

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, May 12, 2019, the Fourth Sunday in Easter

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 in the bulletin insert

Prelude	Ciacona	Dietrich Buxtehude
Opening Hymn	645	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 (S)ervice music found in front of hymnal	Hymnal
Psalm	23	BCP p. 612
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Hymn	708	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 instead, 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
Closing Hymn	205	Hymnal
Postlude	Ciacona	Dietrich Buxtehude

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for our Mothers.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Living Buddha, Living Christ. All are invited to join us in a convivial book discussion of the classic bestseller by Vietnamese Zen teacher, Thích Nhất Hanh, 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.

The **RenewalWorks** group (RWG) is inviting you to continue your growth towards being the spiritual leader of your own faith. On Sunday May 19th we will gather during the Spiritual Forum time, from 9 until 10, to reflect on your experience with your Lenten practice and delve into how this practice is finding its way into your everyday life. We will also offer a gathering after the 10 am worship to do the same. Your presence is very welcome. Secondly, the RWG is inviting you to engage deeply in the first signpost, "Read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the scriptures" by joining in a congregation reading of the Gospel of John. John will be the focus of the Wednesday Bible Study so if you can join it at 10 am on Wednesdays please consider doing so. And please join in reading and then talking with your brothers and sisters about its profound message.

Rime. The Spiritual Forum, from 9:00 to 9:45 each Sunday in the conversation end of Duncan Hall, will be reading aloud and discussing Samuel Taylor Colerdige's great poem, the Rime of the Ancient Mariner. All are welcome to jump in at any time.

John. The Wednesday Bible Study, from 10am to 11:15 each Wednesday in Duncan Hall, will soon be diving into the Gospel of John. All are welcome.

Isaiah. The Thursday Bible Study, from 6:15pm to 7:15pm each Thursday in the Downing Library, will be continuing its study of Isaiah, beginning with the second section, chapters 13-23. All are welcome.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jacob Moody, Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Jacob Moody, Dawn Rice, John Dury
Ushers:	Don Smith, Buzz Wollam
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Felicia Demann, Walter Tanner, Holly Pritchard

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

CONFIRMATION, CURSILLO

The RenewalWorks Group is asking us all to continue to stay focused on becoming spiritual leaders of our own faith through Pentecost, which is June 9th.

With that in mind, here are two opportunities, both beginning with the letter 'C,' for you to take a next step in faith:

Confirmation. On Saturday, June 4th, there are already at least 6 of us who will be going to Grace Cathedral to join hundreds of other Bay Area Episcopalians for the rites of Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation. All 3 are beautiful rights that affirm a grown-up embrace of the way of Jesus in the Episcopalian mode. Confirmation classes are Sundays from 11:30am to 12:30pm in the Sundays of May, starting this Sunday. All are welcome.

Cursillo. This is a weekend immersion in the Christian faith led by lay people from throughout Marin. 34 of us at St. Paul's have made Cursillo. The women's weekend was last weekend and Katie T was one of the leaders. (She also won the Jefferson Award for her excellent work with Guide Dogs of the Blind!) The Men's Cursillo weekend is May 16th to 19th and there is still space. Email me at c.h.mrtn@gmail.com and I'll get you connected.

Blessings, Christopher

REGULAR PRAYER AND STUDY - OPEN TO ALL

Spiritual Forum Book Group Centering Prayer Group Morning Prayer Bible Studies Sundays at 9am in Duncan Hall Sundays at 11:30am in the Upper Room 2nd and 4th Sundays at 7pm in Duncan Hall Tuesdays at 7:30am in the Church Wednesdays at 10am in Duncan Hall Thursdays at 6:15pm in the Downing Library

WHO'S WHO AT ST. PAUL'S

The Governing Board (called the Vestry)

Walter Tanner (Senior Warden), Buzz Wollam (Junior Warden), Libby Silvestri, Tom Witt, Richard Micheli, Katie Taggart, Michael Welcome, Patrick Bowen and Janie Burtch (Secretary)

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 Youth Group Kati Dombrosky David Hardin

Downing Library Epistle (Monthly Newsletter) Service Bulletins and Centering Prayer St. Anne's Monthly Book Group and St. Paul's History

Death Row Ministry Teen Success Breakfast San Rafael Health Care Worship St. Monnica's Mutual Housing Community Our Homeless Neighbors Tom Witt Chloe Martin Chris Olson Alice King Joy Moss

Richard Olive Ginny Horton Sue Adamson Jacob Moody and Kati Dombrosky Bobby Owen and Ginny Horton

PRAYER LIST

Abby Alberta Buller Andrey Anna, Marie & Donnie Beverly B Caravan in Mexico Cathy Westover

David S Jayme F Jerry Robinson Kappen Family Kevin Sobalvarro Larry W & Family Laura Gordon Mark Hardin Mary Lou Mike R Miriam Olivia Monforte Paradise Survivors Rose Sandy & Herbert Sue Merriman Susan Fischer Wendy & Family