

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, July 15, 2018, the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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	Prelude	Calvin Hampton
Opening Hymn	436	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 (S)ervice music found in front of hymnal	Hymnal
Psalm	24	BCP p. 613
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	558	Hymnal
Doxology	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;	
	Praise God, all creatures here below;	

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host:

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.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	410	Hymnal
Postlude	Postlude	Calvin Hampton

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Study. Tom Witt and Walter Tanner lead a discussion of Cynthia Bourgeault's The Wisdom Jesus, Sunday mornings at 11:30am, beginning July 15. From the book's blurb: If you put aside what you think you know about Jesus and approach the Gospels as though for the first time, something remarkable happens: Jesus emerges as a teacher of the transformation of consciousness. Cynthia Bourgeault is a masterful guide to Jesus's vision and to the traditional contemplative practices you can use to experience the heart of his teachings for yourself. You can order the book at https://www.amazon.com/Wisdom-Jesus-Transforming-Mind-Perspective/dp/1590305809/ref=sr 1 1

Please read the first chapter in preparation for the first meeting.

St. Paul's Book Club will meet at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall on Friday July 20th. The book we will be discussing is Strangers in Their Own Land by Arlie Hochschild. This is the 2018 One Book One Marin selection. The author tries to resolve the question of why the people in the most polluted state in the U.S. want nothing to do with government regulations to clean up the environment.

Great Conversations This Fall. Join Marin Christians of all kinds at St. Paul's, San Rafael to discuss topics of interest. The first Wednesday evening of each month from September to December, St. Paul's will be facilitating three discussions. One is on the demographics of Marin, another is on the necessary wisdom of Medieval women and a third is on the definition of Christian Justice. Each is intended to deepen Discipleship and encourage connections among Marin's Christians. Contact the Rev. Christopher Martin at c.h.mrtn@gmail.com or 415 456 4842 to find out more.

Diversified Portfolio of Service. Service of the poor is a core value for us. There are opportunities to serve probationary teens, our homeless neighbors, isolated seniors, those in prison and poor young families. Call Christopher at 415 456 4842 or c.h.mrtn@gmail.com to find out more.

Learning for All Ages. We offer Sunday School, Youth Group and regular Bible Studies and Spiritual Formation classes. Contact Christopher at 415 456 4842 or c.h.mrtn@gmail.com to find out more.

Small Groups. The heart of our parish is small groups we call Discipleship Groups, which encourage us to pursue Seven Core Christian Practices. Contact Christopher at 415 456 4842 or c.h.mrtn@gmail.comto find out how you can make your way into these loving and life changing small groups.

Education for Ministry: EfM is lay education for anyone who is interested in both spiritual development and information about the Bible, Church History and Theology.

WHERE: St. John's Church, Ross

WHEN: Monday evenings, 6:30-8:30, beginning mid-September

COST: \$375 for the year

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SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant: The Rev. Christopher Martin

Choirmaster/Organist: Michael Struck

Acolytes: Michael Green, Chris Olson, Pierce Gore Readers: Michael Green, Chris Olson, John Dury

Altar Guild: Brigitte McCulloch, Felicia Demann, Walter Tanner, Holly Pritchard

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

- 3 THINGS THIS WEEK
- 3 things to come to, in reverse order.
- 1. **Beach Picnic!** This Saturday, July 14 all in the parish are invited to come to Hart's Desire Beach, just past Inverness out in Point Reyes. It's a beautiful and mellow beach with areas to cook for, fun paths for adventures and of course swimming. Kati will be there at 8am to reserve a spot for us and recommends getting there before 11am when the parking lot tends to fill up. See you there!
- 2. **Basic Discipleship.** This four or five week experience begins this Saturday, July 14 at 8am. I will coach a small group of people in the practice of praying for 20 minutes a day. I've taught this many times before at St. Paul's. Even if you've taken it before and feeling like you want a refresher, you are welcome to come. Many people at St. Paul's have assumed the practice of prayer thanks to this class.
- 3. **Martin's Funeral.** On Thursday at 11am we will have the funeral of Martin. Martin loved the choir, so his wife Mazzie and son Harry have made sure that the choir will be there. It should be a beautiful service and parishioners are welcome to the lunch afterwards. Martin was only with us for couple of years but loved St. Paul's and was an enthusiastic supporter, particularly of the music.

Blessings, Christopher

REGULAR PRAYER AND STUDY - OPEN TO ALL

Spiritual Forum Sundays at 9am in Duncan Hall

Book Group Sundays at 11:30am in the Upper Room Centering Prayer Group 2nd and 4th Sundays at 7pm in Duncan Hall

Morning Prayer Tuesdays at 7:30am in the Church Bible Study Wednesdays at 10am in Duncan Hall

Bible Study Thursdays at 6:15pm in the Downing Library

WHO'S WHO AT ST. PAUL'S

The Governing Board (called the Vestry)

Pierce Gore (Senior Warden), Walter Tanner (Junior Warden), Ginny Horton, Janie Burtch (Secretary), Buzz Wollam, Libby Silvesteria, John Schaver, Alison Blume, Meg Gorman, Tom Witt and Michael Welcome

Campus Care Steve Avanzino, Keatin Holly, Pat Curtis, David Hardin, Eric Guastavino and Larry Santucci

Finances Holly Pritchard, Lorrie Buggatto and John McDermott

Music Michael Struck

Acolytes and Readers Dawn Rice

Ushers Gary Westover and Larry Santucci

Altar Guild Judy Rowcliffe
Altar Flowers Alex Elliot

Children's MinistryKati DombroskyYouth GroupDavid Hardin

Downing LibraryTom WittEpistle (Monthly Newsletter)Chloe MartinService Bulletins and Centering PrayerChris OlsonSt. Anne'sAlice KingMonthly Book Group and St. Paul's HistoryJoy Moss

Death Row MinistryRichard OliveTeen Success BreakfastGinny HortonSan Rafael Health Care WorshipSue Adamson

St. Monnica's Mutual Housing Community

Jacob Moody and Kati Dombrosky

PRAYER LIST

Anna, Marie & Donnie, Kevin & Tara Linda S Mary Lou Cathy Westover Larry W & Family Lori Mentel Miriam

Chin Family Laura Gordon Maggie B Susan Munro & Family

Jayme F Laurie Hubbard Mark Hardin