



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, September 3, 2017, the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We especially welcome visitors and newcomers today. Please fill out the newcomer card in the pew and place it in the collection plate or give it to a member of the clergy. Following the service, the clergy will be standing near the doors to greet you. We encourage you to join us for coffee hour in Duncan Hall. For more information about St. Paul's, please visit www.StPaulsSanRafael.org or call our office at 415.456.4842.

At St. Paul's we are all called to follow Jesus together in worship, prayer and service.

WORSHIP

The service begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Prelude	Ach Golgotha (from St. Matthew Passion)	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	675	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280	Hymnal
Psalm	105:1-6, 23-26, 45c	BCP p. 738
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	439	Hymnal
Doxology	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen</i>	

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive initiation into the church through the sacrament of baptism.

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Music	Erbame dich (from St. Matthew Passion)	J. S. Bach
Closing Hymn	401	Hymnal
Postlude	Pastorale	Igor Stravinsky

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Sue Mason.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Downstairs Bathroom** remodel is in progress. For the next few weeks please use the upstairs bathroom next to the Upper Room. (A stair chair is available for those with mobility issues.) Also, there are two bathrooms available on the second floor of the education wing, at the top of the stairs.

Tuesday Morning Prayer is back at 7:30 am in the Church.

Wednesday Bible Study at 10am begins again on August 30th. We continue our study of the book of Acts.

Fall Book Study. On the first Tuesdays of September, October and November, Walter Tanner and Christopher will be hosting a book study of *The Politics of Virtue: Post-Liberalism and Human Future*. This book, by John Milbank and Adrian Pabst, is a Christian critique of our moment of crisis. It names four facets of what it names the "metacrisis of liberalism": capitalism, democracy, culture and the nations. For each, it then proposes alternatives that come from a radically Christian orthodox position. These discussions will be from 7pm to 9pm and are likely to have the feel of a graduate school seminar.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jacob Moody, Pierce Gore, Chris Olson
Readers:	Jacob Moody, Pierce Gore, Jack Beggs
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Linda Danford, Walter Tanner, Jane Santucci

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Growing in the love of God involves an inward journey and an outward journey. In the last few weeks I've featured some of the ways St. Paul's helps your inner journey- morning prayer, time to sit in silence in the church, bible studies and Basic Discipleship.

Today, I want to run through what I like to call our "diversified portfolio" of ways to serve our poor and lonely brothers and sisters. We have five efforts that we primarily organize. I'll also mention a few of the other ways people at St. Paul's reach out.

In chronological order (I deliberately include just first names- contact me if you want to directly connect with any of these folks)....

- **San Rafael Health Care Center.** Since at least the last 70s we've been visiting folks at this care center on 5th, right across from Marin Academy. Now, every other Sunday, a crew goes over to lead a sweet worship service at 11am. Talk to Sue or John if you want to join in.
- **Ritter Center.** We have a long standing relationship with this multi-faceted safety net for the people of Marin. Now, folks from St. Paul's go over on weekday afternoons to assemble bags of groceries and hand them out. Talk to Jack to find out more.
- **Death Row.** We've been visiting Joseph for over 20 years. Starting 4 years ago we began visiting other men on Death Row and now are in relationship, through visits, letters and care packages with a total of 9 men. Come on Wednesday the 13th at 5:30pm to the Upper Room to find out more, or talk to Richard.
- **Teen Success Breakfast.** For the last 11 years we've been serving breakfast to students at the County Community School for Probationary Youth, now in Terra Linda. Talk with Ginny or Mike to find out more. The school year is just getting started.
- **St. Monnica's Mutual Housing.** For 4 1/2 years we hosted a support group every Friday afternoon called Young Moms Marin. We also created a program upstairs for the their children. Now, alongside Mutual Housing of California and St. John's, Ross, we are working to create housing for these families and their peers in Marin. Our goal is for our community of St. Paul's to have a close, supportive and neighborly relationship with the future St. Monnica's community. Talk to Jacob to find out more.

Those are the five things we do together. People also do good things like work with the Street Chaplaincy, work with mainline prisoners at San Quentin and volunteer at the St. Vinnie's Soup Kitchen.

In all these things, we remember that Jesus said "surely as you did it to one of the least of these, my brothers and sisters, you did it to me."

Blessings
Christopher

PRAYER

Arty	Gary Westover	Kevin & Tara	Mika Kappen & Family
Bill Donnelly	Gina	Laurel	Nancy S (surgery 8/2)
Brenda Paupst	Grace Michael	Laurie Hubbard	Richard F
Dan Pollart & Family	Jae Eitel	Lisa R	
Dawn Rice	Jennifer Fritz	Marcella Hermstad	
Della Holloway	Jim	Mark Hardin	

SERVICE

Teen Success Breakfast: Serve hot breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Beverly Armstrong at 415.454.4015 or nevbev@sbcglobal.net.

San Rafael Health Care: Services 1st and 3rd Sundays, 11:00 – 11:25. Help us with the simple service. Children are welcome. Contact Sue Adamson at 415.461.1798.

Prison Ministry: St. Paul's has been engaged in regular visitations and correspondence for 20 years with Joseph Cook, a death row inmate at San Quentin who was confirmed by Bishop Swing as a member of our Church. The prison ministry has grown and the rector and other parishioners are now visiting Joe and six other inmates. For further info contact Richard Olive (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

ONGOING

Plate Cash: 1st Sunday of the month goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund; 3rd Sunday goes to Outreach.

Childcare: Sundays from 9:30 to 11:00am, childcare is available in the Basement Level classroom.

Marin Episcopal Youth Group: Sundays from 5-6:30pm at Church of the Redeemer in San Rafael. Middle and high school students from 5 Marin churches. Daniel London, youth minister, daniel.london@gmail.com.

Centering Prayer: Meditation in the Christian tradition. Join us in Duncan Hall on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, 7:00-8:30 pm. Leave a message for Chris Olson at the parish office at 415.456.4842.

Our Spiritual Core: Discipleship Groups are the spiritual core of St. Paul's because they are where we encourage one another to follow Jesus in worship, prayer, and service. Contact Christopher Martin at 415.456.4842 or cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org.

Altar Flower Dedications: Looking for a way to honor a loved one, give thanks or remember a special occasion? You can by dedicating the flowers at the altar. A donation of \$40 is suggested. Contact Alex Elliot at 415.488.7930.

Memorial Wall Plaques: Contact the office if you would like to purchase a plaque to be inscribed with the name of a loved one who has died.

St. Anne's Guild: St. Anne's Guild meets Thursdays at 11:00am. All are invited - bring a bag lunch.

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