

# A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, November 4, 2018, the Twenty Fourth 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	Francois Couperin
Opening Hymn	410	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 (S)ervice music found in front of hymnal	Hymnal
Psalm	146	BCP p. 803
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Anthem	Antiphon	Elizabeth Poston
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 haptized 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 haptism.

Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP p. 361	
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal	
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal	
Communion Hymns	581, 311	Hymnal	
Closing Hymn	625	Hymnal	
Postlude	Allemande	Couperin	

# THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Book Study.** The Sunday 11:30 book study group returns today in the Upper Room. The new book is "Living Buddha, Living Christ" by Thich Nhat Hanh, available at local bookstores or online. Please read the first two chapters (up through pg. 24).

**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.

**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).

**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 11th. We've had balanced budgets for over a decade. The more you give, the more we can do.

**Downing Library.** We invite you to visit the Downing Library on the second floor above Duncan Hall. To borrow any book, just fill out a library card with your name, book title, author and date.

**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 <a href="mailto:c.h.mrtn@gmail.com">c.h.mrtn@gmail.com</a> to find out how you can make your way into these loving and life changing small groups.

# SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant: The Rev. Christopher Martin

Choirmaster/Organist: Michael Struck

Acolytes: Jacob Moody, Chris Olson, Chris Hammond Readers: Jacob Moody, Chris Olson, Neville Armstrong

Ushers: Eric Guastavino, Don Smith

Altar Guild: Michael Green, Linda Danford, Katie Taggart, Jane Santucci

## CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

QUICK HITS

Here are 7 quick ones:

- 1. **Vanity**. Thursday night Bible Study starts again this week at 6:15pm in the Downing Library. We're reading Ecclesiastes.
- 2. **Two Sits**. Nearly every week I do a 20 minute meditation in the church on Tuesday at 5:00pm and on Thursday at 5:45pm. You're welcome to join for all or part of it.
- 3. **Stewardship** season is now. Please fill out your pledge card and return to the church.
- 4. **Distances**. County is 4.1 miles from St. Paul's, San Quentin 3.6, San Rafael Health Care .5 and First Pres is .4. St. Monnica's doesn't exist yet but I believe it will be very close too.
- 5. **Movie**. On Wednesday, November 14th we host a new film called This Day Forward at 7pm about faith in the face of death.
- 6. **Men's Cursillo**. From Thursday, November 15th to the 18th is a short course on the Christian faith at SFTS in San Anselmo. Email me if you're interested. (c.h.mrtn@gmail.com.)
- 7. **A Near Monk**. On Saturday, November 17th, from 9am to Noon, Terry Ryan, a friend of Richard Olive's who lives most of the year in the Cistercian monastery in Snowmass, Colorado, where Thomas Keating lived, will be leading a workshop on contemplative prayer at St. Paul's.

Good stuff.

Blessings, Christopher

#### BLESSING OF ALTAR LINENS

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

P: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Lord God almighty, who for forty days instructed Moses, your servant, how to make linens and sacred appointments, which even Mary wove and made for the service of the Old Covenant; be pleased to bless these linens, made to cover and envelop the altar of your glorious Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you forever and ever.

All: Amen.

## 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 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

Abby Gabriella Montes Larry W & Family Miriam

Andrey Jayme F Laura Gordon Olivia Monforte
Anna, Marie & Donnie Jim Lori Mentel Sandy & Herbert
Cathy Westover Kappen Family Mark Hardin Wendy & Family

Connie & Frank Kevin & Tara Mary Lou