

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, February 16, 2020, the Sixth Sunday after 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)

Prelude	Allegretto	Jean Philippe Rameau
Opening Hymn	7	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 (S)ervice music found in front of hymnal	Hymnal
Psalm	119:1-8	BCP p. 763
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia	
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Anthem	Shall We Gather	arr. Aaron Copland
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. 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. Gluten free bread available.

Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymn	137	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	129	Hymnal
Postlude	Allegro	G. F. Handel

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Suzy Quenzer.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cursillo Sunday is today. More than 35 St. Paul's parishioners have experienced a three-day Cursillo weekend. Two of them, Christopher Martin and another, will make announcements about upcoming weekends at both services on "Cursillo Sunday." This interdenominational experience for all baptized adults originated 70 years ago in Majorca, Spain. It is a unique opportunity to learn new ways to live one's Christian life at home, church and the world. The next weekends at the San Francisco Theological Seminary, San Anselmo, are April 16-19 for the women and April 23-26 for the men. Information will be available in Duncan Hall after each service and/or you may contact Richard Olive, one of St. Paul's Cursillo reps. (415) 259-9198.

St. Paul's Book Club will meet on Friday, Feb. 21st at 4 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is Chemistry by Weike Wang, a story of a chemistry grad student who is stalled in her PHD project. Then her boyfriend asks her to marry him. Things just get worse. Regardless of this, the book is very funny.

Chloe and Christopher are hosting a **Mardis Gras party** at our home in San Anselmo on Sunday, February 23rd from 4pm to 6pm. If you don't already have our address, contact me at c.h.mrtn@gmail.com.

Ash Wednesday services, on February 26th, are at 8am, noon and 6:30pm.

With Gladness and Singleness of Heart begins that evening after the 6:30pm service. It continues in the Wednesdays of Lent, through early April, at 7pm.

The **Mom's Mini-Retreat**, put on by the Martha Collective, is Sunday, March 1st from 3:00pm to 4:30pm. Childcare and a light dinner to take home to the family will be provided.

The **PrayWorshipServe Seminar** is Saturday, March 7th from 9am to 11am. We will be releasing the results of our Discipleship Groups survey and teaching on recommended steps forward.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant: The Rev. Christopher H. Martin

Choirmaster/Organist: Michael Struck

Acolytes: Michael Green, Pamela Barnes

Readers: Michael Green, Pamela Barnes, Dennis Puccinelli

Ushers: Neville Armstrong, Scott Hastings

Altar Guild: Michael Green, Judy Rowcliffe, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Pamela Barnes

WEEKLY MESSAGE

FROM THE RENEWALWORKS GROUP

Landmark 1: Becoming spiritual leaders of our own faith.

Signpost a. Read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest the Holy Scriptures.

Signpost b. Embrace a life practicing the disciplines that Jesus taught.

Signpost c. Share our gifts and money with gladness and singleness of heart.

As the RenewalWorks Group gathered to do its work, Christopher used a phrase that stuck with each of us, "soaked in Scripture." He particularly called our attention to the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). As the RWG dove into the BCP we discovered how right he was. Every page rings with Scripture. For those in a Discipleship Group, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the Holy Scriptures is one of the Core Christian Practices members affirm at each gathering. Engaging the Holy Scripture is an essential part of our life here at St. Paul's. It undergirds our Mission, "Following Jesus in worship, prayer and service." Therefore, it is no surprise that the RWG as it crafted those activities that support this move from Growing in Faith to Deepening in faith and growing as a spiritual leader of our won faith began with the Scripture.

The Bible Study classes are reading the Gospel of John and you are encouraged to use this signpost activity as well. Join the study group or read on your own and talk with your friends it matters not the specific form just read and reflect on this rich and glorious testament to Jesus.

In Discipleship Groups we get the opportunity to reflect with friends on our spiritual journey. It is the place where our experience with the Core Christian Practices that Jesus teaches is tested and supported. In sharing we experience that assistive grace we seek in the final prayer at the Eucharist. So, if you are not part of a Discipleship Group join one or talk to Christopher about joining one.

What a joy it was to have leaders from our congregation guide us through the Commitment Sunday. In our gifts of money, we signal the integration of our life of faith with our everyday existence in the world. We link our "secular" work to our works of faith.

These Signposts are practical, doable and can become the practice that strengthens your internal spiritual leadership of your own faith.

Next: Lent, Gladness-Singleness-of Heart..

Thank you, RenewalWorks Group!



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 Studies 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)

Buzz Wollam (Senior Warden), Kati Dombrosky, Michael Green, Richard Micheli, Katie Taggart, Michael Welcome, Patrick Bowen and Alex Reynolds (Secretary)

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

Finances Holly Pritchard, Lorrie Bugatto and John McDermott

Music Michael Struck

Acolytes and Readers Dawn Rice

Ushers Gary Towery and Larry Santucci

Altar GuildJudy RowcliffeAltar FlowersAlex Elliot

Children's Ministry Karin Holsinger **Youth Group** David 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 CommunityJacob Moody and Kati DombroskyOur Homeless NeighborsBobby Owen and Ginny Horton

PRAYER LIST

Anne Wilms Felicia D Joseph Cook Norton Family Australia Emily Monforte Joshua Lindsay & Family Olivia Monforte Erik von Buchau Iustin Merriman Sandy & Herbert Bill Osuna Catherine C & Family Fredi Stevens Laura Gordon Susan Fischer David S Gary (surgery 2/4) Marianne Y Susan Parkinson Dennis Rowcliffe Hasan, Connie & Kids Mary Those In Border Cages Joan Peterson Maynard W Don D Timothy Yoke

Earl Joseph Brown Mike A