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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)

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Rosary - Monday - Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass
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Third Sunday of Easter
April 15, 2018

Dear Parishioners and Visitors,

The student teacher was eager to receive some comments after his first experience in the classroom. The mentor offered a gentle critique: “When some students don’t understand the lesson, it isn’t enough simply to repeat it more loudly.” But the student teacher’s experience can be our own many times. My explanation was so good! They’ll understand it if I repeat it again . . . But instead of repeating something over and over, more loudly each time, it might be good to try another example or another explanation instead. Or it might be worth the effort to appeal to a different style of learner. Perhaps the first approach to the lesson appealed to the visual learners. The second could be pitched to the auditory learners.

Now that we are in the third week of Easter, we hear yet another story of a resurrection appearance of Jesus. There are a number of different Easter stories that appeal to us on a variety of levels. Initially, the story was the finding of the empty tomb. Then, we had a story of the appearance of Jesus to the disciples without Thomas, followed by one with Thomas. Thomas says he will not believe unless he probes the nail marks. Now we have another story where the risen Jesus eats a meal. He is said to have flesh and bones. He is not a ghost. His eating baked fish virtually confirms that.

If we didn’t understand with the empty tomb, if we didn’t understand when Jesus appeared to even Thomas, now there is another appearance where he graphically demonstrates that he is present amongst them. Of course, each of the three stories we are referring to are from different gospel writers: the empty tomb (Mark), the appearance to Thomas (John), and now the risen Jesus eating fish (Luke). But these texts are given to us on successive Sundays to confirm for us that Jesus truly rose from the dead.

Moreover, today’s gospel passage begins with a line that should not be neglected: the disciples recounted “how Jesus was made known to them / in the breaking of bread.” Of course, the Emmaus story precedes this in the Gospel of Luke. And Luke is telling his audience that the “breaking of bread” is the way Jesus is made known to the community. No longer is Jesus appearing to his assembled followers. That ended with the ascension. Instead, the community will now come together and experience Christ in the breaking of bread, or in what we call Eucharist.

So in addition to the empty tomb, and the appearances, this is yet another way this resurrected Lord is made known to us. By hearing a variety of different stories, we might, like the disciples, come gradually to accepting the risen Christ.

LIVING THE PASCHAL MYSTERY

Each time we celebrate the Eucharist, the risen Christ is made known to us as he was made known to the disciples on the road to Emmaus. We may wish for a resurrection appearance where Jesus would eat baked fish, but those appearances are complete. After the ascension, the primary way we come to know him is through the breaking of bread. The risen Lord is flesh and bones, a true human being, raised to new life by the power of God. We participate in that new life by consuming the bread broken and shared. The breaking symbolizes the death. And the sharing symbolizes the community united in the one loaf. The bread is nourishment and life-giving, as is Jesus himself. It is no wonder that the early Christians, like us, find Jesus made known in the breaking of bread.
MASSES FOR THE WEEK
April 15, 2018

4/14 Saturday
8:00 a.m. (by: )
5:00 p.m. † Bruno Piva
(by: Agnes Piva)

4/15 Sunday
Third Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. † Raymond Thomas Burke
(by: Michael, Connie & Patrick Uland)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

4/16 Monday
8:00 a.m. † Lucy Siste
(by: Marian Dickey)

4/17 Tuesday
8:00 a.m. (by: )

4/18 Wednesday
8:00 a.m. (by: )

4/19 Thursday
8:00 a.m. (by: )

4/20 Friday
8:00 a.m. (by: )

4/21 Saturday
Saint Anselm, Bishop & Doctor of the Church
8:00 a.m. † Conchita Perez
(by: Maria & Eva Ferrey)
5:00 p.m. † Michael Smith
(by: The Robinson Family)

4/22 Sunday
Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. † Mother Angelica (ETWN Founder
(by: Corrado DeMartini)
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, Marian Connely, Principal of St. Cecilia School, 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.

Start a Parish Office

April 1, 2018 Sunday Collection
Online giving
Total Collection
Second Collection—School
April 8, 2018 Sunday Collection—Total
Second Collection—Parish Maintenance
$3,611.00
$825.00
$4,436.00
$1,124.00
$3,192.00
$840.00

Children’s Choir Practice
4:00PM, Parish Hall
The Adult Choir Practice is held on Tuesday evenings in the church at 7:00PM

4/19  Senior/Rosary Makers Group Mtg, 11:30 a.m., Hall #3
4/22  World Day of Prayer for Vocations
4/22  First Grade Family Mass, 10:30 a.m., Hospitality follows the celebration
4/29  First Communion at the 10:30 a.m. Mass
4/29  Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection
5/01  Parish Office Closed
5/06  May Crowning at the 10:30 a.m. Mass
5/08  Baptismal Prep Class, 7:00 p.m. Rectory by appt.
5/09  Cub Scout Mtg, Parish Hall, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
5/10  Rosary & Senior Mtg, 11:30 a.m., Hall #3
5/13  Ascension of the Lord
5/20  Pentecost, Hospitality after 10:30 a.m. Mass

PARISH REGISTRATION
ALL ARE WELCOME, ALL BELONG

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

Film on the Lost Art of Dating
Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 pm
AMC Theatre, 1000 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco
thedatingprojectmovie.com

The Archdiocese recommends The Dating Project, a new release from Paulist Productions, premiering across the nation at 7:00 pm local time on April 17 at selected theaters. Follow five single people as they navigate the changing dating scene in America. In the culture of social media, texting, hanging out, and hooking up, the knowledge of how to date has been lost—and the fifty percent of America that is single can find that “Dating in today’s society is cruel,” and “It’s not a skill that our generation really has.” What is to be done; and why? Watch The Dating Project to learn more.
A STEWARDSHIP PRAYER for the Easter Season

Loving Father,
Christ is risen
and with him all creation!
Light replaces darkness,
joy replaces sadness,
life replaces death.
Through the power of your Spirit,
there is no failure
his love and mercy cannot reverse,
no humiliation he cannot exchange
with blessing,
no anger he cannot dissolve,
no routine he cannot transform.
All is embraced
by the victory of your son’s
cross and resurrection.
Help us always be good stewards
of Easter’s light,
see Resurrection as a daily event,
and yearn for the love of Christ as intensely
as he yearns for our love.
We pray this in Jesus’ name.
Amen.

EASTER JOY FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

More than just a day, the Church gives us a seven-week Easter season to celebrate. Yet sometimes our everyday lives feel so heavy that celebration is not a part of them. Critical illness in the family, loss of a job, disappointment in a relationship and the burdens of everyday life can make it a challenge to feel particularly joyful—even in the Easter season.

But the joy we are being invited into this season is beyond what we see in our everyday lives. It’s true that Jesus says “Come to me and bring me your burdens” but we usually can’t believe it. Maybe we don’t want to believe it. If I really allow Jesus to come into my heart the way he wants to, will he ask me to change my life in ways that are too hard? How do I share the chaos of my life with Jesus? If I keep him at arm’s length, my life might be difficult, but at least my problems are familiar. What would it cost me to let go and change my life?

We know our own faults and failings so well. Too well. We begin to believe that Jesus loves the way we love—with all of our human limits. How could Jesus love us and accept us the way we are right now? Maybe when we fix a few things about our lives, love our spouse a little better, stop being so critical of family members, stop drinking, stop nagging, love a little more… when we are perfect, then Jesus will love us. If we can overcome our fears, the real power of letting Jesus into our hearts is how free our hearts will become. Suddenly, we are not afraid, not burdened and simply ready to serve with Jesus.

Jesus loves us - right now. At this moment, Jesus holds each one of us in his warm and loving gaze and loves us so freely at a depth that our human minds can’t take in. Whether we comprehend this or not, Jesus loves us endlessly and waits for us with his arms open, ready to hold and support us.

As we receive his embrace and feel the peace and joy of Easter wash over us, we can look over his shoulder, and see beyond to those in need who now wait for us. That’s when we realize that the real joy in our lives is putting aside our own faults, challenges and difficulties for a while and entering into the lives of others.

Pope Francis said at Easter, we leave ourselves behind and encounter others by “being close to those crushed by life’s troubles, sharing with the needy, standing at the side of the sick, elderly and the outcast.”

We are being missioned as Easter People. We find peace in Jesus’ love for us and now we share it with others. We find ourselves standing side by side with Jesus, looking together at those we are being sent to love.

That is where the real joy of Easter waits for us.

Source: Creighton Online Ministries

It is with great joy that we welcome the following children into our Catholic Community as they received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the month of March, 2018

Henry Michael Harty
Lucie Judith Catherine Gabillet
Ellis Salvador Padilla

“It is with great joy that we welcome the following children into our Catholic Community as they received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism during the month of March, 2018”

Lucie Judith Catherine Gabillet shown above

“Through water and the word you have become a child of God and sealed as Christ’s own forever.”
WHY DO WE DO THAT?
CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: My friend has never heard of Christ and I want to share the Gospel with her but I’m afraid to. How do I share my faith?

Answer: There are a lot of ways to bring up the topic of religion, without being judgmental or pushy. Begin by asking what her thoughts are about religion, or what her experience was growing up. Finding common ground is often easier than you think, because the questions and problems we have about God, the presence of evil, our purpose in life, and our relationship with God are universal concerns.

Why are you afraid? If you do not want to insult or offend someone, don’t be pushy or judgmental. If you are uncertain about how to explain your own faith, do a little reading or practice with a friend. If you measure success only by this person converting, focus your attention more on beginning the conversation, not on bringing it to a perfect close! Faith is a journey of many acts of belief, many discussions about God, and many choices about how we practice what we preach. In some we will have great success; in others we will need forgiveness and perseverance. The most important thing to keep in mind is that the Holy Spirit is always at work and our most humble efforts can bear great fruit. Have faith in God because he has faith in you!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Why are you troubled? Life can easily get the best of us. Anxiety, worry, doubt, and uneasiness are just some of the things that can trouble our hearts. Often we are troubled about temporal things. Sometimes our faith troubles us and we wonder where God may be. If we allow Jesus to open our minds so we can understand the Scriptures and the significance of his passion, death, and resurrection, we can begin to trust that God’s plan includes something much more than the current concern of our minds. Jesus can then become a light of revelation who helps us keep our lives in perspective and persevere.

On The Lighter Side - Picture Perfect

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. When she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was.

The girl replied, “I’m drawing God.”

The teacher paused and said, “But no one knows what God looks like.”

Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, “They will in a minute.”
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Of course if you wish to continue to use your paper envelopes, you are most welcomed to do so. We are offering this option for your convenience.

Are you planning a 2018 summer or fall wedding?

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

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

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.

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.

Food Pantry Volunteers - 10th and Mission Family Housing

Catholic Charities 10th and Mission Family Housing offers affordable housing, family support services and wrap-around style of case management to low-income families providing a powerful combination of affordable housing, accessible child care, case management and family support services delivered at a single site. In addition, to community building events and activities, the program provides a weekly food pantry distribution.

We are seeking the support of ongoing volunteers to assist with the program’s weekly food distribution to families and seniors. Food is delivered through a partnership with the SF Food Bank in collaboration with Catholic Charities. Volunteer duties include:

- Support staff in receiving food delivered at the center from the SF Food Bank
- Organize and sort food items
- Evenly distribute food items into 120 designated tote bags
- Distribute tote bags to families and seniors and assist clients as necessary
- Help clean-up

2 hours weekly 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For more information contact the Volunteer Program Manager Regina O’Connor at reoconnor@catholiccharitiessf.org

Inside Catholic Hollywood

Talk by Dr. Barbara Nicolosi

Saturday, April 21, 5:30 pm reception; 6:00 pm talk
Star of the Sea Church, Auditorium, 4420 Geary Blvd., San Francisco
benedictinstitute.org

Is there a Christian revival in Hollywood? What counts as a Catholic film, and why should we care? What should the Church do to begin to secure a place in the contemporary marketplace of ideas? Dr. Barbara Nicolosi will address these questions and more at her talk on April 21, held at Star of the Sea church in San Francisco. The event is sponsored by the Benedict XVI Institute, co-sponsored by the parish. There is a $10 suggested offering; parking is free and all are welcome.

Dr. Nicolosi is a film writer, script consultant and founder of a Christian screenwriting program. She served as a consultant to The Passion of the Christ. She teaches at Azusa Pacific honor’s college, and is the president of Catharsis: The Story Lab, a mentorship and development program for visual storytellers.
**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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**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, 11:30 a.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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