



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, March 15, 2015, the Third Sunday in Lent

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	Prayer	Alexandre Guilmant
Opening Hymn	149	Hymnal
Kyrie	S-86 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	107:1-3, 17-22	BCP p. 746
Gradual	S-102	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory	Kyrie	W. A. Mozart

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
Fraction Anthem	S-161	Hymnal
Communion	439, 674	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	145	Hymnal
Postlude	Sortie	Alexandre Guilmant

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

St. Paul's Book Club will meet on Friday, March 20th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is "You Should Have Known" by Jean Hanff Korelitz. A woman who advises others on marriage experiences shock and grief from her own marital problems.

Our Saturday morning series, *Building Your Spiritual Core Strength*, continues on March 21st and March 28th from 9am to 11am in Duncan Hall. We will be teaching on, sharing stories about and giving an experience of Discipleship Groups.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Mike Green, Janie Burtch, Linda Bell, Harper Martin
Readers:	Mike Green, Janie Burtch, Jack Beggs
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Joan Peterson, Felicia Demann, Holly Pritchard, Judy Rowcliffe
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Yesterday was our annual Vestry Retreat, the time when the elected leaders of our parish, its Board of Directors, took time away to look at the longer view. For the fourth year in a row we were hosted by our neighbors at Nativity on their beautiful hilltop campus.

The members of the Vestry this year are Keira, Vladimir, Judy, Steve, Eric, Meg, Doug, Jae, Joan and Kay.

We considered four themes for 2015. These are the things we believe will call forth our best efforts in the coming year. Please consider with us the following:

- **Pastoral Care.** A lot of our dearest friends who were coming regularly on Sunday morning a few years ago are having a harder time leaving home. Already, I've doubled the amount of time I spend each week on home visits. Further, in the last year, three people have each adopted one of our home-bound matriarchs and patriarchs. We'd like to see even more care of the ones who have brought us to where we are today.
- **SPRIF III.** Our capital campaign is not an optional luxury. We simply must have a courtyard that is safe and accessible. Further, increasing our curb appeal through beauty is essential for taking our proper place in the San Rafael community. Very roughly, we've raised \$85,000 and so have completed our obligation to the school and secured our ten year, financially generous contract with them. We've also made a start on the money for the new courtyard. We need \$115,000 more before we start tearing out the broken concrete. Thanks to the great leadership of Maggie and Jay, we can do this! But we can't take our eye off the ball.
- **Data Management.** This is an unsexy term for an essential project. Right now, we're doing a fine job of keeping records, but we want to do a very good if not excellent job. We want to know that, if we need to clean out the pipes every five years, we'll remember to do it. We want to know that, when someone says they want 'A Mighty Fortress is Our God' at their funeral, when they die twenty years later, it will happen. And so on. Michael G. will be leading this effort and we hope to win great confidence from all of you with our report of work done by next year's Annual Meeting.
- **Church Partnerships.** I believe Christian teamwork in Marin is essential for our common future. Already, we are partnering with Grace Marin in weekly prayer and Lenten services. We are beginning work with St. John's to address homelessness. We are talking with Nativity about strengthening Christian Practices together. The priests-in-charge of all twelve Episcopal communities in Marin meet weekly for lunch to talk and dream. Our Deanery is showing new signs of health and vitality. Great work has begun. How can we make sure it continues?

Our Vestry retreat was from 9am to 3pm and included great time to get to know each other and also a nice walk through the woods. These were in addition to time to dream, discuss and plan.

We look forward to continuing our conversation with each of you. Pastoral Care, SPRIF III, Data Management and Church Partnerships- it looks like it will be another year of growing in health and strength at St. Paul's.

Faithfully,
Christopher

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

PRAYER

Arin D	Gerry O	Ken Asay	Sally Ettlting
Blaine Marshall	Greg	Kevin, Yvonne & Kendrick	Stephen Topol
Charlotte & Peter	Hollis & Lori	Lisa Rose	Sue Adamson
Chloe H	Jay Taggart	Lori & Rich Mentel	The People of West Africa
Chris & Jennifer M	Jeffrey Katz	Owen	Tim Hixon
Dan Pollart & Family	Jennifer Fritz	Rachel Wilde	Walter Dodds
Dorothy Smith	Joan Von der Heiden	Rainie Joses	
Felicia's family in Liberia	Kathy G	Rose von Buchau	

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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