



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, February 14, 2016, the First 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 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Prelude	A Song of Peace	Teresa Jennings
The Great Litany	S-67	Hymnal
Psalm	91:1-2, 9-16	BCP p. 719
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People		BCP p. 328
Offertory Anthem	Let There Be Peace on Earth	Jill & Sy Miller

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 I		BCP p. 333
Sanctus	S-114	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-158	Hymnal
Prayer of Humble Access		BCP p. 337
Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 339
Closing Hymn	711	Hymnal
Postlude	Presto	J. S. Bach

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Confirmation Class. Starting on Sunday, March 6th, youth confirmation classes will begin for Confirmation at Grace Cathedral on Saturday, June 4th. Classes will be from 11:30 to 12:30. Talk to Christopher for details. Three people are already signed up!

Book Club. St. Paul's Book Club will meet on Feb. 19th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is "Big Little Lies" by Liane Moriarty. This book takes place in Australia and tells the story of a group of women who all have secrets that are revealed as the story goes forward.

Epistle. Thanks to the initiative and work of Chloe Martin we have a newsletter again. Our hope is to produce one at the end of each month, previewing the month to come. Please send your information to Chloe by the 18th of each month at chloeadmartin@comcast.net. Thank you, Chloe!

Rite One. For Lent, our 10am service will be Rite One, which is the old traditional language. This change for Lent is an opportunity to learn this dignified language of worship and to experience the richness of our liturgy in a new way.

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.

2/28 **Open House** at the Martin's. An all generations, all community event at our home in San Anselmo. Sunday. 4pm to 6pm.

3/5 **Discipleship Group Workshop.** Saturday. 9am to 11am.

3/20 to 3/27 **Holy Week:** Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil and Easter Morning.

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 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:	Jim Terstege, Ronnie Dodds, Eric Guastavino
Readers:	Jim Terstege, Ronnie Dodds, Kay Blackwill
Altar Guild:	Katy Taggart, Joan Peterson, Felicia Demann, Ann Lisk, Holly Pritchard
Hospitality	Katy Taggart, Tenesa and Brian Vuillemenot

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Here are three things I'd love for you to know:

1. Next Sunday, after the 10am service, Jay Luther will be giving **his inimitable tour of the inside of our church** with all of its rich, quirky and sometimes deeply moving stories. Over the years, this tour has become something like an entrance rite into the community of St. Paul's. Don't miss it!
2. Because it's the first Sunday in Lent we're going to do something new and switch to **Rite One** at the 10am service. The structure and almost all of the prayers stay the same except they switch to the dignified vocabulary and cadence of Elizabethan English. (And we also get the return of our new Children's Choir!)
3. The Sunday of our Annual Meeting had many highlights. Here are a few:

Chloe presented our new monthly **Epistle** for you to pick at church (unless you are a shut-in)....John presented a **healthy balanced budget** for 2016.... we elected **John, Ginny and Pierce to the Vestry**...there was a long, spontaneous and heartfelt expression of **gratitude** from many people for the many people (maybe including you!) who make St. Paul's healthy and vibrant through their volunteer efforts... I shared that the three main areas of attention for me and many of our leaders this year will be **community** building, completing the **courtyard** and beginning preparations for our **150th anniversary** in 2018.

May you have a blessed Lent.

Blessings,
Christopher

PRAYER

Bart L	Helenclare Cox	Kevin, Yvonne & Kendrick	Rachel Wilde
Charlotte & Peter	Jay Taggart	Lisa R	Rainie Joses
Craig Family	Jennifer Fritz	Lisa Rose	Robyne Talley
Dan Pollart & Family	Jennifer Hodges	Lokita	Rose Von Buchau
Evelyn Rose	Jim & Jane Passman	Mika Kappen & Family	Sally Ettlting
Felicia Demann	Jim C	Monique Unger & Family	San Bernardino victims & town
Fire Victims	Jonathan B	Norman Rosenstein	Sandy G
Gael Shumway	Jonathan Smith	Julia Klare	Stephen Topol
Gary Pennington	Gerry O	Kathy G	Syrian Refugees

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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