



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, November 13, 2016, the Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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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 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*

Prelude	Concerto in A minor	Antonio Vivaldi
Opening Hymn	390	Hymnal
Gloria	S-277 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Canticle	The First Song of Isaiah	BCP p. 86
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Offertory Hymn	480	Hymnal

*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 A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	376	Hymnal
Postlude	Autumn	Antonio Vivaldi

The Altar Flowers are given by Larry and Jane Santucci to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of mother, Virginia Santucci.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The O Antiphons** are an ancient practice for preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. They are each a verse or image from the Old Testament that reveal something about Jesus. They are best known as the verses of the hymn 'O Come, O Come Emmanuel.' Each Sunday until Christmas we will be celebrating a different O Antiphon with a chant and a banner.

**Stewardship In-Gathering.** This is the Sunday when we gather up all the pledge cards with the amount of money people intend to give to St. Paul's next year, and bless them. Please put your card in the plate by the piano to be blessed just before the Eucharist.

**St. Paul's Death Row Ministry**, instituted more than 20 years ago, currently visits and communicates with seven condemned men. Eight members of the church and one other person are actively involved. One other Episcopal Church, St. Luke's in San Francisco, has expressed interest in collaborating with St. Paul's in the ministry. The next meeting of St. Paul's Death Row Ministry is 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 7 in Duncan Hall. You are welcome to come and see what it's about and if it might be a fit for you.

**Gifts for the Homeless.** We will get two barrels from Ritter Center to be put in Duncan Hall for Christmas presents, one for the homeless and one for teens. There will be lists for ideas. We get them on November 11th and return them December 9th.

**Sunday Afternoons** have just gotten richer in ministry with the addition of a 5pm Eucharist. This shared ministry of St. Paul's, Redeemer and Nativity is at Nativity.

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jim Terstegge, Eric Guastavino, Fiona McDermott
Readers:	Jim Terstegge, Eric Guastavino, Kate Sprague
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Joan Peterson, Felicia Demann, Ann Lisk, Holly Pritchard

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Where do you go to find peace now?

I believe this long, ugly election process has been hard for everyone. I've already spoken with many of you and have received reports of all kinds of strong emotional responses to the events of the past several days.

We are a sacred space for your busy life- even during the week. Come by during the week and just sit in the space and allow the warmth of the wood, the beauty of the glass and the dignity of the space console and strengthen you.

Come on Sunday morning. This Sunday we begin our stately march toward Christmas with an O Antiphon, our children learning classic Christmas Carols and a simple, grounding message from me about working on our belovedness.

Come back to your spiritual roots. Plant yourself here and learn again that God is God, God is good, and God loves you.

Come back to a community that is warm and caring and strives to be good. It's a community where you are welcome and where you too can learn about God and learn to do good.

This is not a time to be alone. It is a time to be with others and to work with others to make a world where it is easier to be good.

Blessings,  
Christopher

## PRAYER

Arty	Gina	Lokita	Roger Titus
Bill Tate	Grace Michael	Mika Kappen & Family	Rosa Montes
Cathy	Jennifer Fritz	Nancy S (surgery 9/6)	Ruth Orovich
Chuck Sisemore	Kairos Inside San Quentin	Peter	Sandy G
Dan Pollart & Family	Laurel	Phyllis	Syrian Refugees
Deborah	Lisa R	Rainie Joses	The Rev. Stefani Schatz

## 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 20 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)).

## 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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