



# ST. PAUL'S

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

### A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, December 21, 2025, Fourth Sunday of Advent

We especially welcome visitors and newcomers today. For more information about St. Paul's, please visit [www.StPaulsSanRafael.org](http://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	Veni Emmanuel	Robin Rokey
Opening Hymn	56 vs. 1-3, 6	Hymnal
Kyrie	S-86 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
First Reading	Isaiah 7:10-16	
Psalm	80:1-7, 16-18	BCP p. 702
Second Reading	Romans 1:1-7	
Gradual	S-102	Hymnal
Gospel	Matthew 1:18-25	
Nicene Creed		BCP p. 358
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Anthem	Agnus Dei	W. A. Mozart
Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-124	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-161	Hymnal
Communion Hymns	265, 269	Hymnal
Post Communion Prayer		BCP p. 365
Closing Hymn	72	Hymnal
Postlude	Concerto in A minor	Antonio Vivaldi

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bobette Hanley.

*Worship services may be live-streamed for our online congregation. Cameras focus primarily on vested ministers, but others in the church may also be visible in live or archived video.*

## SERVING TODAY

Celebrant & Preacher:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Curate:	The Rev. Erin Wiens St. John
Organist/Choirmaster:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Demelza Rice, Judy Rowcliffe
Readers:	Jessica Ruscello, Walter Tanner, Jacob Moody
Ushers:	Gary Towery, Eric Guastavino
Altar Guild:	Judy Rowcliffe, Jessica Ruscello
Tech Support:	Josh Becker, Dennis DeMille
Coffee Hour:	Kari Simpson

## THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

**O Antiphons** continue this week. These ancient texts are sung each week in the six weeks leading up to Christmas, as a way to prepare our hearts.

**Christmas Services** are 5pm on Christmas Eve and 10am on Christmas morning followed by a Pot Luck Feast in Duncan Hall hosted by Chloe and Christopher. They'll bring a ham and the rest is pot luck.

**The Epiphany Pageant** will be on Sunday, January 3rd. Children and youth are welcome to come at 9am to get a costume and do a quick rehearsal before the presentation at the 10am service.

### All Are Welcome to:

- **Participate in Bible Study**

Bible Study is in Duncan Hall at 10am on Wednesdays.. We read, mark, learn and inwardly digest scripture.

- **Offer Music and Prayers for San Rafael Healthcare Center**

Once a month, on the fourth Sunday of the month, join a crew who go down the block to the San Rafael Healthcare Center to lead a brief service right after our 10am worship. We visit the lonely.

- **Write a Monthly Letter for Death Row Ministry**

Write a letter a month to an inmate on California's Death Row. There are over 50 people in the ministry, and those on the outside meet every other month on Zoom to support each other. We visit the prisoners.

- **Make Lunches for Vinnies**

Join us twice a month at 4pm on a weekday afternoon when we make 100 bagged lunches for St. Vincent's to share with our hungry neighbors. We feed the hungry. December 24th.

- **Serve Dinner to Our Hungry Neighbors**

Once a quarter, we prepare and serve a hot meal with the Marin Street Chaplaincy on a Tuesday from 4pm to 6:30pm at First Presbyterian Church in San Rafael. The next date is January 20th. We feed the hungry.

**To find out more, contact Christopher at [cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org](mailto:cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org) or 415 464 7108.**

## PRAYER LIST

Byron P	Joan A	Lisa S	Olivia C & Family
Cheryl A	Joe N	Lokita	Orfelina P
Cynthia W	John M	Lynne S	Simon C
Eleanor E	John S	Michael B	Simon W
Felicia D	Karl S	Michael W	Steve R
Jill H	Linda S	Morrisa S	Walker Family

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