



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, November 22, 2015, the Last Sunday after Pentecost

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	Sent By the Lord	trad. Nicaraguan
Opening Hymn	488	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	132:1-13, 14-19	BCP p. 785
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Hymn	Sent By the Lord	<i>Insert</i>

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 A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymn	At the Table of Jesus	<i>Insert</i>
Closing Hymn	Glorious in Majesty	<i>Insert</i>
Postlude	Adore	Graham Kendrick

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

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

O Antiphons. In each of the six Sundays leading up to Christmas we say a different O Antiphon. O Antiphons are based on verses from the Old Testament book of Isaiah that foreshadow Jesus. They may be familiar to you from the hymn 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel.'

Children's Choir. We're starting a children's choir with a first musical offering to be in December. Rehearsals are Friday afternoon and Sunday. Contact Alison Blume at alisonblume@comcast.net.

Vinnie's in desperate need of Turkeys and Hams for the holidays. The St. Vincent dePaul Free Dining Room does Jesus' work of feeding the hungry in Marin, and this year, their donations of turkeys and hams are way down this holiday season compared to previous years. Please help if you can by donating a turkey or ham. Food donations can be dropped off at the dining room, 820 B St. between 2nd and 3rd, from 6:30AM and 2:00PM any day of the week. Or, you may send a monetary donation to: St. Vincent dePaul Society of Marin County, P.O. Box 150527, San Rafael, CA 94915 or go to vinnies.org and click "Donate." Thank you!

Your Next Spiritual Step? There are seven weekly or biweekly ways you can learn, pray and grow spiritually at St. Paul's beyond weekly worship and regular service of the poor:

- Sunday Forum every week from 9:00am to 9:40am. We're currently exploring the nature of our souls.
- Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 7:30am.
- Bible Studies on Tuesdays (12:30pm), Wednesdays (10am) and, starting after the beginning of the year, on Thursday evenings (6:15pm).
- Christian meditation on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month at 7pm.
- Discipleship Groups, which are small groups with a longer term commitment focused on spiritual maturity and loving community with the poor.

Talk to Christopher to find out more about any of these.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Brigitte McCulloch, Chris Olson, Chris Hammond
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Chris Olson, John Schaver
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Steve Avanzino, Pamela Barnes
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Lena Supsupin, Rose Lapicto

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

We had a very strong Stewardship Ingathering this past Sunday. Thank you to all of you who have handed in pledge cards for next year. But the work is not yet done!

As is typical, we know there are some who have not yet handed in their pledge cards. Please do so soon. As you do, please bear in mind that the Vestry, our governing board, meets in 10 days to determine next year's budget. Here are three places where your level of generosity is likely to make a difference:

- **Outreach.** How high a percent of each person's pledge can we afford to give to Outreach while maintaining a balanced budget?
- **Children's Choir.** We already have 13 children signed up, some of whom are new to St. Paul's! How well can we support this new ministry? (Find out more at our website.)
- **Courtyard Support.** Your Rector will need to dedicate much of next year being the Project Manager while we tear out the old courtyard, create an entirely new one and, simultaneously, manage the flow of the 500 of us (among the church, the school, the 12 Step Programs and so on) who use our campus each week. How much administrative support will he receive?

As you can see, we face exciting and deeply worthwhile projects and activities in 2016. Thank you again to all of you who already have pledged. To those of you who will be pledging soon, please be timely and generous.

Blessings,
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

Alice	Gary Pennington	Lisa Rose	Sally Ettling
Blaine Marshall	Gerry O	Norman Rosenstein	Sarah
Charlotte & Peter	Jay Taggart	Mika Kappen & Family	Stephen Topol
Chloe H	Jennifer Fritz	Monique Unger & Family	Syrian Refugees
Craig Family	Jim & Jane Passman	People of Paris	Tim Hixon
Dan Pollart & Family	Jonathan B	Rachel Wilde	Walter Dods
Daphne	Jonathan Smith	Rainie Joses	
Fire Victims	Kathy G	Rich B	
Gael Shumway	Kevin, Yvonne & Kendrick	Robyne Talley	

SERVICE

Teen Success Breakfast: Serve hot breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Beverly Armstrong at 415.454.4015 or nevbev@sbcglobal.net.

San Rafael Health Care: Services 1st and 3rd Sundays, 11:00 – 11:25. Help us with the simple service. Children are welcome. Contact Sue Adamson at 415.461.1798.

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. Contact Carolyn Eitel at 415.214.2560 or ceitel@mvmgmt.com.

ONGOING

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

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, daniel.london@gmail.com.

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 Judy Rowcliffe at 415.606.4355 or jlrowcliffe@comcast.net.

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.

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