



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, December 4, 2016, the Second Sunday in Advent

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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	Adagio	Georg P Telemann
Opening Hymn	75	Hymnal
Gloria	S-86 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	72	BCP p. 685
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Te Deum	S-286	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form VI	BCP p. 392
Offertory Anthem	Kyrie	William Byrd

*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-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-161	Hymnal
Communion Hymn	61	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	67	Hymnal
Postlude	Fuge	Georg P Telemann

The Altar Flowers are given by Pierce Gore to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Diana Gore.

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**St. Anne's Christmas Lunch** is at noon on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in Duncan Hall. Our parish friends are all invited to come and enjoy our party.

**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.

**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 have two barrels from Ritter Center in Duncan Hall for Christmas presents, one for the homeless and one for teens. There are lists for ideas. We 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.

**Re-Finance Your Spirituality.** Invest in a 3-Day Weekend of discussion, laughter, music and superlative food. In return you get a lifetime of renewed joy and confidence in the future. Give you faith a chance to blossom and grow:

2017 Men's Cursillo Weekend- March 23-26

2017 Women's Cursillo Weekend- March 30- April 1

Contact Linda Bell for information. 408-373-3537. [www.marincursillo.com](http://www.marincursillo.com)

### Christmas Service Times:

Christmas Eve Family Service	5pm
Christmas Eve Service with Choir Prelude	10:30pm
Christmas Day	10am

*Although Christmas Day is a Sunday, there will be no 8am or 5pm service.*

The 10am Service is followed by a Pot Luck Feast in Duncan Hall hosted by the Martins.

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jacob Moody, Chris Hammond, Linda Bell
Readers:	Jacob Moody, Chris Hammond, Kate Sprague
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Linda Danford, Wanda Rice, Walter Tanner, Jane Santucci

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

We are already in the season when a lot of organizations ask for our generosity. As you consider the various ways you want to reach out and make a difference, please consider our five Outreach Ministries:

- 1. Our Homeless Neighbors.** In Duncan Hall there are two barrels that are steadily **collecting the items we know are most helpful** for our homeless neighbors. One barrel is for youth, the other for the general population. Please see the PS to this email for the list of what's needed and consider purchasing something and putting it in the barrel. The barrels will be taken to Ritter Center on Friday, December 9th.
- 2. Our Death Row Nine.** Last year we sent **Christmas Cards** to the seven people we were visiting. They got as many as 40 cards and several said it was the most cards they ever received. This year, we're adding two more men. Starting next week, we'll have addresses and brief descriptions of all nine of our brothers-in-Christ for those of you who wish to send cards. Our quarterly Death Row Ministry meeting is next Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30. We're already expecting about half a dozen new people who are coming to find out more. You're welcome to join us.
- 3. Teen Parents of Marin.** There are two parallel conversations going on right now about how to best serve the population of very young families in Marin. Plans are advancing for a supportive housing complex to be called St. Monnica's Commons. We're deeply engaged with a partner called Mutual Housing of California and have many great ideas. At the same time, conversations are developing on how to take the lessons we learned from our four years of hosting Young Moms Marin and apply it to a new ministry. **A lunch conversation is planned for mid-January.** Contact Janet, Jacob or me to find out more.
- 4. Teen Success Breakfast.** This robust ministry of serving breakfast to the probationary youth of the County Community School, now almost ten years old, always could use some more help. Might this be the season when you finally jump in? Contact Ginny to find out more and schedule a **'come and see' visit.**
- 5. Worship at a Convalescent Home.** Every other Sunday, a crew ducks out of the 10am service just after receiving communion to go **lead some prayers and simple songs** at the San Rafael Health Care Center, just a few blocks away. Some chose to come back in time to enjoy coffee hour. Contact Sue if you'd like to spread some Holiday joy with songs and prayers on Sunday mornings.

Advent is a great time to offer our time and our resources together for those in need.

Blessings,  
Christopher  
p: (415) 456-4842

PS. The Ritter Center list for Teens includes hoodies, sweatshirts, journal books, scarves, gloves, throw blankets, art supplies, toiletries, hair care products and accessories, lotions, body wash, cosmetics, jewelry, pajamas and then gift cards for movie tickets, iTunes, Ross, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, Target, Kohls, Starbucks, Safeway.

The list for the general population includes warm socks, camping equipment such as sleeping bags, mats and tarps, durable backpacks and duffle bags (preferably waterproof), flashlight and batteries, rain gear- ponchos and rain boots, small tents and then gift cards to Big 5, Sears, Ross, Target, Safeway, Starbucks.

## 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.

**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).

## 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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