



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, January 6, 2019, the Feast of 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)

Opening Hymn	102	Hymnal
Psalm 72:1-14		BCP p. 685
Christmas Pageant		
O Little Town of Bethlehem (v.1)	79	
Away in a Manger (v.1)	101	
What Child is This (v.1)	115	
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (v.1)	87	
Go Tell It on the Mountain (v.1)	99	
We Three Kings (v.1)	128	
Joy to the World	100	
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	82	Hymnal
Doxology	<i>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</i>	

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 Hymn	112	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	93	Hymnal

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Living Buddha, Living Christ. Peace, love, compassion and mindfulness are some of the themes we're exploring in a convivial book discussion of the classic bestseller by Vietnamese poet, Zen master and mystic, Thích Nhất Hạnh. All are invited to join us as we seek to understand the common denominators between two great spiritual paths. We meet in the Upper Room, on the second floor, above Duncan Hall, Sundays between 11:30 and 12:30.

St. Paul's 101 is a class that answers your questions about St. Paul's, the Episcopal Church and the Christian faith. The class will meet weekly starting on Sunday, January 13th at 11:30am in the Downing Library.

New College of Christian Practice Winter Session begins on Saturday, January 19th at 8:30am. The focus will be on doing the work God has given you to do with gladness and singleness of heart.

Kairos 52 in San Quentin. Next month, over the President's Day weekend (Feb. 15-18), Tom Witt will be leading an ecumenical team of 50 Catholic and Protestant volunteers into San Quentin. Our team would certainly welcome St. Paul's prayers of support as we share the message of Christ's agape love with those behind bars.

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 or put it in the offering plate.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jacob Moody, Chris Olson, Pierce Gore
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Chris Olson, Kate Sprague
Ushers:	Eric Guastavino, Larry Santucci
Altar Guild:	Michael Green, Linda Danford, Katie Taggart, Jane Santucci

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

ST. PAUL'S 101 & WITH GLADNESS...

2019 starts with two opportunities to deepen your faith- St. Paul's 101 and With Gladness and Singleness of Heart.

• **St. Paul's 101** begins on Sunday, January 13th at 11:30am, right after the 10am service. It will meet every Sunday well into February. I will be answering all your questions about who we are, what we do, where we come from, how we make decisions and so on. I want you to feel at home here.

In addition, St. Paul's 101 serves as a first step towards Confirmation at Grace Cathedral on Saturday, June 1st. For those who wish to have the Bishop lay his hands on you in an affirmation of faith, formation classes will continue. Our youth are welcome and encouraged to join in both St. Paul's 101 and the Confirmation class this year.

• **With Gladness and Singleness of Heart** describes what it is like when we are doing the work that God has called us to do. This class will give you an opportunity to make a simple prayer your own- "O God, send me to do the work you have given me to do with gladness and singleness of heart." The phrase "gladness and singleness of heart" come from both our post-communion prayer and Acts chapter 2, which describes the state of Jesus' followers at the birth of the church.

The class will have three parts:

1. On **Saturday, January 19th** we gather starting at 8am for hospitality and then at 8:30, I will offer less than an hour of imaginative teaching in the church. We return to Duncan Hall for a handout and some Q & A. Finally, we'll go to Millennial Park in San Anselmo where I'll demonstrate the teaching and give you an opportunity to try it for yourself.
2. **Each Saturday morning for the rest of January and all of February**, I'll be in Duncan Hall at 8:30 for a series of structured conversations intended to reinforce the lessons from January 19th.
3. Finally, on **Saturday, March 2nd**, we will have a final gathering with hospitality at 8am and conversation at 8:30 to consider what we've learned.

This whole process will be 6 weeks, which is how long research has shown you need to do a new thing to make it a habit. In this case, I hope that the prayer "O God, send me to do the work you have given me to do with gladness and singleness of heart" with the accompanying teachings, will be well worked into your sense of what it means to follow Jesus.

Make this January a month where you make a new start in your life of faith.

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

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 Silvestri, 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 Ministry	Kati Dombrosky
Youth Group	David Hardin

Downing Library	Tom Witt
Epistle (Monthly Newsletter)	Chloe Martin
Service Bulletins and Centering Prayer	Chris Olson
St. Anne's	Alice King
Monthly Book Group and St. Paul's History	Joy Moss

Death Row Ministry	Richard Olive
Teen Success Breakfast	Ginny Horton
San Rafael Health Care Worship	Sue Adamson
St. Monnica's Mutual Housing Community	Jacob Moody and Kati Dombrosky

PRAYER LIST

Abby	Gabriella Montes	Mark Hardin	Sandy & Herbert
Andrey	Jayne F	Mary Lou	Tara
Anna, Marie & Donnie	Kappen Family	Mike R	Wendy & Family
Beverly B	Kevin Sobalvarro	Miriam	William Olive
Caravan in Mexico	Larry W & Family	Olivia Monforte	
Cathy Westover	Laura Gordon	Paradise Survivors	