



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

The Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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November 18, 2018 10:15 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.

Our youngest guests are welcome to attend services or may join Miss Wendy in the nursery (room 2) where we have toys, Bible Stories, music and art projects available.

Our Sunday school program (K-grade 5) begins at 10am on the Labyrinth. After joining the procession in the church, our program continues in room 14 where they participate in Children's Chapel, hear a Bible story, and enjoy fun and engaging activities related to that story. Children return to the church to join their families for Eucharist.

Youth Group (grades 6-12) meets in the Youth Center at 10am for the opportunity to explore the Bible, express their faith through art and discuss important questions. They join us for Eucharist.

Again, welcome and please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable.

Holy Eucharist ***Liturgy of the Word***

Prelude

Variations on *We Gather Together*

Michael Sullivan

Please stand at the sound of the bell

Processional Hymn

O God of every nation

Hymnal 607

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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

Daniel 12:1-3

A Reading from the Book of Daniel.

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-25

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

"This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"

he also adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn*All stand to sing.***Help us, O Lord, to learn****Hymnal 628****Holy Gospel***Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

Mark 13:1-8

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

*A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.***Nicene Creed***All stand and together say*

BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic¹ and apostolic² Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

¹ universal; all embracing.

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings.

Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Deacon

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying: Lord, have mercy.

Leader

For our community, and for solace and security for all its people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this assembly, and for our growth in grace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, and for prisoners, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer, for the sick and infirm especially (*the People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud*), and those recovering from the recent fires and floods, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mercy.**

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, especially *Paul Beason* (*The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud*), and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Deacon

Into your mercy we commend ourselves, and for peace at the last we pray, that all your creation may give you praise and worship, through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

A period of silence is observed.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Please be seated.

Prayers for birthdays and anniversaries.

For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.

Liturgy of the Table

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:15,16

Offertory Anthem *Praise Ye the Name of the Lord* *Gordon Young*

Presentation Hymn **Holy Father, great Creator** **Hymnal 368**
Please stand.

The Great Thanksgiving Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 1
The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus **Sanctus from St. Paul's Mass** *Felix Eisenhauer*

**Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,
Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosana in the highest.
Benedictus qui venit, in the name of the Lord.
Hosana in the highest. Hosana in the highest.**

Translation: "Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus" – Holy, holy, holy "Benedictus qui venit" – Blessed are those who come

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is the Lord's will that those who want him should meet him here.

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.

Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshippers for the post communion prayer.

Communion Music

*Now Thank We All our God
My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

*arr. Van Denman Thompson
arr. Karl Osterland*

Come and Fill Our Hearts

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HEALING AND WHOLENESS

**Come and Fill
Confitemini Domino**

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English: Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.
Latin: Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift his countenance upon you and grant you peace. And may the blessing of God, almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest on you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

O day of peace that dimly shines

Hymnal 597

Please stand.

Dismissal

Please stand.

Deacon

Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

arr. Robert Hobby

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Welcome! We're so glad you're here.

- Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms, nursery, and classrooms.
- Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve.
- You are invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service and we hope you will stay for Fellowship & Formation from 11:30-noon.
- Infants and children are welcome here. Children under five years old may receive care in the nursery (room 2) from 10-noon. Parents are also welcome to keep their children with them and may have access to the nursery for their convenience. The service can be heard from the narthex (lobby) and activity bags for children can be found there.

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Check out next Sunday's readings (Track 2) at www.lectionarypage.net



St. Paul's GO

This Sunday's Worship Bulletin with Announcements is now available online.

Here's How:

1. Login into our wi-fi network: user name is St. Paul's Guest
password is 8056435033
2. Download a QR Code Reader app: Google Play [Android]App Store [iPhone]
3. Open the app and scan the QR Code.

Digital Disciples are in The House!

If you see someone typing on their phone or iPad, know that they are serving as E-vangelists, spreading the Good News far and wide through social media. You too can be a Digital Disciple -

Follow & Post to Twitter: @stpaulsventura

Like & Post on Facebook Group Page: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Ventura, California

Like & Share Facebook Page: St. Paul's Ventura

St. Paul's is learning Sign Language.

Why? Because all are welcome here!



*This sign means,
"I love you."*

Our rector, the Rev. Susan Bek, has made a commitment to incorporate American Sign Language (ASL) every time she celebrates the Eucharist. This reflects our commitment to welcoming all, and our willingness to change and adapt to become more accessible.

Classes in ASL are offered at St. Paul's. Please contact us for upcoming opportunities. Past classes have included: Introduction to ASL (fingerspelling, vocabulary and deaf culture), Song Signing Children's Songs, Song Signing Christmas Hymns, and Signing the Lord's Prayer.

Serving This Week

Acolytes	Gabe Lamola, Henry Rose
Chalice	Kay Armstrong, Guadalupe Guillen
Psalm	Guadalupe Guillen
Lay Readers	Bridget Wareham, Ralph Armstrong
Prayers of the People	Lori Redding
Eucharistic Prayer Minister	Margie and Chuck Cole
Ushers	Shirley & Larry Myers
Welcome Ministry	Joanne Wakelee, Barbara Jakovich
Sunday School Leaders	Heidi Trevisan, Valerie Ortiz
Hospitality	Tom & Grace Dunlevy, Bridget Wareham

Altar Guild	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge
Flower Guild	Carole Nelson, Rev. Susan & Teddy Bek, Sarah & Gabriel Lamola, Renee Bower
Counters	Marilyn Angelo, Susan Talmadge
Facility Lock Up	Nate Alday

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
11/18	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:30 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
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Monday	9:30 am	Family to Family (Ventura Ave)
11/19	11:30 am	Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	6:30 pm	Exploring Our Faith (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
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Tues.	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop (Community Room, Kahler Hall)
11/20		
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Wed.	9:00 am	Healing Service CANCELLED
11/21	10:30 am	Bible Study CANCELLED
	11:30 am	Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
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Thurs.		Thanksgiving Day
11/22		Office Closed
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Fri.	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
11/23		Office Closed
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Sat	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
11/24		

Prayer Intentions for the Week of November 18, 2018

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

President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Jerry Brown, Legislature, State Courts
Our clergy: Susan Bek, Ed Steever, Dick Swanson

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Lillian, Wayne, Adele, Babs, Brenda, Grace, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Jan, Priscilla, Duncan, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, Tom

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

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

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.

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 Forces 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. Mary's, Lompoc; St. Mark's, Los Olivos; All Saints; Christ the King, Trinity, Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & campus ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House, Santa Barbara.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *Ankwanda Village in the Diocese of Cape Coast, and the Dioceses of Sunyani & Wiawso, Ghana.*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

IN MEMORIAM:

- + Paul Beason

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The Rev. Susan Bek, Rector; The Rev. Ed Steever, Deacon

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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 **Tom & Grace Dunlevy, Bridget Wareham**

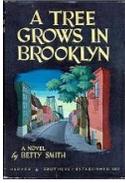
(Next week for hospitality: 8am – Vicki Paul

10:15 am – Dan & Joanne Wakelee, Judy Wareham)

If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

Please join us again next Sunday!

<p>MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S</p>	<p>TODAY: Only two Sundays until Advent! Come <i>Praise Ye The Name Of The Lord</i> with the choir. (10:15)</p> <p>NEXT SUNDAY: Only one Sunday until Advent! And what a Sunday it will be. St. Paul's hymn Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!, the choir chanting the psalm, and original composition by St. Paul's Music Minister Dr. Felix Eisenhower will all create a festive atmosphere as we celebrate Christ the King! (10:15)</p>
	<p><i>Want to help serve lunch to the hungry?</i></p> <p>IT'S OUR TURN TO SERVE LUNCH – Monday, November 19th</p> <p>Come serve lunch tomorrow at 303 N. Ventura Avenue. This month's volunteer coordinator is Elena Kennedy. Check in with her and she'll put you to work. Preparation and set up begins at 9:30 am; servers are needed between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. Clean-up 12:30 – 1:00pm.</p>
	<p>GIVING TUESDAY</p> <p>Celebrate the international day of giving and support St. Paul's many ministries and reach into the community. Donate through our website www.saintpaulsventura.org, send in a check or.....</p> <p>*New* Text StPaulsVentura to 73256 to give to Mission & Ministry using your text messaging. Standard text message rates do apply.</p>
	<p>ALTAR GUILD MEETING – Tuesday, November 27, 6:30pm</p> <p>Let's get ready for Advent and Christmas. Meet in the Library at 6:30pm on Tuesday evening, November 27.</p>
	<p>THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF MEDITATION – THURSDAYS, 5:30-6:30pm</p> <p>Dr. Ralph Armstrong will continue offering this as an ongoing ministry due to the interest, in the Library at St. Paul's. Everyone is welcome any evening. Each session will include time to get comfortable, a description of the meditation practice, time to meditate, and an opportunity to share and reflect.</p>



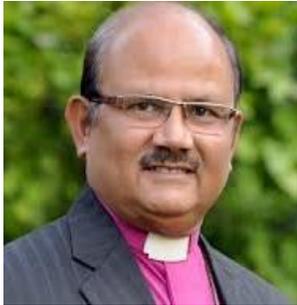
FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – November Selection

The November selection is *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. This classic focuses on an impoverished but aspirational adolescent girl and her family living in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, New York City, during the first two decades of the 20th century. Meet at Panera Bread on Telephone Rd on **December 3rd** at 5pm for food and 5:30pm for discussion. All women are welcome! *Sponsored by Daughters of the King*



DIOCESE FIRE AND MUDSLIDE RELIEF FUND

Donations may be made online at www.edlagives.org to provide aid to the region’s low-income and otherwise most vulnerable who might not otherwise receive relief amid the disaster of the recent fires.



ANNUAL BISHOP’S VISIT – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

A BISHOP IS COMING!

The Right Rev. Samuel Azariah will be with us for the 10:15am service on Sunday, December 9. Those who seek baptism, confirmation or reception into the Episcopal Church, please contact the church office. Stay for after the service for Fellowship & Formation to meet the Bishop.

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church Presents

Exploring our Faith

*For those who seek to be Confirmed or Received into the Episcopal Church,
newcomers who are curious
and anyone who wants to join us in exploring our faith.*

Monday Evenings

11/12, 11/19, 11/26, & 12/3

6:30-8pm in the Library

*Confirmations and Receptions will be Offered at St. Paul’s
During the Bishop’s Visit on Sunday, December 9, 2018*



You’re welcome to bring your dinner with you.

- 11/19/18 Session 3 Episcopal Identity – Who are we?
God in Jesus: an Incarnational Faith
- 11/26/18 Session 4 The Episcopal Church – What do we do?
God the Holy Spirit: the breath of new life
- 12/3/18 Session 5 The Episcopal Church – How do we view the Bible?
Our lives as 21st Century Christians

OUTREACH PROJECTS FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

 	<p><i>One act of prayerful, tangible thanksgiving at a time has a wider impact than you can possibly imagine.</i></p> <p>UNITED THANK OFFERING – MONTH OF NOVEMBER</p> <p>The United Thank Offering of The Episcopal Church is a personal spiritual discipline of thanksgiving that supports God’s mission throughout the world. As you give thanks, for the good things that happen every day, put some coins or dollars into a UTO Blue Box or a note of what you are thankful for. At the end of the month, when your box is full, bring in the coins or put a check in a UTO envelope (made out to St. Paul’s with UTO noted on the memo line) and we will forward to UTO. Your thanksgivings unite with others’ prayers and thankful quarters, dimes and dollars from across The Episcopal Church to support God’s mission around the world. UTO Box/Envelope are available in the church lobby and Kahler Hall. Find the UTO Gratitude Challenge at https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/document/november-2018-gratitude-challenge-united-thank-offering</p>
	<p>COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SHOPPE by Action: We are collecting new, unwrapped toys for the shoppe. For gift ideas, choose a tag from the tree in the lobby. The toys will be picked up December 5. There are many volunteers needed the day of the event- to set up the day before and to serve during the shoppe on December 15 from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm. Sign up at: http://actionvc.org/community-christmas-shoppe/ or call (805) 647-3757. The event will be held at Orchard Community Church 8180 Telephone Rd., Ventura.</p>
	<p>COATS FOR ALL We are collecting new or gently used coats and jackets of all sizes now through the end of the year! Coats will be cleaned and donated to people in need through local churches and non-profits. The drive is sponsored through the Downtown Chapter of the Rotary club. Donation box is located in the narthex (church lobby).</p>



November 19	Exploring Our Faith - 6:30pm Room 13
November 25	Christ the King - Final Sunday of the Church Year
November 26	Exploring Our Faith - 6:30pm Room 13
November 30	Diocesan Convention Begins – Ontario
December 2	Advent Begins
December 3	Exploring Our Faith - 6:30pm Room 13
December 9	Bishop Azariah Visits – Confirmations (10:15)
December 16	Parish Sing-Along Christmas Party – 11:45am
December 23	Sunday Service – 9:00am only
December 23	Greening of the Church – 10:30am
December 23	Night Before Christmas Eve – 7pm
December 24	Christmas Eve – Family Service – 4pm
	Carols – 10pm
	Candlelight Service – 10:30pm
December 25	Christmas Day Service – 9:00am
January 6	Epiphany



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