



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, December 21, 2014, the Fourth 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	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	268	Hymnal
Kyrie	S-86 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	89:1-4, 19-26	BCP p. 713
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Te Deum	S-186	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form VI	BCP p. 392
Offertory	Ave Maria	Jacques Arcadelt

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 Hymns	267, 265	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	56 vs. 6,7,8	Hymnal
Postlude	Choral Prelude	J. S. Bach

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the end of last week, everyone on our mailing list should have received 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.

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
Acolytes:	Mike Green, Eric Guastavino, Janie Burtch, Pamela Barnes
Readers:	Mike Green, Eric Guastavino, Bruce Burtch
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Steve Avanzino, Pamela Barnes
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

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

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

One sweet note that still runs strong throughout the American Holiday Season is the impulse to reach out to those in need. Here are four glimpses into how St. Paul's has done and is doing just that:

- Check out the great picture on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulssanrafael>) of the big crew that walked to the St. Vincent de Paul soup kitchen on B Street this past Sunday to sing Christmas Carols. We sounded great! Even better, the clients were smiling and singing with us throughout. It was very powerful to walk into that space as our little multi-generational community and sing joyfully with our homeless neighbors.
- You all were so generous in taking the paper candy canes in Duncan Hall that had gifts listed for the Young Moms Marin families. All of them were taken! If you took one, please try to bring your gift by the church (the table in the vestibule by Duncan Hall) by noon tomorrow, Wednesday. Friday noon is the final deadline. Thank you!
- A simple, much appreciated gesture is to send a Christmas Card to one of the seven inmates with whom we have a relationship on San Quentin's Death Row. Here again is the info if you feel a calling for this simple service. Send your Christmas greetings to the following, each of whose address ends with two lines:

San Quentin State Prison
San Quentin, CA 94974

Joseph Lloyd Cook	Daniel T. Silveria
E-61595	K-57200
NSS-2	NS.4.N

Tim De Priest	Steve Livaditis
J-23100	D-61400
NB-N6-5-L	NS-22-S

Robert Cowen	Ted Wrest
K18501	D-87200

Jonathan Travis
K57201
NBS32

- Finally, the Outreach Survey and Census made its debut in the service bulletin this past Sunday. Please do check it out and fill it out. I was particularly moved and inspired to see all seven of our Outreach Projects on the chart on the inside and the huge list of those of you who give your time all year round to reach out to those in need. Truly, we are doing our work of following Jesus together in Prayer, Worship and Service.

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