



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, May 22, 2016, Trinity 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)

Prelude	Loving Creator	Elena Maquis
Opening Hymn	Send Down Fire	<i>Insert</i>
Gloria	S-180 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	8	BCP p. 592
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	In the Night, In the Day	<i>Insert</i>

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	Resucito	<i>Insert</i>
Closing Hymn	In The Day of The Lord	<i>Insert</i>
Postlude	Prelude	George Gershwin

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Death Row Ministry. Members of our congregation have committed themselves to a range of service associated with St. Paul's Death Row Ministry, including correspondence and visitation with inmates and hosting family members of inmates coming from out of town for visits. There is a particular need to lend support to the mother of one inmate who drives each weekend to San Quentin from Bakersfield. She routinely arrives on Saturday morning after a drive of nearly six hours and stays overnight on Saturday in order to see her son again on Sunday before returning home. If you would consider hosting her --even occasionally -- please contact Richard Olive (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net)

Death Cafe. Our first Death Cafe was such a success that we're going to have another one! Please join us on Sunday, June 5 from 7:00-9:00 pm in Duncan Hall. Death Cafes are gatherings for the purpose of talking about death. They are a chance to have an open conversation about any aspect of death. There is no agenda. There is no expert. But there will be cookies. :) Chloe Martin will be hosting and facilitating this conversation, and all in the St. Paul's community and beyond are welcome to come--so feel free to bring a friend or family member (adults only please). That said, we would like to limit the numbers to a manageable size, so please RSVP to secure your spot. chloeadmartin@comcast.net, or call/text 415-464-7149. To learn more about Death Cafes, go to deathcafe.com

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. 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:	Brigitte McCulloch, Chris Olson, Diana Westphal Gore
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Chris Olson, Neville Armstrong
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Steve Avanzino, Pamela Barnes
Hospitality	Katie Taggart, Lena Supsupin, Rose Lapicto

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

As I look back at the last month, I realized that my last three sermons crystalized three important conversations for our community. Below, I briefly sketch out what those conversations are. I hope at least one of them intrigues you.

If so, all three sermons can be heard by going to the front page of our website, www.stpaulssanrafael.org. All three conversations are very likely to be continuing in many contexts in the months and years to come.

1. **Our 150th Anniversary.** We are the oldest Episcopal Church in Marin County. In a year and a half we celebrate our founding in 1868. The Vestry and I propose three fun projects: A Great Party, A Compelling Story and An Inspiring Retreat. Each of these will require the creativity and the work of many.

2. **A Rigorous Church.** Over a dozen times in the last month I have been engaged in deep and creative conversation about being and becoming a rigorous church. If the seven core Christian practices are the house we have built together, the six necessary dimensions of a rigorous church are the foundation. I've named these six as fluency, community, abiding, befriending, call and cross. There is a lifetime of exploration in each of these six.

3. **New Jerusalem.** What's our goal? Where do ultimately end up? What's it like? There are many terms and images in our tradition for our ultimate goal. Some examples are Kingdom of God, Heaven, the City of God, the Heavenly Banquet and Zion. I'm proposing that, for a season, we explore together the language of one of the most important, New Jerusalem. This image is the very last image from scripture. It comes from the end of the book that inspired our iconic rosette window, the book of Revelation. We get along better when we know where we're headed, and why we want to go there!

Each of these three sermons has just the title you would expect: A Party, A Story, A Retreat; Rigorous Church; New Jerusalem.

I look forward to continuing all three of these conversations with you in the months and years ahead.

Faithfully,
Christopher

PRAYER

Bart L	John Leydecker	Norman Rosenstein	Sally Ettling
Blanche Hartman	Jonathan B	Phyllis	Samantha
Cathy	Jonathan Smith	Rachel Wilde	Sandy G
Dan Pollart & Family	Laurel	Rainie Joses	Sarah Gaoup
Donnie Mehocich	Lisa R	Robyne Talley	Stephen Topol
Grace Michael	Lisa Rose	Rosa Montez	Syrian Refugees
Jennifer Fritz	Lokita	Rose Von Buchau	
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.

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 other parishioners are now visiting Joe and six other inmates. 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.

Children's Choir. Rehearsals on Friday afternoon and some Sundays. Contact Alison Blume at 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.

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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