



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, December 14, 2014, the Third 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	Seligkeit	Franz Schubert
Opening Hymn	66	Hymnal
Kyrie	S-86 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	126	BCP p. 782
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form VI	BCP p. 392
Offertory	56 vs. 1, 5, 8	Hymnal

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-124	Hymnal
Agnus Dei	S-161	Hymnal
Communion Music	Reynaldo Hahn & Henry Purcell	
Closing Hymn	76	Hymnal
Postlude	Dreydl Song	Traditional

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

This Sunday, led by our children's ministry, we will be going to the downtown San Rafael St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen to sing Christmas Carols at 11:30am.

At the end of the week, everyone on our mailing list will be getting everything needed to give to our SPRIF III campaign. This campaign has the primary goals of securing our fruitful relationship with the school and making our courtyard safe, accessible and beautiful. Our goal is \$300,000. Please give generously!

The Thursday St. Anne's lunch is on hiatus and will reconvene on January 8th.

There are paper candy canes strung up across a window of Duncan Hall. Each contains a thing genuinely need by one of the families of Young Moms Marin. You're encouraged to take a cane and share a gift.

Christmas Eve Services are at 5pm and 11pm. The early service includes an instant Christmas Pageant. The later service is preceded by choral music beginning at 10:30.

Christmas Day service is at 10am. It is followed by a Pot Luck Feast hosted by the Martin family in Duncan Hall.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Performers	Sandra Colindres and Elena Cumello
Acolytes:	Jim Terstegge, Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice, Harper Martin
Readers:	Jim Terstegge, Dawn Rice, Neville Armstrong
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Joan Peterson, Felicia Damann, Holly Pritchard, Judy Rowcliffe
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Tenesa and Brian Vuillemenot

The Altar Flowers are given by Rainie Joses to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband, Robert Joses.

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

As promised, here's the second of the two emails. Like the last one, this consists of a list of things that you can expect coming up at St. Paul's.

What I hope to convey is that after the first of the year we'll be shifting our attention a bit from all the practical matters that have necessarily captured our attention back to our core work of following Jesus together in Prayer, Worship and Service.

- Starting Sunday, January 4th after the 10am service I'll be offering an introductory class to Christian practices such as Bible reading, praying and serving the poor. I'll also be available to answer all your questions about St. Paul's, the Episcopal Church and the Christian faith. The class goes until Lent.
- Lent begins February 18th and once again we'll be offering the PrayWorshipServe Lenten Challenge. 20+1+5. Pray 20 minutes a day, worship an hour a week and offer 5 hours throughout Lent in service of the poor. Check out the website at PrayWorshipServe.com.
- We currently have 7 Outreach projects which involve three or more people from St. Paul's. This week we'll be sharing with everyone a survey to get your impressions, ideas and knowledge of this central work of our Christian community. We intend to give a full report at our Annual Meeting, which is Sunday, February 1st after the 10am service.
- Both of our weekday classes have new starts after the first of the year. Tuesdays at 12:30pm we will be reading the Gospel of John. Wednesdays at 10am we will be working our way through a short handbook of faith by St. Augustine called the Enchiridion. It's a commentary on the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles Creed that gives a foundational outline of the beliefs of our tradition.
- Both the 8am and 10am services will be different for Epiphany, the season before Lent. In place of the liturgy of the Word, that is the first half of the Eucharist service, we will be saying Morning Prayer. I hope this does three things for you. First, I hope you get to know and love this beautiful part of our tradition. Second, I hope you like it well enough to check out our two weekday Morning Prayer services on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30am. Finally, if you do choose to take the Lenten Challenge, it might give you a beautiful thing to do with your 20 minutes of daily prayer.

Don't worry, you'll be hearing all of this again many times. Following Jesus together by nurturing these practices of prayer, worship and service is the heart of who we are and what we do.

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

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

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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