

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, November 11, 2018, the Twenty Fifth 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	Louis D'Acquin
Opening Hymn	544	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 (S)ervice music found in front of hymnal	Hymnal
Psalm	127	BCP p. 782
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	482	Hymnal
Doxology	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;	
	Praise God, all creatures here below;	

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you would like to receive a blessing, cross your arms across your chest when you are at the altar rail. 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
Communion Music	Soeur Monique	Francois Couperin
Closing Hymn	388	Hymnal

Postlude Sortie Francois Couperin

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

Book Study. The Sunday 11:30 book study group will resume in December. The new book is "Living Buddha, Living Christ" by Thich Nhat Hanh, available at local bookstores or online.

Death Row Ministry meets 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 14, in the Upper Room. We currently have volunteers from 3 churches and 11 inmates. If you're interested or just curious, you are welcome to attend.

This Day Forward. On Wednesday, November 14th at 7pm we will be screening a new documentary movie about faith in the face of death called This Day Forward. Save the date now for this exclusive Bay Area debut.

St. Paul's Book Club will meet on Nov. 16th at 7 pm in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is Almost Sisters by Joshilyn Jackson. This is a story that takes place in Alabama and includes an unexpected pregnancy, an inconvenient corpse, and writers block. It's a fun read with many plot twists and turns.

Meditation Workshop. The Dominican Sisters host a meditation workshop entitled "The Sacred Gaze" at their center, 1520 Grand Ave, San Rafael on Saturday, November 17 from 9 a.m.-noon,. The presenter is Fr. Terry Ryan, a Paulist priest and longtime practitioner of centering. The workshop is free, a freewill donation is most welcome. Further information: Richard Olive (ollipops@comcast.net or (415) 259-9198).

Kairos 52 in San Quentin. Tom Witt will be leading an ecumenical team of 50+ volunteers into San Quentin this coming President's Day weekend (Feb. 15-18). As on every Kairos retreat, we would certainly welcome prayers of support as we share the message of Christ's unconditional love and forgiveness with those behind bars. If anyone from St. Paul's would like to attend the Closing Ceremony on Monday evening, Feb. 18th (5-8 pm), please speak with Tom or Jim Ward for more details. Clearance requests need to be submitted by Dec. 7th. Most first-time visitors find the Closura to be a uniquely powerful and uplifting experience.

Vanity of Vanities! Thursday evening Bible Study begins again on Thursdays from 6:16pm to 7:15pm upstairs in the Downing Library. We will be reading the book of Ecclesiastes. "For everything there is a season..."

Annual Stewardship Campaign. Stewardship pledge cards have been sent to all homes and are available at church. Please fill one out with the amount you intend to give to St. Paul's in 2019 so that the Vestry can create an accurate budget. You can mail the card in, put it in the offering plate, or wait until in-gathering Sunday, which is November 18th. We've had balanced budgets for over a decade. The more you give, the more we can do.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant: The Rev. Christopher Martin

Choirmaster/Organist: Michael Struck

Acolytes: Michael Green, Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice

Readers: Michael Green, Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice, Carolyn Welcome

Ushers: Steve Avanzino, Katie Taggart

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

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

FIVE SHORT THINGS

Five things in the next ten days:

- 1. **Death Cafe** is this Sunday in Duncan Hall from 4pm to 6pm. Come to an open conversation about a reality we all face, hosted by Chloe.
- 2. **Death Row Ministry** has its bi-monthly Wednesday night meeting next Wednesday the 14th from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Please read last Monday's cover article about our ministry in the Marin IJ by following this link.
- 3. **This Day Forward** is a movie that will be shown in Duncan Hall at 7pm on that same night, Wednesday the 14th. It's a movie of a true story of a young family and how they faced the husband, who was a pastor, having brain cancer. The director and the surviving spouse will be there.
- 4. **The Sacred Gaze** is the name of a morning of contemplative prayer and reflections at Dominican (1520 Grand Avenue) led by Terry Ryan, a friend of Richard Olive's who lives most of the year at Snowmass, where Thomas Keating lived.
- 5. **Stewardship In-Gathering Sunday** is now November 18th, not November 11th. You should be getting another letter and pledge card this weekend. Please fill out your card and bring or send it to us by the 18th so we can bless your card at our worship services.

Life at St. Paul's is full of good, rich things!

Faithfully, 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

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 Towery and Larry Santucci

Altar GuildJudy RowcliffeAltar FlowersAlex 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

Laura Gordon Gabriella Montes Miriam Abby Andrey Jayme F Lori Mentel Olivia Monforte Anna, Marie & Donnie Kappen Family Mark Hardin Sandy & Herbert Caravan in Mexico Kevin & Tara Wendy & Family Mary Lou Larry W & Family Mike R Cathy Westover