6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

“If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.” - Jn 15:10

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 6, 2018
Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26; Psalm 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 John 4:7-10

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

When we are young we learn a list of “dos” and “don’ts.” Don’t cross the street without looking both ways. Do show respect for your elders. Don’t misbehave. Do treat people the way you would like to be treated. Lend a hand in cleaning the dishes after a meal. The list is seemingly endless. Some grade-school children learn the list well and follow all the rules. And some of these might even become a little self-righteous with the way they follow the rules in the midst of many others who do not. There is a comfort that can come from following the rules, doing what is expected, keeping the list. But there also comes a time when we grow out of childhood, internalize the purpose of the rules, and live as adults.

Even the Old Testament had a list, which today we refer to as the Ten Commandments. Honor your father and mother. Do not covet another’s belongings. Here again, learning the list and following it is rather easy and straightforward. It’s literally a checklist as to how to be good and honorable in God’s sight. And too often we encounter (or have become ourselves) those who are a bit smug in the way they keep the rules and follow the list, much like proud grade-school children who find comfort and validation in mere obedience.

But Jesus gives us a command in today’s gospel that supersedes all others. It is simply this: “love one another.” Of course, with a command like this, it can be seductive to return to a checklist! How much easier would it be to maintain a checklist, such as, going to church, celebrating the sacraments, fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. But the command issued by Jesus is much more difficult. A command to love knows no bounds, knows no checklist. It can be much easier to simply attend church once a week, and again on days of obligation, than it can be to “love.” By this command Jesus invites us to an adult spirituality, no longer satisfied by keeping a list. We are not children who need to be told to help with cleaning up after dinner. We do this naturally out of love. And we likely do much more.

There is no box to check for “love.” Love does not count the cost or put a limit on what price is too high. Love can always do more. Love is based on a personal relationship with another that is not transactional but self-giving. As Jesus says in the gospel, his love for his friends reaches the point of laying down his own life for them. There is no boundary to what love calls us to do. And for that reason, we might prefer a list of dos and don’ts. But that is not what we receive from Jesus. We receive from him a command simple but demanding: “love one another.”
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

The Easter Season continues our 50-day celebration of the Resurrection.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK
May 6, 2018

5/05 Saturday      8:00 a.m. † Rose & Candida DeMartini
(by: Corrado DeMartini)
5:00 p.m. † Celestina Denegri
(by: Agnes Piva)

5/06 Sunday       Sixth Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m. † The Bisson Family
(by: Paula Bisson)
10:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

5/07 Monday     8:00 a.m. (by:)

5/08 Tuesday      8:00 a.m. † Patrick & Grace Maughan
(by: Maughan Family Trust)

5/09 Wednesday    8:00 a.m. † Caroline Roggero
(by: Mary Ann DeSouza)

5/10 Thursday   Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest
8:00 a.m. (by:)

5/11 Friday      8:00 a.m. †
(by:)

5/12 Saturday    Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr
8:00 a.m. † Felice & Chiarina DeMartini
(by: Corrado DeMartini)
5:00 p.m. † Barbara Doonan Houlihan
(by: The O’Leary Family)

5/13 Sunday        The Ascension of the Lord
8:00 a.m. † Magdalena & Jozef Maciol
(by: Walter & Cecylia Maciol)
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  Father Juan Manuel Lopez

Those who have died, Monsignor James Tarantino, 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.

Online giving $2,784.00
Total Collection $3,394.00
Second Collection—Catholic Home Mission $574.00

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

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL

Thank you for your generous support of last week’s Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Your contributions will help strengthen the Church at home and ensure that the Gospel is spread across the United States.

Next week is Catholic Charities Sunday

This annual second collection asks parishioners to live their faith by generously supporting the good work of Catholic Charities, the social services arm of the Catholic church in our local area. Your contributions directly support programs and services that provide relief for homeless families, frail seniors, immigrants, the working poor, children and youth, and many of our most vulnerable neighbors who are struggling to meet even their most basic needs.

Change a life for the better today by contributing!
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No. It’s really not. Because it’s not just about us. It’s not OK to leave Thanksgiving dinner at Grandma’s early because it’s not just about eating good food, seeing the relatives once a year, and letting them see how big (or thin or old or pretty) you’ve become. It’s about family, loving, and being loved even if—especially if—you and they are not perfect. It’s about tradition, hearing the old stories and the new ones and adding yours; it’s about recalling the past while the present surrounds you and the future lurks nearby. It’s not OK to leave until the dessert and coffee and maybe an after-dinner drink because it’s not just about you; it’s about all of you as a family. So you stay until it’s over, and you say goodbye with hugs and kisses and leave with a renewed understanding of what being part of this family means.

The Mass and Thanksgiving dinner have much in common, but the Mass is so much more. It is our celebration of the paschal mystery, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world. We gather as God’s family, the church, holy and imperfect, to hear again the story of how God has loved us and pursued us throughout history to this very day. In praying for the whole church and its needs, for the whole world, for those who suffer and those who die, we learn that we are to be mindful of them and to serve them. As we offer our thanks and praise for all God has done for us and given us, we come to recognize God’s greatest gift to us, Jesus Christ, who feeds and strengthens us in the form of bread and wine, the body and blood he gave for the life of the world.

The Mass not only celebrates our faith, it teaches us what we believe and how we are to live. That is why we can’t leave Mass after communion. Because communion is not just about us and our salvation. It’s about the salvation of the world. In celebrating and receiving the Eucharist, “We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection until you come again.” Who are we professing our faith to? Not just to ourselves but to the world. We become part of the story of how much God loves all people and wants them to know God through Christ.

If we leave Mass before the dismissal, we miss out on celebrating and being taught why we celebrate the Eucharist in the first place. We are fed and strengthened on the body and blood of Christ not only for ourselves but also for all those he gave his life for. We are dismissed from Mass not because it’s over, but because we have work to do. We are to go to the world to proclaim Christ. And so we stay to the end of Mass to be blessed and commissioned: “Go and announce the gospel of the Lord.” “Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life.”

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History of May Crowning

Among the most beloved ways of honoring Mary during May is the annual May crowning. In the Christian East, the practice of placing crowns on icons of Mary goes back to the first millennium. In the Christian West, the crowning of images of Mary only became widespread during the 16th century. Pope Clement VIII (r. 1592–1605) began the practice of crowning the image of Our Lady in the Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome. Subsequent popes continued this tradition and engaged in other crowning of Marian images. In his 1954 encyclical Ad Caeli Reginam, Pope Pius XII notes: “The Roman Pontiffs, favoring such types of popular devotion, have often crowned, either in their own persons, or through representatives, images of the Virgin Mother of God which were already outstanding by reason of public veneration” (No. 33). In the 17th century, a special rite for the crowning of images of Mary was composed, and by the 19th century this rite was inserted into the Pontificale Romanum.

After May became officially recognized as the month of Mary in the 19th century, crownings of statues of Mary became more and more common in parishes, schools and homes. These crowning of statues and images of Mary are expressions of popular piety and can take on a variety of forms. They need to be distinguished from the formal Order of Crowning an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which was revised by the Holy See in 1981 and can be found in the 1991 edition of The Rites of the Catholic Church.

The Order of Crowning may be celebrated during Mass, during vespers or within a celebration of the word of God.
By One Spirit we are all baptized into one body.
1 Corinthians 12:13

As of April 30, we have raised $26,545 in funds and pledges. We continue to make good progress. Thank YOU.

Our list is growing and we are getting closer to meeting our annual assessment. Is your name missing from the list? If so, please consider helping this effort. We would like to complete as much of this assessment by the end of June, 2018 if possible.

No amount is too small. The key is to have each member participate in tending this vineyard. We are baptized into one body. We are all called to help one another, and as disciples we are called to carry the mission of building the Kingdom of God. This parish is part of that Kingdom and we need to do our part as living examples of our faith.

Please prayerfully consider your participation. Brochures are available in the pews and back of the church for your convenience.

Anonymous
Joy MacIntyre
Rob & Kim Anderson
Dolores Martin
Frank & Lelani Avalos
Hudson & Lisa Martin
Paul Bisson
Daniel & Margaret McAuliffe
Lou & Margene Brignetti
John & Nicole McGrath
Richard Corell
Arthur & Helen McGuigan
Eric & Eunice Chan
Maria Mow
Ana Maria Chavez
Shaun & Melanie Morrison
Steven & Sheila Cibotti
Thomas & Anne Louise Nieto
Jeff Clayton & Margaret McNamara
Rhona O’Leary
Harold Coffee, Jr.
Pura Lippi
Richard & Elizabeth Collins
Luis & Lola Ortiz
Meghan Corcoran
Milena Pastori
Mary Dekle
Rosa Pavone
Julia Dowd & Timothy Freundlich
Arturo & Ana Maria Peña
David & Theresa Erkkila
Ed & Jane Perry
Gerald Fennell
Bob & Karen Powell
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Bridget Procter
Daniel Forchione
Lisbeth Prudden
Marlyn Frie
Dale & Catherine Richardson
David & Sandy Goldfein
Bob & Karen Powell
Anne Auren-Gray & William Gray
Charles & Nora Robinson
Rich Hammel
Michael & Mary Stasko
Heather Hart
Vincent & Laetitia Tarrazi
Anne Holman
Evelyn Trauner
Brian & Sandra Kearney
Mary C. Vargas
Doriene Lopez
Barry & Patti Wood

Sixth Week of Easter—Yes we are still in Easter!

In this week of Easter we continue to let the joy of the Easter Season deepen in us. Perhaps we ask bigger questions. Perhaps we let the good news of new life enter into those places where we struggle.

We are listening to the story of the early community’s recognition of the presence of the Holy Spirit with gentiles. And, we hear the rest of Jesus’ last words to his disciples at his last supper with them. In the fifteenth chapter of John’s gospel we read some of the deepest things Jesus says directly to us. We can hear him now, with the faith of the resurrection and gift of the Holy Spirit.

This is a week when we can begin to long for and pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Easter’s blessings come alive when we let them deeper into the reality of our everyday lives and when it leads to a deeper desire for the gifts of the Holy Spirit within us and among us.

Save the Date—June 5, 2018

Bishop-designate Robert F. Christian, OP will be ordained to the episcopate by Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Gough Street at Geary Boulevard, San Francisco at 11:00 a.m.

A reception for the public will follow the ordination in the cathedral conference center. The archdiocese’s new auxiliary bishop is a San Francisco native and graduate of St. Ignatius College Prep, San Francisco. He entered the Dominican order in 1970 and was ordained a priest in 1976.

Mass will be livestreamed at www.sfarchdiocese.org.

LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

“Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love.”

So many people hunger for love. All of us desire to be intimately connected with others, God, and our world. Many things can work against this and cause us to feel alienated and even profoundly sad. Pope Francis tells us that our “infinite sadness can only be cured by an infinite love.” We have been touched by God’s love. We are called to bring that love to others so that their sadness and wounds can be healed. We must do this even for those we do not particularly like or who have hurt us. We cannot let anything stand in the way of love.

The Scholastic Book Fair is open Sunday, May 6, 2018 following Mass and May Crown ing in the parish hall from 11:30am - 1:30pm.

Please stop by to buy books for your children, our library, and classroom libraries!
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)

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.

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.

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On your faith journey, have you
- Never been baptized?
- Baptized in another Christian church?
- Baptized Catholic, never received Eucharist?
- Baptized, received Eucharist but have not been confirmed?
- Left the church, but want to come home?
- Cradle Catholic confirmed, engaged, but looking for more?

If you identify with any of the above, or know of someone who does, come and explore the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation) here at Saint Philip.

Sessions are held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. in our Resource Center starting mid September.

Interested parties please call the parish office 415-282-0141 for more information and a registration form.

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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

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A Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.

We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to the priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen

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2018-2019 First Communion and Confirmation Religious Education Classes

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Mary Dante, Bookkeeper  
Email: mary.dante@saintphilipparish.org  
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**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

**SCHOOL GRADES TK-8**
665 Elizabeth Street, San Francisco, CA 94114  
Phone: (415) - 824-8467 • Fax: (415) 282-0121  
Tony LesCallet, 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  
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, 11:30a.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
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