



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, March 20, 2016, Palm Sunday

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)

Opening Hymn	154	Hymnal
Kyrie	S-91 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	31:9-16	BCP p. 622
Gradual	S-102	Hymnal
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 327
Prayers of the People		BCP p. 328
Offertory Anthem	Hosanna to the Son of David	David Moe

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 Hymn	168	Hymnal
Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 339
Closing Hymn	158	Hymnal

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Studies and Spiritual Forum are on hiatus until the first Week of April.

Youth Confirmation Class. The youth confirmation classes continues for Confirmation at Grace Cathedral on Saturday, June 4th. Classes are on Sundays from 11:30 to 12:30. Talk to Christopher for details. Nine people are already signed up!

Cursillo Retreats. "You get about 27,375 days on earth. Can you give back 3 of them as your gift back to God?" Please consider signing up for the upcoming Cursillo Retreats in April! Men's Retreat is April 7th through April 10th. Women's Cursillo is April 21-24. Both retreats start on Thursday evening and ends Sunday early afternoon. See Fr. Christopher, Janie Burtch, or Steve Avanzino for more information. Your time spent at this special retreat will deepen and grow your Faith

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!

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 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, Ronnie Dodds, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Michael Green, Ronnie Dodds, Judy Rowcliffe
Altar Guild:	Katy Taggart, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Steve Avanzino, Pamela Barnes
Hospitality	Katy Taggart, Alice and Bob King

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

This Sunday is Palm Sunday, and the most important week of the year begins. Here's the quick run down.

- **Palm Sunday. March 20.** Services at 8am and 10am. It includes blessing of the palms, the reading of the passion narrative and leaving the church in silence. We remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.
- **Maundy Thursday. March 24.** Service at 7:30pm. The service includes foot washing and the stripping of the altar. We remember Jesus' institution of the eucharist at the last supper. It's preceded at 6:30 by a dinner hosted by Grace Marin.
- **Good Friday. March 25.** Service at Noon. The service is about an hour and features the bringing in of the cross. We remember that Jesus died on the cross.
- **Easter Vigil. March 26.** Service at 7:30pm. The most important service of the year includes a retelling of our sacred history and a baptism before our first, triumphal proclamation of Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

Easter morning services are at 8am and 10am. There will be an Easter Egg hunt and plentiful hospitality after the 10am service.

In the coming week, may the eyes of our hearts be surely fixed on those mighty acts by which we were saved.

Blessings,
Christopher

PRAYER

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

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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