



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, January 29, 2017, the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

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 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Prelude	Recitative	Felix Mendelssohn
Opening Hymn	127	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	15	BCP p. 599
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Anthem	Nunc Dimittis	Benjamin Cooke

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-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymns	560, 402	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	404	Hymnal
Postlude	Allegro assai	Felix Mendelssohn

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Rainie Josés.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Basic Christianity continues today after the 10:00 service in the Upper Room. This five part class, from 11:30 to 12:30 on Sundays, tells the whole Christian story from creation to the end. It includes time for discussion.

Open House. Christopher and Chloe are hosting a St. Paul's Open House at their home today from 4pm to 6pm. The address is 148 Hilldale Dr. in San Anselmo. This is always a ton of fun. Be there!

The Annual Meeting is on Sunday, February 5th at 11:15. In this essential meeting we elect new members of the Deanery and the Vestry, review the year that has past, and look forward to the year to come.

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

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Brigitte McCulloch, Pierce Gore, Linda Bell
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Pierce Gore, Dennis Puccinelli
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Wendy Olson, Judy Rowcliffe, Alex Elliot

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

On Sunday I began a new preaching series. For the rest of the season of Epiphany, which ends in March, I will be preaching on Call.

In Sunday's sermon, which was less than ten minutes and can be found on the front page of our website (stpaulssanrafael.org), I shared four things that I believe:

- I believe every one of us has been given a gift or gifts from God.
- I believe we are called to use those gifts in different ways in different seasons of our life. People in their 80s are called to use their gifts just like people in their 20s, just in different ways.
- I believe we don't come fully alive, don't become fully ourselves, until we are using our gifts for the glory of God. When we do, it is both invigorating and, in the deepest sense, restful. It is a taste of the peace that passes all understanding.
- I believe it is not up to us alone to hear and follow our call. We need each other for the wisdom to hear the call clearly and for the fortitude to follow it. That work of discerning call in a small, trusted group is at the heart of Discipleship Groups.

I am still learning how to talk about call and how to discern call. I am proceeding with the assumption that we have much to teach each other about this subtle but essential work.

Almost a year ago I finally started articulating a working assumption that I've been living with for almost fifteen years. I assume that we can't be a Christian church in depth unless we are deliberately attending to six things that I now call Fluency, Community, Abiding, Befriending, Call and Cross.

In the summer and fall, we attended to Fluency, that is Fluency in our spiritual mother tongue, beginning with scripture. Leading up to Christmas, we focused on the mysterious task of working on our belovedness, which is necessary for each of us if we are going to be in Community in depth. For the next month we will focus on God's Call. We all have one. Come and listen.

Blessings,
Christopher

PRAYER

Arty	Grace Michael	Mark Hardin	Rosa Montes
Bill Donnelly	Jane F	Mika Kappen & Family	Ruth Orovich
Bill Tate	Jennifer Fritz	Mike R	Sandy G
Cathy	Kairos Inside San Quentin	Pat David Binkley	Susan Bowman
Dan Pollart & Family	Laurel	Paul Temple	Syrian Refugees
Dana Testa	Lisa R	Peter	The Rev. Stefani Schatz
Deborah	Lokita	Phyllis	
Gina	Marcella Hermstad	Roger Titus	

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 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

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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