



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, March 12, 2017, the Second Sunday in Lent

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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	Prelude	John Stanley
Opening Hymn	142	Hymnal
Kyrie	S-86 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	121	BCP p. 779
Gradual	S-102	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Anthem	Agnus Dei	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-124	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-161	Hymnal
Communion Hymns	474, 323	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	408	Hymnal
Postlude	Allegro	John Stanley

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**"Taking Care...With the End in Mind,"** starts today. The Lenten Speaker Series brought to you by the St. Paul's Legacy Program begins today from 11:30-12:30 in Duncan Hall. Chloe Martin will be presenting on Advance Healthcare Directives. Everyone over 18 years old should have one, and we should be reviewing them regularly to keep them up to date. Come find out the why, what and how so you can give yourself and those who love you peace of mind. Next Sunday, March 19, Elder Attorney Elizabeth Krivatsky will come speak with us about estate planning. If you have already done this important work, but have not reviewed it recently, come hear about recent changes in laws that you will want to know about.

The quarterly **Death Row Ministry** meeting is Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 6:30pm in the Upper Room.

**St. Paul's Book Club** will meet on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is "The Last Runaway" by Tracy Chevalier. This is the story of an English Quaker woman who is stranded in Ohio in 1850. She becomes involved with the Underground Railroad, helping runaway slaves get to Canada.

**Basic Discipleship** continues on Tuesdays at 8:30am in Duncan Hall. In this five week, hour-long class learn to pray, tell your story and healthy ways to be in a small group.

**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)

**As we move into Lent,** we tone down the Church to reflect the season's somber mood. No altar flowers, we replace the silver with pottery, cover all the crosses with purple. And because the pottery chalices are a little awkward to handle, requiring more use of our linens, we switch from red wine to white, to save the wear and tear on the linens. If you have questions, please reach out to Judy Rowcliffe; 415 456 4131; [jrowcliffe@comcast.net](mailto:jrowcliffe@comcast.net).

## SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jim Terstege, Eric Guastavino, Linda Bell
Readers:	Jim Terstege, Eric Guastavino, Kay Blackwill
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Felicia Demann, Ann List, Steve Avanzino, Holly Pritchard

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

*Note: This event happened yesterday morning.*

This Saturday morning will be, I believe, one of the most important gatherings in the thirteen years I have served you as Rector.

Essentially, we are hosting focus groups for anyone with experience with either Discipleship Groups or with Basic Discipleship. For Saturday, I have hired an excellent facilitator to lead a process called Appreciative Inquiry. After a time of guided interviews and sharing stories, the question will be asked "what would this look like if the exceptional moments that we've uncovered in the interviews become the norm?"

Already, we've made great progress together in developing this new work of Discipleship Groups. Anecdotally, I know of wonderful things happening in all seven of our groups. This is a time to come together and learn from each other and strengthen each other. I believe this Saturday morning will result in a new invitation to us to embrace together this powerful work of Discipleship Groups.

This work of strengthening Discipleship Groups is particularly timely because in less than a year we will be hosting up to 40 people in the PrayWorshipServe Lenten Retreat. The retreat is based on the work of Discipleship Groups. From my phone calls around the country in the last month, I can tell you that already teams of people from at least seven different Dioceses are intending to come. This thing is real!

I know for myself that I learn best when I must teach others. Next February, as we host this retreat, we will all be, each in our own way, teachers. I believe we can do it and that our facilitator, the Rev. Ann Hallisey, will help us get there this Saturday. Please make an extra effort to be there. It is from 9am to 12:30pm.

Thank you for your consideration.

Blessings,  
Christopher

## PRAYER

Arty	Deborah	Marcella Hermstad	Ruth Orovich
Bill Donnelly	Grace Michael	Mark Hardin	Richard F
Bill Tate	Jennifer Fritz	Mika Kappen & Family	Sandy G
Cathy	Kairos Inside San Quentin	Pat David Binkley	Syrian Refugees
Dan Pollart & Family	Laurel	Phyllis	The Rev. Stefani Schatz
Dana Testa	Lisa R	Rosa Montes	

## 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.

**Marin Episcopal Youth Group:** Sundays from 5-6:30pm at Church of the Redeemer 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 Christopher Martin at 415.456.4842 or cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org.

**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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