



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all, and nurture ministries.



Online Bulletin

The Second Sunday in Lent

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March 17, 2019 8 a.m.

Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Whether this is your first visit or you have been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well. Please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.

Holy Eucharist *A Penitential Order for Lent*

Prelude

*Prelude
Lux Benigna/Lead, Kindly Light*

*ArthurBird
arr. Franklin Ashdown*

Silent Procession

Please stand as you are able at the sound of the bell.

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 319

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

The Decalogue

BCP p. 317

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

God spake these words, and said:
I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.
Thou shalt have none other gods but me.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Honor thy father and thy mother.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt do no murder.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not commit adultery.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not steal.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

Thou shalt not covet.
**Lord, have mercy upon us,
and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.**

Sentences of Scripture

BCP p. 319

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Confession

BCP p. 330

Stand or kneel as you prefer.

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

BCP p. 321

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Trisagion

Please stand as you are able.

Hymnal S102

The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

First Reading

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1-6, 15-18

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? *
the LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who
stumbled and fell.
- 3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
- 4 And though war should rise up against me, *
yet will I put my trust in him.
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;
one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 15 Show me your way, O LORD; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
- 16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice.
- 17 What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the LORD *
in the land of the living!
- 18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the LORD.

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

A Reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

Please stand as you are able.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

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All stand as able and say together.

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

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Deacon

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Leader

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Teach us, O God, to treasure the differences that distinguish one person from another. Help us to overcome fear and hatred. Open our hearts to see thy radiance in every human soul. Give us the courage to combat prejudice and intolerance, and bless us with compassion, with kindness, and with peace.¹

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially our bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Ed, Liz and Dick*, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land *especially Donald, our President; the congress and courts; Gavin, our Governor*, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Laura, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Grace, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Mary, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William** and those enduring a long term illness *especially Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel*, and those others on our hearts and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

(See page 11 for other parish petitions and prayers of thanksgiving.)

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially *those whose names we bring before God*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

New Member Blessing

Please be seated.

We ask your prayers as we welcome these persons who are joining with us as members of St. Paul's, Ventura.

Loving God, by whose inspiration this congregation was established over 130 years ago; Bless these new members. Send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us together as one body dedicated to worshiping, loving and serving you. Help us to grow in love and faith. Stir us to serve and support one another and equip us for our many ministries as we work together to serve as the Light of Christ in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Peace

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and other Special Occasions.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Thank you for your donation. Your generosity is appreciated. We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ with whatever you are able to give.

I appeal to you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1

Offertory

Martyrdom

Martha Sobaje

Presentation Hymn

Please stand.

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Hymnal 448

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)

BCP p. 333

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 336

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing from the priest.

Communion Music

Meditations on Celtic Melodies

Charles Callahan

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

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Solemn Prayer over the People

Remain standing or kneeling.

Deacon Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant Grant, Almighty God that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn

Go Ye Now in Peace

Joyce Eilers

Please stand as you are able.

Go ye now in peace and
know that the love of God will guide you. Feel His pres - ence
here be - side you show - ing you the way. In your time of
trou - ble when hurt and des - pair are there to grieve you,
know that the Lord will nev - er leave you. He will bring you
cour - age. Know that the God who gave him - self to
die that you might live will nev - er leave you lost and a - lone in
His be - lov - ed world. Go ye now in peace

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Silent Recession

Please stand as you are able and face the cross.

Dismissal

*Deacon
People*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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¹ *A Prayer for Tolerance* Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron.

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Serving This Week

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Jo Ellen Heil, Peter Bowers
Psalm	Peter Bowers
Lay Readers	Ellen Morgan, Pauli Powers
Prayers of the People	Jo Ellen Heil
Cantor	Natalie Epelone
Ushers	Jim & Dela Parker
Vestry Greeter	Kathleen Crookston
Hospitality Sponsors	Bill Brewer, Dela Parker
Altar Guild	Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Vicki Paul
Counters	Marilyn Angelo, Susan Talmadge
Facility Lock Up	Greg Jackson

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 3/17	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	9:45 am	Praying the Rosary (Community Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:30 am	Rosary Making Workshop (Community Room)
	4:30 pm	St. Patrick's Day Dinner
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon. 3/18	9:30 am	Family to Family (303 N. Ventura Ave.)
	6:30 pm	Exploring Our Faith (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 3/19	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Community Room, Kahler Hall)
Wed. 3/20	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (Room 13)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 3/21	11:00 am	Ladies Lunch Bunch (Mimi's Café)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 3/22	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Evening Lenten Study with Soup Supper (Kahler Hall)
Sat. 3/23	8:30 am	DOK Women's Retreat (Kahler Hall)
	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 3/24	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:45 am	Praying the Rosary (Community Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 17, 2019

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams
Ed Steever, Dick Swanson
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Laura, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Grace, Duncan, Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Mary, Carol, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Linda, Judy, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Doug, Rachel

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles: Deanery One in Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrew's*, Ojai; *All Saints'*, Oxnard; *Saint Paul's/Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks.
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiauso*, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, and Our Lady of Assumption* churches and the *Salvation Army*

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. If you prefer your prayers to remain confidential, the Daughters of the King will add them to their daily prayer list for one month. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.



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Announcements

*Thank you for joining us today!
As Ventura works to recover and find the way forward after fire and flood,
St. Paul's is here to help.
We're praying for you every day.
Please let us know what else you need. God bless you!*



Please help us thank the following people for our refreshments this morning:
8:00 am-Bill Brewer, Dela Parker
10:15 am *Bill and Kathleen Crookston, Woody & Louise Bretz, Paul & Marilyn Angelo*
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00am Bill Brewer, Dela Parker
10:15 am-Bridget Wareham, Bill & Kathleen Crookston, Lori Redding)
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

Please join us again next Sunday!



This sign means, "I love you."

ST. PAUL'S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE Why? Because all are welcome here! We are committed to welcoming all, even if that means we need to change and adapt in order to become more accessible. In addition to our "ASL Minute" during the announcements, we are happy to welcome Nadia Talley, our new ASL Interpreter. This ministry is made possible by funding from the Comprehensive Growth Project.

INTRODUCING OUR INTERPRETER, NADIA TALLEY—Nadia is an Oklahoma native who moved to Oxnard as a teenager. She began learning sign language freshman year in high school when she met a deaf classmate who she found to be attractive (nothing like a little motivation!) She went on to interpret at California State University Northridge as the youngest interpreter the National Center on Deafness has ever hired. From there she has interpreted for FEMA, rap artists, actors, slam poetry, and other exciting events including, but not limited to, church services. When she's not interpreting, you can find her busy at her studio in Oxnard where she teaches piano. Outside of work, Nadia loves to scuba dive, travel, and learn about new cultures.

We are so excited to have Nadia here, be sure to introduce yourself!



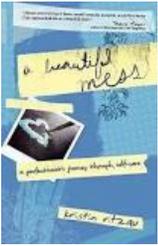
TODAY ROSARY MAKING WORKSHOP-Join Rose Hayden-Smith in the Community Room after the 10:15am service and create your own Anglican Rosary. All materials will be supplied.



TODAY ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER 4:30 – 7:00PM KAHLER HALL
FEATURING LIVE MUSIC! TRADITIONAL CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER! DANCING!
Special Performance by Bows & Toes!
Tickets available at the door!
Adults \$30, Kids (6-12) \$15, Kids 5 & Under Free
Family (2 Adults, 3 Kids) \$60.

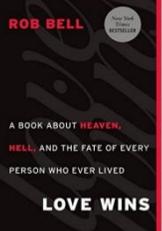


MONDAY, March 18 FAMILY TO FAMILY-Come serve lunch tomorrow at 303 N. Ventura Avenue. Elena is our volunteer coordinator. Preparation and set up begin at 9:30 am; servers are needed between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. Clean-up 12:30 – 1:00pm.

	<p>MONDAY, MARCH 18 EXPLORING OUR FAITH 6:30-7:30PM <i>Please consider yourself invited, all are welcome!</i></p> <p>Do you have questions? Are you interested in learning about the Episcopal Church, the Bible, and the life of faith? Join us as we explore or faith together in this fun and interesting small group. We meet from 6:30-7:30 pm on the 3rd Mondays (3/18, 4/15, 5/20) in the Library (next to the school gate just off the parking lot). We'd love to see you there! For more information, contact Rev. Susan revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org</p>
	<p>THURSDAY, MARCH 21 LADIES LUNCH BUNCH</p> <p>All women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Ladies Lunch Bunch at Mimi's. We gather at 11am and order at 11:30. We always have a wonderful time, and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Please RSVP to Marjorie, Ruth, Pam or the Office by Sunday, March 17th.</p>
	<p>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – MARCH SELECTION</p> <p>The selection this month is <i>A Beautiful Mess: A Perfectionist's Journey Through Self-Care</i> by Kristin Ritzau. <i>In a society obsessed with perfection, it is not surprising that so many women especially Christian women are breaking beneath the burden of expectation. Kristin will help readers experience the Holy Spirit's healing: acceptance, contentment and rest by introducing practices such as contemplative prayer, art journaling, and playing in your body while demystifying the self-care journey.</i> We will meet again on Monday, April 1 at 5:00PM for food and 5:30pm for discussion at Panera Bread. All women are welcome! See you then!</p>
	<p>CAN YOU HELP US? While Rev. Liz works to learn all our names, it would be very helpful for you to wear your name tag. It is also a friendly way to welcome all the visitors and newcomers that are coming by on Sunday mornings. So, if you don't mind, please wear your name tag on Sunday. Help us to give everyone a warm welcome and introduce yourself to anyone you don't already know. <i>Thanks!</i></p>
	<p>REACH! in MARCH—<i>Reaching out to the world in the name of Christ</i></p> <p>The REACH projects for the month of March are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashes to Go – Ash Wednesday Over 60 people came by for the imposition of ashes! • Sack Lunch Packing Party – Sunday March 31 at Noon Meet in the narthex (church lobby). We will set up an assembly line and fill the sack lunches so they are ready for distribution. 20-50 lunches are handed out every week! • Invite a friend to church and share the Easter invitations! Pick them up in the narthex (lobby)
	<p>EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC: Would you like to make a donation in thanksgiving for your blessings or in memory of a loved one? We are now collecting for Flowers and Music that will help to make our Easter services truly glorious. Place your donation in the envelopes provided in your pew and place it in the offering plate. You may also donate online via our website www.saintpaulsventura.org. Click GIVE on the front page. Be sure to note "Easter Flowers & Music" and the inscription for the bulletin.</p>
	<p>BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY—<i>We become members of the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. If you have not been baptized, and would like to be, please speak with Rev. Susan to make arrangements.</i></p> <p>The next baptism opportunity will be on Saturday, April 20 during the Great Vigil of Easter. Please contact Rev. Susan for more information and to arrange baptism preparation.</p> <p><i>About Baptism:</i> Holy Baptism is full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ's Body, the Church. The bond which God establishes in Baptism is indissoluble. Through Baptism and the Holy Spirit we are forgiven of our sins and raised to the new life of grace. We are also formally initiated into the fellowship of Christian community. This is a very important occasion. The prayers and presence of the community are requested.</p>

	<p>SIGNING CHOIR—No, that's not misspelled. We already have a wonderful singing choir, this is a Signing Choir. We will learn Song-Signing and offer artistic renditions of some of our service music in the beautifully expressive visual language of ASL. Come to our first meeting, Sunday, March 24th in the Sanctuary immediately following the 10:15 service. We'd love to have you join us!</p>
	<p>YOU CAN SUPPORT ST. PAUL'S AS YOU SHOP WITH AMAZON SMILE!—Sign up at Amazon Smile and designate St. Paul's as your charity. We will earn .5% of everything you spend! Go to smile.amazon.com and when you are asked to pick a charity search for St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ventura. Then, every time you shop at Amazon start at smile.amazon.com. It's that easy!</p>
	<p>SAVE THE DATES: Friday, March 15 – Evening Lenten Study continues, 6pm Soup Supper and Book Study, 7pm Stations of the Cross Sunday, March 17—Saint Patrick's Day Dinner Saturday, March 23 – Women's Lenten Retreat Saturday, April 13 – Palm Cross Making, Decorating the Church Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday Thursday, April 18 – Maundy Thursday Friday April 19 – Good Friday Saturday April 20—The Great Vigil of Easter Sunday April 21—Easter Sunday</p>

The Season of Lent

	<p style="text-align: center;">PRAYING THE ROSARY – SUNDAY MORNINGS Join us Sunday Mornings at 9:45 in the Community Room as we pray the Anglican rosary together during lent.</p>
 	<p style="text-align: center;">LENTEN STUDY – FRIDAY EVENINGS <i>March 8 – April 12</i> 6-7PM SOUP SUPPER AND BOOK STUDY IN KAHLER HALL 7-7:30PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN THE SANCTUARY</p> <p>As we enjoy our supper, Rev. Liz will lead us in a discussion about Rob Bell's book <i>Love Wins: A book about heaven, hell, and the fate of every person who ever lived.</i> (Available on Amazon in paperback and on Kindle.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday, March 15 - We'll be discussing chapter 2</p> <p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS After dinner, you're invited to join us as we walk the Stations of the Cross in the Sanctuary. It's a wonderful way to expand your understanding and enrich your experience of Lent.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">LENTEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN SATURDAY, MARCH 23 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Kahler Hall <i>A Beautiful Mess</i> Sponsored by St. Paul's Ventura Daughters of the King.</p>

2019 Holy Week Services

Saturday, – April 13 Palm Cross Making

9 a.m. Come learn this ancient art and help prepare for Palm Sunday.

No experience necessary.

April 14 - Palm Sunday

8 a.m. Procession of the Palms and Service with Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Procession to Ventura County Medical Center - *to offer prayers
and blessings for the sick and all who work to help them*

10:15 a.m. Procession of the Palms and Service with Holy Eucharist

April 17 - Holy Wednesday

9 a.m. Healing Service with Holy Eucharist

April 18 - Maundy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar

9 p.m. Vigil at the Altar of Repose - Stay and keep watch for an hour

(Continues in shifts until Noon on Good Friday)

April 19 - Good Friday

6:00-7:00 a.m. Walk the Labyrinth by Candlelight at dawn