



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, December 27, 2015, the First Sunday After Christmas

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	Corrente	Domenico Zipoli
Opening Hymn	93	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	147:13-21	BCP p. 805
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Offertory Hymn	87	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-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	100	Hymnal
Postlude	Christmas Concerto	Arcangelo Corelli

The Altar Flowers are given by Jack Beggs to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Marjorie Beggs.

“She was a honey of a wife.”

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Children's Choir. We started a children's choir in December. Rehearsals continue on Friday afternoon and on some Sundays. Contact Alison Blume at alisonblume@comcast.net.

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, Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Dawn Rice, Dennis Puccinelli
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Wendy Olson, Lena Supsupin, Judy Rowcliffe, Alex Elliot
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Lena Supsupin, Rose Lapieto

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

After the baby is born the baby grows up. You, too are invited to grow up as a human being and as a Christian. Here are five ways you can take a next step in your spiritual life starting in January.

- **PrayWorshipServe** is the rhythm of life at St. Paul's. We pray with scripture, we worship in the beauty of holiness and we serve the poor. It's our way of being good. Will you join us in 2016?
- **Newcomer Classes** begin Sunday, January 3rd at 11:30 am and continue through February. Meet great people, learn our fascinating history and take a next step in your growth in love.
- **A New Bible Study** begins on Thursday, January 7th at 6:15pm. The first few sessions will be 'Bible 101' where I review the very basic history and structure of the book. I also teach simple and time-tested ways to explore its bottomless and often delightful depths.
- **Our New Children's Choir** is open for new children who love to sing. They are already a treasured part of our multi-generational worship. Practices are Fridays at 5pm and on some Sundays.
- **Your Special Role on Sunday Mornings.** On Sunday mornings Christians do the liturgy, which is a fancy word for the work of the people. There are many different roles to play from singing to reading to hospitality to caring for our beautiful things. Come Saturday, January 23rd at 9am and discover your unique place.

By God's grace I'm hoping for a great 2016 at St. Paul's.

Blessings,
Christopher

PRAYER

Alice	Gerry O	Lisa Rose	Sally Ettling
Charlotte & Peter	Helenclore Cox	Lokita	San Bernardino
Chloe H	Jay Taggart	Mika Kappen & Family	victims and town
Craig Family	Jennifer Fritz	Monique Unger & Family	Stephen Topol
Dan Pollart & Family	Jim & Jane Passman	Norman Rosenstein	Syrian Refugees
Felicia Demann	Jonathan B	People of Paris	Walter Dods
Fire Victims	Jonathan Smith	Rachel Wilde	
Gael Shumway	Kathy G	Rainie Joses	
Gary Pennington	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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