



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, December 7, 2014, the Second 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	Prelude	Alexandre Boely
Opening Hymn	67	Hymnal
Kyrie	S-61 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	85:1-2, 8-13	BCP p. 708
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Te Deum	S-186	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-129	Hymnal
Agnus Dei	S-161	Hymnal
Communion Hymns	63, 72	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	75	Hymnal
Postlude	Prelude and Fugue	Ludwig Krebs

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRIF III Conversations. Immediately following both the 8am and 10am services today Maggie Baxter and Jay Luther will be hosting conversations about our Capital Campaign and handing out necessary materials. Please join us!

Christmas Caroling. Next Sunday, the 14th, join our families at 11:45 as they go Christmas Caroling at the dining hall of the St. Vincent DePaul Society on B Street in downtown San Rafael.

Christmas Services. Christmas Eve services are at 5:00 and 10:30 pm. The 5:00 service features our annual Christmas Pageant. Christmas Day service is at 10 am, followed by a Christmas Feast in Duncan Hall, hosted by the Martins.

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:	Jacob Moody, Jane Santucci, Ann Lisk, Linda Bell
Readers:	Jacob Moody, Jane Santucci, John Schaver
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Linda Danford, Wanda Rice, Jane Santucci
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Thank you for your patience as our renovation and improvement work continues. We're off to a great start in putting in the necessary work to keep Marin Day School as a happy tenant and to put up our new solar panels. Work is on track to be done before the end of the year. I find it helpful to keep reminding myself what a gift we are giving to our shared future!

This Sunday, the 7th, our SPRIF III campaign enters a new phase. Our leaders, Maggie and Jay, will be available after both the 8am and the 10am services to answer questions, explain why we're doing what we're doing and hand out all the material you need to to make your generous contribution. We're all feeling very optimistic and utterly devoted to the core values of this campaign- safety, accessibility and beauty.

Our Advent season has begun and I am so grateful for our Sacred Space this month. It's an irony that church provides a scared space that protects us from the hyped up 'Holiday Season' culture. It's a refuge so that we can get in touch with our own yearning for God to be born into our lives in a new way this Christmas.

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	Joan Von der Heiden	Richard Robertshaw
Baby Alexis	Dan Pollart & Family	John Leydecker	Sally Ettling
Blaine Marshall	Deborah	Jude	Sarah
Bob Holloway	Denise Stevenson Palmer	Katinka	Stephen Topol
Bonnie C	Fatemeh & Raha R	Lisa Rose	Susan Moritz
Bonnie Cohen	Felicia's family in Liberia	M	The People of West Africa
Bret	Greg	Owen	Thich Nhat Hanh
Charlotte & Peter	Helenclare Cox	Patricia R	Yvonne Andersen
Children of Garagosh, Iraq	Hollis & Lori	Paula	

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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