



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, December 7, 2025, Second Sunday of Advent

We especially welcome visitors and newcomers today. 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)

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| Prelude | Sleepers Wake | J. S. Bach |
| Opening Hymn | 65 | Hymnal |
| Kyrie | S-86 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i> | Hymnal |
| First Reading | Isaiah 11:1-10 | |
| Psalm | 72:1-7, 18-19 | BCP p. 685 |
| Second Reading | Romans 15:4-13 | |
| Gradual | S-102 | Hymnal |
| Gospel | Matthew 3:1-12 | |
| Nicene Creed | | BCP p. 358 |
| Prayers of the People | Form IV | BCP p. 388 |
| Offertory Anthem | Watchman, Tell Us of the Night | Alan Hohvaness |
| Eucharistic Prayer B | | BCP p. 367 |
| Sanctus | S-124 | Hymnal |
| Fraction Anthem | S-161 | Hymnal |
| Communion Hymns | 61, 56 | Hymnal |
| Post Communion Prayer | | BCP p. 365 |
| Closing Hymn | 616 | Hymnal |
| Postlude | Fantasia on Veni Emmanuel | Alec Rowley |

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ann Hanson.

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

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| Celebrant: | The Rev. Erin Wiens St. John |
| Preacher: | The Rev. Christopher H. Martin |
| Organist/Choirmaster: | Vincent Kinnard/Michael Struck |
| Acolytes: | Lex Bernier, Walter Tanner |
| Readers: | Karen Larson, John Ibsen, Ann Gordon |
| Ushers: | Steve Avanzino, Larry Santucci |
| Altar Guild: | Mike Green, Linda Danford, Chris Tilley |
| 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.

Singalong for Saints and Sinners is Monday, December 15th at 7pm with our Chancel Choir and the San Francisco Boy's Chorus. Reception to follow in Duncan Hall. Bring non-perishable food for the Ritter basket.

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.

All Are Welcome to:

• Participate in Bible Studies

We have two weekly Bible Studies. One is in person in Duncan Hall at 10am on Wednesdays, the other is on Zoom at 6pm on Thursdays. 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 10th & 24th.

To find out more, contact Christopher at cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org or 415 464 7108.

PRAYER LIST

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| 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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