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May 13, 2018

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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

“So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven.”
The Ascension of the Lord
May 13, 2018
Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11; Psalm 47:2-3,6-7,8-9; Ephesians 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20

Dear Parishioners & Visitors,

Many people associate snake charmers with Asia, in particular India and its surrounding region. The snake seems to be hypnotized by the music played by its handler. Crowds gather around, amazed at such a thing. How can this poisonous reptile be made so seemingly docile? The snake charmers are special, perhaps magical!

In today’s gospel we hear an odd-sounding statement about those who are baptized; they will be able to pick up snakes, drink poison without being harmed, and heal the sick by laying hands on them. Aside from a few fundamentalist churches, virtually no Christians take this passage literally. And even those churches who handle snakes and practice faith healings do not drink poison! What are we to make of this? Though it might be easier to gloss over this strange verse, it will likely be in our minds as we hear it at this Mass. The notes in the New American Bible make clear that Mark’s gospel ended at 16:8. But it seems that some copyists did not like the ending to be one where all the disciples run away because they were afraid! And so we have a multiplicity of endings attested to by different manuscripts. What we refer to as Mark 16:9-20 is one such ending, and it is certainly considered canonical, inspired, and authoritative, but it was not part of the “original” gospel. It was written by a later author, probably someone who wanted to address certain issues in their community.

Among other things, Mark 16:9-20 answers the question of the Gentile mission, or why there are so many Gentiles in a movement that was initially Jewish. The answer is that Jesus gave them the command, “Go into the whole world / and proclaim the gospel to every creature.” In a sense, this is Mark’s version of Matthew’s more elegant Great Commandment (Matt 28:19-20). The Markan gospel passage, and the gospel itself, concludes with an echo of 1 Timothy 3:16 and Luke 24:15, namely that Jesus was “taken up” into heaven. This episode answers the question, where is Jesus now? He is in heaven, seated at the right hand of God. And between this version of the great commission and the “taking up” into heaven we have the verse about snake handling, drinking poison, and healing the sick. This corresponds well to a story in Acts 28:3-9 about Paul spending the winter in Malta. There he was bitten by a snake but suffered no ill effects, and he healed their sick by laying hands on them. So this later ending to Mark’s gospel seems to allude to this other New Testament story. And it is for this reason too that scholars believe the addition to Mark’s gospel is late. More than anything else, the gospel today tells us that Jesus is with God in heaven. There is really nothing magical about that at all.

Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world.
**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**May 13, 2018**

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**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
- Laura Garcia
- Agnes Piva
- John Bamber
- Fred Jungmann
- Ron Ramirez
- Jana Atlas

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.

**Second Collection this weekend is for Catholic Charities**

Every dollar you give goes directly to Catholic Charities, and your donation will be matched dollar for dollar up to a $25,000 Matching Fund created by a generous parishioner of this Archdiocese. We ask for your support toward the social services arm of the Church locally. Thank you.
WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Why do some dioceses move holy days, or not even celebrate them at all. Doesn’t everyone do the same thing?

Answer: The short answer is no, not everyone does the same thing. Although the church is universal, there are many local customs and saints that each country, sometimes just a region, will honor. For example, feast days and patronal days may not be major feast days on the church’s universal calendar, but are celebrated as such in one place. Holy days of obligation are the same way. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has a certain amount of discretion in choosing days which best reflect the local church’s experience and history.

Another reason certain feasts are moved is a practical one. With limited clergy, or a great difficulty for people to get to Mass, the feast day may be transferred to a Sunday. The rationale is that if a significant feast should be part of the church’s celebration, then better to do so on a Sunday when people and clergy are available, rather than try to fit it on a day when one or both cannot be there.

CONGRATULATIONS MARY DEKLE!

Join us in congratulating fellow parishioner, Mary Dekle who was honored at this years St. Pius X Awards and Dinner hosted at the Cathedral for her 15 years of service in preparing parents and godparents in the Baptismal Preparation Program here at St. Philips.

Thank you Mary for your commitment of time and service to this parish.

Pictured: Fr. Ray Reyes, Vicar for Clergy, Daniel Roddick, Confirmation Catechist & Mary Dekle

PENTECOST SUNDAY CRAFT MAKING EVENT

May 20th

You’re invited to another Pentecost Family & Friends Craft making event. Join us during hospitality to use your creative skills in making windsocks for Pentecost and Origami Doves just to name a few. Silence the cell phones and spend quality time with family and friends. FREE!

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Happy Mother's Day!

Through the intercession of our Blessed Mother, may God bless Mothers abundantly on this special day and always.

May his creative love be the sustenance from which they draw the strength to be the gift God has made you.

Join in prayer as we spend this weekend giving thanks to God for the gift of mothers and wives who "show us, through their tenderness and love, the correct path to follow in life" (Pope Francis).
**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.

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

*Where did he go?*

Many times when we think of those who have died, we imagine escape from this world to a purely spiritual place. Jesus’ Ascension can leave us in a place of confusion. What happens to Jesus? And why does this matter to us?

The Ascension has been confirmed in the Creed for two millennia. In Jesus’ Ascension, we’re invited to consider our own ultimate end. Regardless of death’s reality now, we believe in the resurrection of the body and the reunification of body and soul. One day, earth and heaven will meet perfectly and without end. We anticipate this “new heaven and a new earth” at every Mass and throughout the beauty, truth, and love of the Church and her members. Today, celebrate a foreshadowing of the fullness we all await!

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**2018 ARCHDIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL – UPDATE**

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

As of May 7, we have raised $28,045 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.

Anonynous
Rob & Kim Anderson
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Paul Bisson
Lou & Margene Brignetti
William Buerster & Pat Calder
Richard Carell
Eric & Eunice Chan
Ana Maria Chavez
Steven & Sheila Cibotti
Jeff Clayton & Margaret McNamara
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Rich Hammel
Heather Hart
Anne Holman
Brian & Sandra Kearney
Pura Lippi
Anonymous
Doriene Lopez
Joy MacIntyre
Dolores Martin
Hudson & Lisa Martin
Daniel & Margaret McAuliffe
John & Nicole McGrath
Arthur & Helen McGuigan
Maria Mow
Shaun & Melanie Morrison
Thomas & Anne Louise Nieto
Rhona O’Leary
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Luis & Lola Ortiz
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Milena Pastori
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Maureen Richardson
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Daniel Roddick
Michael & Mary Stasko
Vincent & Laetitia Tarrazi
Evelyn Trauner
Mary C. Vargas
Barry & Patti Wood
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.

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.

Ethicist Fr. William Grogan Speaks on Healthcare and Catholicism

Wednesday, May 16, 7:00 pm
St. Mary’s Cathedral, 1111 Gough St., San Francisco, Lower Level, Room A - 415-614-5588.

Fr. William Grogan is the Vicar for Healthcare in the Archdiocese of Chicago and also the System Director of Ethics for Presence Health, a large healthcare system centered in Chicago. A civil lawyer and ethicist, he has a master’s degree from Oxford and a licentiate in sacred theology. For the past 30 years, for the Archdiocese of Chicago, he has been monitoring Catholic healthcare institutions. Fr. Grogan will address healthcare issues such as:

♦ What should the Catholic attitude toward health be?
♦ How should “Alfie cases” (baby in England who was on life support) be treated?
♦ Why does the Catholic Church allow surgery in most cases but not for “gender change” or some types of non-therapeutic plastic surgery?
♦ Should Catholics prefer medical treatment in a Catholic hospital or Catholic nursing home?

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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, June 5 at 7:00 p.m.
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

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) 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 Alatlon 7:00 p.m. Lyons
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