The Ladies of Charity, founded by St. Vincent de Paul in 1617, is a worldwide association of Catholic women drawn together by their love for Christ and for those who live in poverty. They join with other members of the Vincentian family (Daughters of Charity, Vincentian Priests and Brothers, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, and Vincentian Service Corps Volunteers) to bring compassionate care to the most vulnerable members of society. The Ladies of Charity pray together, support women and children in recovery programs, visit the sick, the aged, and the dying, prepare food for an AIDS hospice, and provide other services. There are many opportunities for ministry and spiritual growth, including the Epiphany Center in San Francisco.

For information, phone or email Linda Ramelot at 650-949-0930 email: lramelt@sbcglobal.net or Sister Estela at 415-567-8370, email: sisterestela@theEpiphanyCenter.org

THE RED MASS FOR THE LEGAL AND JUSTICE PROFESSIONS WITH ARCHBISHOP CORILEONE

Tuesday, October 25, 5:30 p.m.
Sts. Peter and Paul Church, 666 Filbert St., San Francisco

The Red Mass is a tradition more than seven centuries old, an occasion of liturgical prayer seeking blessing and guidance for judges, attorneys, law students, law professors, government officials, all who work in the legal and justice systems, and for all who seek justice.

The annual Red Mass is sponsored by the St. Thomas More Society of San Francisco. Following Mass, there will be a reception and dinner honoring the recipient of the 2016 St. Thomas More Award, Stephen T. Lanctot, for his service to the Church.

All are welcome to attend Mass, reception, and dinner. Dinner tickets are $90 per person, $45 for students and clergy. For more information visit: stthomasmoresf.org

Luncheon Honoring Retired Priests and Benefiting the Priests Retirement Fund

Friday, October 28, 11:30 a.m.
St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street, San Francisco

This Sixth Annual Saint John Vianney Luncheon raises funds to pay for medical expenses not covered by insurance and assisted living and nursing care for our retired priests. The Luncheon also provides us with the unique opportunity to show our appreciation for their life work and dedication to our Catholic community.

To reserve tickets and complete an RSVP card, please visit the Development Department online at SFArch.org/PFRlunch. Tickets are $125 per person and are partially tax-deductible.

ON THE HORIZON

- Nov. 1, All Saint Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
  Masses: 8AM, 9AM & 7PM
- Nov. 2, All Souls Day
  Masses: 8AM & 7PM
- Nov. 22, St. Philip Community Service Project at Food Bank
- Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day Mass, 9AM (bring a non-perishable food item in Thanksgiving)
CELEBRATING OUR SACRAMENTS

Are you planning a spring or summer wedding?

If so, now is the time to contact the church’s rectory office and discuss your plans with our pastor 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.

Wedding Anniversary Blessings

Did you know you can have your wedding blessed and renew your vows in a celebration of a milestone anniversary?

It is lovely gift you can bestow on your Sacrament of Marriage as you renew your vows of love and faith with each other. Call the rectory office for more information at 415-282-0141.

CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE?

Married Singles Lifestyle -The Married Singles Lifestyle describes couples that may have lost a sense of closeness they once had as marriage partners and are living more like roommates. Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) teaches couples how to survive times like these in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulty at all levels of marital distress from disillusionment to deep misery.

For confidential information or to register for the November program beginning with a weekend on November 4-6, call (415) 893-1005 or email: SF@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Are you interested in have your son/daughter baptized at Saint Philip?

Please call the parish office at 415-282-0141 to reserve your spot for any upcoming Tuesday evening preparation session.

First Communion Classes

While our sessions have formally begun there is still time to register!

If you have a son/daughter, or know of someone who is not enrolled in our school, but wishes to have their child receive the Sacrament of First Communion, do call the parish office at 415-282-0141 to get registered.

We are more than happy to welcome anyone interested in receiving their Sacraments. It is a blessing and a joy to offer our Catholic faith and traditions to those interested.

The class meets at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the chapel of the Church followed by the 10:30 Mass. Classes conclude at 11:30 a.m.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

This year Confirmation will take place at St Philips’ on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Current eighth grade students in St. Philip’s school will be prepared in their Religion classes. For non-St. Philip’s students, we are planning to institute classes for current eighth grade and high school students to be held on Sundays from 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. during the months of November, December, January and February.

Please contact the Parish Office at 415-282-0141 to enroll or for further information.

PLEASE NOTE:

We are also looking for an individual or two to teach this class. We will be using the “Confirmed in the Spirit” program from Loyola Press, Chicago.

Time commitment involves meeting with students for 10 sessions starting November 6th. Sessions will be spaced as follows: November—three sessions, December—two sessions; January—three sessions and February—two sessions with Confirmation taking place on February 19th.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS

Interested in our Parish School?

If you would like to arrange a school tour, please call our office at 415-824-8467.

Tours are conducted on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

www.saintphilipschool.org

Our Next Family Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, October 23, 2016 at the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Our Sixth grade class and families are graciously hosting our hospitality and fellowship after the Mass in the Parish Hall.

We will also be honoring members of the faculty, Children’s Liturgy & R.C.I.A. Catechists at that Mass celebration. We look forward to having you join in this celebration.
October 17 - Saint Ignatius of Antioch (35-108)

Ignatius was a convert to Christianity. When he was named the second bishop of Antioch, Syria, Ignatius became a successor of Saint Peter. In 107, Emperor Trajan tried to force Christians to renounce their religion.

Ignatius allowed soldiers to bind him in a rickety cart and lead him to Rome for martyrdom. As his cart rolled into towns, local bishops and Christians came to meet and encourage him. His friend Saint Polycarp, the bishop of Smyrna, received him with great honor, because he saw Ignatius’s holiness.

On the journey, Ignatius wrote seven letters to the churches he left behind. The letters give insight into the growth of theology. Ignatius praised the love and support he experienced on his way to Rome. He insisted that the people obey their bishop and act only with his approval. “Wherever the bishop is, there let the people be, for there is the Catholic Church.” (Letter to the Church at Smyrna 8.1–2) Ignatius wrote that Christ was present in the Church, in each member, and in the Blessed Sacrament. Of himself, he said, “I am the wheat of Christ, may I be ground by the teeth of beasts to become the immaculate bread of Christ.” He asked his people to gather around the Eucharist and to care for “the widow, the orphan, the oppressed, as well as those in prison, the hungry and the thirsty.” (Letter to the Church at Smyrna 6.2) He called himself “the bearer of God.” Ignatius was devoured by wild beasts in the Roman amphitheater.

October 18 - Saint Luke, Evangelist

On October 18 we celebrate the feast day of St. Luke. There are only a few certain facts about St. Luke's life. We know him best as the author of the third gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles.

A Greek himself, he wrote the story of Jesus and the Christian community for Gentile readers. He also accompanied St. Paul on some of his journeys and shared in his sufferings. Probably a physician, Luke may have pioneered as an early member of the church at Antioch.

The saint's books reveal something about his character. Luke wrote excellent popular prose with an artist's skill at painting picture stories. Demonstrating an unusual commitment to accuracy, he appears to have fastidiously checked his facts. For example, archaeologists have confirmed many details that he reported in the Acts.

Some of Luke's main themes - prayer, the Holy Spirit, and mercy - suggest that he was a compassionate, spiritual man. He aimed his books to persuade Gentiles that the Christian story was true. So he made it more accessible to them by filing his gospel with accounts of Christ's openness and mercy.

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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.

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.

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.

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PARISH OUTREACH
Altar Society
Baptismal Classes First Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Rectory)
Belfry Society
Adult Choir Tuesday 7:00 p.m. (Church)
Children Choir Tuesday 4:00 p.m. (Hall 1)
First Communion Instruction
Confirmation Instruction
Liturgy Committee
Men’s Club
Parish Council
Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
Rosary Makers Second & Third Thursday, 11:30 a.m., (Hall 3)
School Board
St. Vincent de Paul Jr.
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 7:30 p.m. Hall 1
Saturday A.A. Meeting (Mixed) 8:30 p.m. Hall

Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy
Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Though Jesus told today’s parable more than two thousand years ago, human nature hasn’t changed: we recognize both characters instantly. The merciless judge represents the corruption that has short-circuited justice throughout history; the distraught widow, society’s perennially powerless, marginalized to what Pope Francis calls the “peripheries” by those who wield power but lack the mercy that could transfigure society with compassion. To confront such reality, Jesus bids us, “pray always without becoming weary” (Luke 18:1). Prayer opens our eyes to see others from Jesus’ perspective, and leads us to work for justice by coming to the aid of others with what Pope Francis extols as a higher standard, mercy. Thus, when Jesus asks, “Will not God secure the rights of [God’s] chosen ones? Will [God] be slow to answer?” (18:7). We respond by making God’s liberating work for others our own. “When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” (18:8). Yes, we respond—and mercy!

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