



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, November 30, 2014, the First Sunday in Advent

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	Aria	G. F. Handel
Opening Hymn	57	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	80:1-7, 16-18	BCP p. 702
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form VI	BCP p. 392
Offertory	What God Ordains is Always Good	Johann Pachelbel

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-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymn	61	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	65	Hymnal
Postlude	Concerto	G. F. Handel

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

O Antiphons. The O Antiphons continue through the Sundays of Advent. This St. Paul's tradition is an ancient way of marking the days and weeks up to the day of Jesus' birth. Each Antiphon is a different image from the Old Testament that points to Jesus.

Parish Hall. Duncan Hall will be out of use Monday through Friday during the day until the end of the year. Marin Day School is using it as a classroom while they undergo renovations.

Marin Morning Prayer. This simple, lay lead half hour service is every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30am in the church. Experience the beauty of our sacred space in a new way. Like many, make this a regular and spiritually nourishing part of your week.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Alan Smithee, Chris Hammond, Pamela Barnes, Chris Olson
Readers:	Alan Smithee, Chris Hammond, Kay Blackwill
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Linda Danford, Wanda Rice, Jane Santucci
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

The Altar Flowers are given by Jay Luther to the glory of God
and in loving memory of his mother, Mava Luther.

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Starting this week and going until Christmas the campus will be busy with major work on our campus. The two most significant projects are a new children's bathroom in the education wing and solar panels on the roof of the education wing.

This works represents many hours of careful deliberation by your vestry and other parish leaders. It has also required careful coordination with Marin Day School, the City of San Rafael and a range of contractors.

It will also require patience and attention on all of our parts as we negotiate the various inconveniences of such major work.

The good news is that both projects represent significant investments in our future. The school is investing \$300,000 in our campus now and the income from their renting our space comes to over 40% of our annual income. The solar panels cost us only the work to the roof, and bring us annual savings to our electrical bill and, if things play out as we expect, mean almost no annual electricity costs after a period of about fifteen years, a savings of nearly \$15,000 a year in today's dollars.

Our work now is assuring a financially secure future. We are giving a gift to our future selves and to those who come after us.

I have had to communicate a lot of practical things recently. It's the season we are in. But soon, things will shift. Advent is upon us. After the first of the year, we will be offering a variety of new ways to get into our PrayWorshipServe rhythm and so prepare for a Holy Lent. In May, we are preparing to host a retreat based on the movement that emerged from St. Paul's, The Restoration Project.

In the meantime, many thanks to those of you who have already turned in your pledge card. If you haven't done it yet, please mail or bring it in soon so that the Vestry can create a faithful budget for 2015.

Blessings,
Christopher

*Each week our rector, The Rev. Christopher H. Martin, sends an email message.
Email him at cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org to get on the list*

PRAYER

Anne	Chloe H	Jay Taggart	Rachel Wilde
Arin D	Chris & Jennifer M	John Leydecker	Richard Robertshaw
Baby Alexis	Dan Pollart & Family	Jude	Robyne Talley
Blaine Marshall	Deborah	Katinka	Sally Ettling
Bob Holloway	Denise Stevenson Palmer	Ken Asay	Sarah
Bonnie Cohen	Fatemeh & Raha R	Lisa Rose	Stephen Topol
Bret	Felicia's family in Liberia	M	Susan Moritz
Bunny C	Greg	Owen	The People of West Africa
Charlotte & Peter	Helenclare Cox	Patricia R	Thich Nhat Hanh
Children of Garagosh, Iraq	Hollis & Lori	Paula	Yvonne Andersen

SERVICE

Teen Success Breakfast: Serve hot breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Keira Vicente at 684.2670 or keiravicente@yahoo.com.

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

Prison Ministry: St. Paul's has been engaged in regular visitations and correspondence for 17 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 four other parishioners are now visiting Joe and three other inmates. In the coming weeks there will be more information about this growing ministry, including opportunities for everyone to be involved in an action heralded by Christ in Matthew 25:36: "I was in prison and you came to visit me." Are you being called to this ministry, perhaps by corresponding with one of the four inmates we've been visiting? For further info contact Richard Olive (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

Young Moms Marin: On Fridays, St. Paul's is now hosting Young Moms Marin, a group for mostly teen moms and their children led by our friend Teresa Ashby. The group meets from 3pm to 5:30pm in Duncan Hall.

ONGOING

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

Godly Play: Sundays in Room 6. Kindergarten thru 3rd grade. Meet in the courtyard at 9:45am.

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 Nativity in San Rafael. Middle and high school students from 5 Marin churches. Daniel London, youth minister.

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 The Rev. Christopher Martin.

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.

Bible Studies: Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30, Wednesdays from 10 to 11:15; all in Duncan Hall.

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