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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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Fifth Sunday of Lent  
March 18, 2018

As we stand at the threshold of Holy Week, which begins next Sunday, we hear once again that life will have times of trial, but in Christ we are assured that the trial is not our final future.

Reflecting on the Word

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

“There is no such place” says the placard held by the one who firmly believes in the approaching apocalypse. Many claim to know when a disaster will strike, or when God will send his judgment upon the earth. Some look for signs and discern meaning from natural events. An earthquake might mean the foundations of the world are being shaken, in preparation for God’s judgment. Terrible and violent storms are understood as God’s anger poured out on an unrepentant people. God’s activity is often discerned (rightly or wrongly) by interpreting events in daily life.

In today’s gospel two Greeks (certainly not Jews) approach not Jesus but Philip, which, by the way, is a Greek name. Up to this point in Jesus’ ministry, according to the Gospel of John, Jesus has never, not once, interacted with a Gentile. Luke, of course, paints a different picture, but today we are reading from the Gospel of John.

Philip listens to the request of these two Greeks who want to see Jesus and, in turn, goes to Andrew (another Greek name!) to enlist his help with this unorthodox request. Together the disciples intercede for the Greek interlocutors. Jesus rightly perceives this to be the conclusion of his ministry. If even the Greeks (that is, Gentiles) are now coming to see him, the end is near! Death is at the ready. Jesus then begins an eloquent teaching on the necessity of death for bearing fruit, and no mention is made that the Greeks ever met Jesus. Instead, they serve merely as a narrative tool to usher in the final days of Jesus.

It’s true that the ancients did not have the knowledge about biology that we have today. Upon hearing the metaphor of a seed dying to produce much fruit, many in a modern audience might dispute the analogy. For we know that a seed does not truly die, but the soil, moisture, and light cause an organic change. Still we do not want to lose the message in spite of the metaphor. Only by his death will Jesus’ ministry truly bear fruit. That is the necessary next step. His death is necessary because this is the purpose for which Jesus came. There is no sidestepping or dodging this inevitable end, which is ratified by a voice from heaven. The end is near.

Lenten Reflection

What Needs Changing in My Life?

We start to come to know that by asking for help. "Lord, help me to know what needs changing." It is often said, "Be careful about what you ask for." This is one of those requests that God must surely want to answer.

Then, we have to listen. With a little bit of reflection, most of us will just begin to "name" things that make up our ordinary habits and ways of being who we are, that we aren't very proud of. Things we do and things we never get around to doing. We can "feel" the call to change our attitudes, our self-absorption, or our way of interacting with others. Perhaps a spouse, a loved one, a friend, a family member, a co-worker has told me something about myself that gets in the way of communication, that makes relating to them difficult. Maybe I don't take God very seriously. I go to Church on Sunday, and contribute my share, but I don't really take time to deal with my relationship with God. Perhaps I've let my mind and fantasy get cluttered with escapist litter. I might begin to name a number of self-indulgent habits. I may realize I rarely, if ever, hear the cry of the poor, and can't remember when I've answered that cry. It could be that dishonesty on all kinds of levels has become a way of life. One of the roadblocks in my relationship with God and others may be deep wounds or resentments from the past, things I continue to hold against others or myself.
MASSES FOR THE WEEK
March 18, 2018

3/17 Saturday
Solemnity of St. Patrick, Bishop, Principal Co-Patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco
8:00 a.m. Bill Welch (Special Intention)
(by: Anonymous)
5:00 p.m. † Denis T. Murphy
(by: Rita Murphy)

3/18 Sunday
Fifth Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Pura Lippi (Special Intention)
(by: The Hussey, Kern & Mallari families)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

3/19 Monday
Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:00 a.m. † Bernard “Bernie” Kelly
(by: L.A.O.H. Division #2)

3/20 Tuesday
8:00 a.m. † Adam Ferrey
(by: Maria Ferrey)

3/21 Wednesday
8:00 a.m. † Theresa Scheiwiller
(by: Mila Schneider)

3/22 Thursday
8:00 a.m. † Dolores Quiambao
(by: Mila Schneider)

3/23 Friday
Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
8:00 a.m. † Betsey Auren
(by: Anne Gray)

3/24 Saturday
8:00 a.m. Special Intentions
(by: Anonymous)
5:00 p.m. † Regina DiSerio
(by: Tom DiSerio)

3/25 Sunday
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 a.m. Aurora Mallari (Spl Intention)
(by: The Hussey, Kern & Mallari families)
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 Monsignor Father Juan Manuel Lopez
James Tarantino

Those who have died, the deceased of our parish, Juana Gomez, and Ann Marie Ravara-Naidus, 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.

March 11, 2018 Sunday Collection $2,611.00
Online giving $1,103.00
Total Collection $3,714.00
Second Collection—Parish Maintenance $605.00

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.

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

3/21 Cub Scout Mtg, Parish Hall, 6:00 p.m.
3/22 Chrism Mass at St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough at Geary Street, 5:00 p.m.
3/25 Palm Sunday & Hospitality following the 10:30 a.m. Mass celebration. Holy Week Begins!
3/29 Fourth Grade Holy Thursday Mass, 11:00 a.m.
3/29 Holy Thursday Soup Supper, 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall, All are Welcome!
3/29 Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper and Feet Washing, 7:00 p.m., Church

Archbishop Cordileone and Metropolitan Gerasimos celebrate “Salutations of the Holy Cross” Ecumenical Service
Monday, March 19, 7:00 pm
Church of the Holy Cross
900 Alameda de las Pulgas, Belmont, CA
Parish Office 650-591-4447 office@goholycross.org

The Greek Orthodox Metropolis of San Francisco invites everyone to “Rejoice, O Cross Guardian of the World.” This service will take place at the Church of the Holy Cross in Belmont, marking the 12-year anniversary of the Greek Orthodox Church of the Holy Cross and the Roman Catholic Church of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Belmont joining together in Salutations and Veneration of the relic of the Holy Cross of our Lord.

His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos welcomes His Excellency Most Reverend Salvatore J. Cordileone as the homilist. Reception with refreshments and discussion immediately to follow. For additional information, please contact the church office, see above.
Activities & Events on the Horizon

March
- Gubbio Project - Collection of toiletries till March 25th
- Spring Gala—March 24, 7PM to midnight, 111 Minna Gallery, San Francisco (Major School Fundraising Event)
- Palm Sunday—March 25 & Hospitality
- 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)
- Movie “The Robe” - April 5, 12:00 noon, Parish Hall (new date, Parking in school lot!)
- 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

You are cordially invited to attend the Holy Chrism Mass on Thursday, March 22, 2018, 5:00 p.m. at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

**WHAT IS THE CHRISM MASS YOU ASK?**

"You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows...."  - Psalm 23

"Chrism" is the name of an oil used sacramentally, a mixture of olive oil and balsam, an aromatic resin. The Scriptures and tradition are full of references to oil, to its uses in cleansing, healing, and anointing.

At the annual Chrism Mass, the archbishop gathers with the priests of the archdiocese and celebrates Mass, manifesting the unity of the priests with their archbishop. And the archbishop blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens (*oleum catechumenorum* or *oleum sanctorum*), the oil of the infirm (*oleum infirmorum*), and holy chrism (*sacrum chrisma*) — which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the archdiocese for the year.

**GOOD FRIDAY EVENING TENEbrae!**

As your Lenten Journey comes to a close, join us for Tenebrae—the liturgy of shadows

**Good Friday, March 30, 2018 7:00 p.m., Church**

Tenebrae is a meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. We ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering through mounting darkness; through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory. Resurrection Sunday, Easter!

Assisting the Marginalized

Our Lenten Almsgiving Project Continues for one more week

Our Annual Lenten Almsgiving project supporting the Gubbio Project is progressing well. Thanks to those of you who have already had an opportunity to participate.

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.

The Stations of the Cross is a Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus’ Passion and Death. At each station we use our senses and our imagination to reflect prayerfully upon Jesus’ suffering, Death, and Resurrection, and to simply experience the visual images to reflect on Christ’s love for us.

During the Lenten Season, Stations of the Cross will be recited on **Friday mornings following the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the church.**

Our Parish school students recite the stations at **11:00 a.m.**
If you would like to actively participate in the Holy Thursday feet washing ritual at the 7:00 p.m. Mass, please call the Parish Office at 415-282-0141 so we can add your name to the volunteer list. This is a beautiful ceremony depicting Christ’s love and humility calling us to do the same for each other.

“Love one another as I have loved you” John 15:12

There are several ways to give so as not to burden your financial planning:
1) Pledge over time. Take advantage to fulfill your pledge over the next 9 months.
2) Give a one-time gift with check or cash,
3) Donate with your airline mileage earning credit card using the brochure,
4) Donate online at sfarch.org/AAA.

CALLED TO CARE AND TO SHARE
2018 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
“By One Spirit we are all baptized into one body.”
1 Corinthians 12:13

Outstanding balance $23,620.00
As of March 12, we have raised $15,460.00 in funds and pledges
Thank YOU

Rob & Kim Anderson
Frank & Lelani Avalos
Paul Bisson
Lou & Margene Brignetti
Richard Carell
Ana Maria Chavez
Steven & Sheila Cibotti
Jeff Clayton & Margaret McNamara
Harold Coffee, Jr.
Meghan Corcoran
Julia Dowd & Timothy Freundlich
Anne Auren-Gray & William Gray
Heather Hart
Anne Holman
Brian & Sandra Kearney
Dolores Martin
Hudson & Lisa Martin
John & Nicole McGrath
Maria Mow
Luis & Lola Ortiz
Milena Pastori
Rosa Pavone
Arturo & Ana Maria Peña
Bridget Procter
Dale & Catherine Richardson
Charles & Nora Robinson
Daniel Roddick
Michael & Mary Stasko
Evelyn Trauner
Mary C. Vargas

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE SCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO
2018 SAINT PHILIP GALA & AUCTION
SATURDAY, MARCH 24
111 MINNA GALLERY
SEVEN TO MIDNIGHT
COCKTAIL ATTIRE
HORS D’OEUVRES & NO HOST BAR
TICKETS: $100/PERSON
$90 EARLY BIRD BY FEBRUARY 24
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ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE SCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO

Come Join in on the fun next Saturday Night!
Shine Bright
2018 SAINT PHILIP GALA & AUCTION
MARCH 24, 2018
Tickets are being sold after all the Masses this weekend
We encourage you to enroll in our online giving Program

- It’s easy to set up
- Gives you real-time access of your charitable donations

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 GooglePlay or the Apple App Store. Register by entering our church ID of (4254)

March 17 - Solemnity of St. Patrick, Bishop, Principal Co-Patron of the Archdiocese of San Francisco

Somewhere on the northwest coast of Britain in about 390, St. Patrick was born into a Christian family. His grandfather was a priest and his father a deacon, as well as an official of the Roman government of Britain.

Slave-traders abducted Patrick and a large number of his father’s slaves when he was 16 years old, taking them to Ireland. There he lived and suffered from hunger and cold for 6 difficult years, working as a shepherd. He eventually escaped and returned to Britain. He was educated in Britain and France, and then entered the priesthood, later becoming a bishop.

Because of a dream in which “all the children of Ireland from their mother’s wombs were stretching out their hands” to him, he returned to Ireland as a missionary. Patrick’s autobiography, the Confession, describes the trials and successes of his lifelong missionary work to bring the gospel to the Irish people.

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

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 preparation session and schedule a date for the baptism. Next Session will be held on Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 p.m.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

You Can Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This program has helped 10's of 1000's of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. For confidential information about or to register for the April program beginning with a weekend on April 13-15, call (415) 893-1005 or email: SF@RetroCA.com or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

2018-2019 First Communion and Confirmation Religious Education Classes

Saint Philip Parish is pleased to announce we are currently accepting applications for the 2018-2019 term for students enrolled in our public and private schools into our Faith Formation Programs.

Sessions will commence in the fall during the September timeframe. If you are interested, please take an application from the vestibule bulletin board or visit our website at www.saintphilipparish.org for an online application.

You may also call the Parish Office for detailed information at 415-282-0141.
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 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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Carlton White, Music Director

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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) Sunday 9:15 (Resource Center)
RCIA (Adult Faith Instruction) Second & Third Thursday,
Rosary Makers 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