



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, May 15, 2016, the Feast of 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](http://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	Prelude	John Stanley
Opening Hymn	225	Hymnal
Gloria	S-180 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	104:25-35, 37	BCP p. 736
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Anthem	Kyrie	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 B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymn	513, 230	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	230	Hymnal
Postlude	Fugue	John Stanley

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Virginia Hunt.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today is Pentecost Sunday** and we plan to share with you some of our initial thoughts on how we hope to celebrate our 150th anniversary in 2018. It's not too early to start planning and getting excited!

**Two different Basic Discipleship classes** start the week of May 15th. They will be Sundays at 6pm, Thursdays at 12:30pm and Saturdays at 8am. Each time slot is limited to four people. Learn to pray and find your voice for telling your own spiritual story. It meets weekly for five weeks.

**St. Paul's Book Club** will meet on May 20th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is "Abide with Me" by Elizabeth Strout. This novel follows the disintegration of a priest who has lost his wife and fears he is losing his faith in God. St. Paul's Book Club is open to all. Please contact Joy Moss at (415)479-6930.

**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!

**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](mailto:chloeadmartin@comcast.net). Thank you, Chloe!

**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, Linda Bell, Pierce Gore
Readers:	Michael Green, Pierce Gore, Judy Rowcliffe
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Joan Peterson, Felicia Demann, Ann Lisk, Holly Pritchard
Hospitality	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Ten quick hits:

1. The **Rigorous Church conversation** has begun. I've now had ten conversations about fluency, community, abiding, befriending, call and cross. If you don't yet know what I'm talking about, listen to my sermon on the front page of our website.
2. We have two baptisms and seven confirmations in the first half of June!
3. There are two places left in **Basic Discipleship**- one on Thursdays at 12:30, the other on Saturday at 8:00. Email me.
4. San Rafael Girl Scouts are hosting a spaghetti dinner at St. Paul's on Sunday, the 22nd to support the STREETS team that usefully employs our homeless folk.
5. Keep watch for a renewed push to create the safe, accessible and beautiful **Hardin Courtyard** starting the summer.
6. Keep on bringing in your used books to support the St. Anne's book sale this October.
7. Our new photo directory is in production. Coming soon!
8. For the second time, creative students from San Rafael High are using our church for a cool film project. The last one was about the Salem witch trials.
9. After more than four years of hosting Young Moms Marin, we will host our last session on June 3rd. We remain open to serving that population in new ways, particularly in creating housing- with their help.
10. The city of San Rafael has entered a new era of conversation and action around homelessness. There are 10 open conversations coming up and I plan to attend at least one. Email me if you want to join me.

God bless you,  
Christopher

## PRAYER

Bart L	John Leydecker	Norman Rosenstein	Sally Ettling
Brussels victims and people	Jonathan B	Phyllis	San Bernardino victims &
Cathy	Jonathan Smith	Rachel Wilde	town
Dan Pollart & Family	Laurel	Rainie Josés	Sandy G
Donnie Mehocich	Lisa R	Robyne Talley	Sarah Gaoup
Grace Michael	Lisa Rose	Rosa Montez	Stephen Topol
Jennifer Fritz	Lokita	Rose Von Buchau	Syrian Refugees
Jim & Jane Passman	Mika Kappen & Family	Ruth Orovich	

## SERVICE

**Teen Success Breakfast:** Serve hot breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Beverly Armstrong at 415.454.4015 or [nevbev@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nevbev@sbcglobal.net).

**San Rafael Health Care:** Services 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 other parishioners are now visiting Joe and six other inmates. For further info contact Richard Olive (415.259.9198 or [ollipops@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Children's Choir.** Rehearsals on Friday afternoon and some Sundays. Contact Alison Blume at [alisonblume@comcast.net](mailto:alisonblume@comcast.net)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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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