



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, February 21, 2016, the Second 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	Meditation	anon.
Opening Hymn	143	Hymnal
Kyrie	S-91 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	27	BCP p. 617
Gradual	S-102	Hymnal
Prayers of the People		BCP p. 328
Offertory Anthem	Agnus Dei	Giacomo Puccini

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
Communion Hymns	148, 302	Hymnal
Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 339
Closing Hymn	142	Hymnal
Postlude	Prelude	Anthime Donnay

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!

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 chloedmartin@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:	Michael Green, Chris Olson, Demelza Rice, Fiona McDermott
Readers:	Michael Green, Chris Olson, John Schaver
Altar Guild:	Katy Taggart, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Steve Avanzino, Pamela Barnes
Hospitality	Katy Taggart, Alice and Bob King

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

After a very busy and productive start to the new year, we now hit something like our ordinary rhythm for the next few weeks. Our biggest event this week is hosting our Bishop, Bishop Marc, this Sunday afternoon for a regional 'thank you' event to thank all who have remembered their parish in their will. If you have remembered St. Paul's in your will or simply would like to find out more about good legacy planning, come to Duncan Hall at 2:30.

There are three things, though, I hope you will bear in mind:

1. Chloe and I are hosting an **Open House at our home** in San Anselmo on Sunday, February 28th. This is a new, twice a year event we began in the fall and it was a ton of fun. Come and hang out in our home and get to know the good people of St. Paul's of all ages better! 4pm to 6pm, February 28th.
2. The next Saturday is **Discipleship Group workshop**. I've loved the two of these that we've had so far, both to hear stories of what's going on in our six groups but also to introduce people to this core ministry of St. Paul's. This year, I will be sharing new teaching on the four lenses that Discipleship Groups can use to help each other discern God's call on their lives. 9am to Noon, March 5th.
3. **Youth Confirmation Class** begins the next day, Sunday, March 6th. On most Sundays from March 6th until the Confirmation at Grace Cathedral on Saturday, June 4th, I will be teaching Confirmation Class for people between 12 and 18. I already have three folks signed up. Please contact me to find out more.

I hope your Lent is feeling holy. The very brief daily emails from the PrayWorshipServe.com website are particularly powerful this year. I highly recommend signing up for them if you haven't already done so.

Finally, please contact me if you would like to be in our new photo directory but weren't able to sign up for the professional photographers last week. We want your beautiful face in the book along with the rest of the St. Paul's community!

Blessings,
Christopher

PRAYER

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