

Today's Gloria is the fourth of five movements from St. Paul's Mass, a new mass being composed by Music Minister Dr. Felix Eisenhauer for St. Paul's. The music is linked thematically to the other movements of the mass and the text was carefully written to be inclusive of all genders and people.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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 45:3-11,15

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

4 Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn
All stand as able to sing.

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Hymnal 440

Holy Gospel
Remain standing and face the Gospel.

Luke 6:27-38

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

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

The Sermon
A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Reverend Dr. Richard Swanson

Nicene Creed
All stand as able and together say

Book of Common Prayer 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 catholic and apostolic 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.

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit 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 for those affected by recent violence or recovering from fires and floods, we pray. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the faith of Christ, *especially Joanne Cummings, Charlotte Falkenstein, Lauren Parker (the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled, we pray. **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

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 the Lord 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

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Psalm 96.8

Offertory Anthem

If You Love Me

Mark Patterson

Presentation Hymn

Thou are the Way, to thee alone

Hymnal 457

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Sing three times, English, Spanish, English

Santo, Santo, Santo (Holy, Holy, Holy)

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

After supper he 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 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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.

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 his 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 from the priest.

After you receive communion, you are invited to meet with our lay prayer ministers in the chapel. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the post communion prayer.

Communion Music

Meditation

Richard Lloyd

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Hymnal 602

Postcommunion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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

May God give you grace to never sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. The Blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you this day and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal 657

Please stand as you are able.

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia.**

Postlude

Festive Sortie

Harold de Cou

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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. For information on today's topic, please see the announcements below.
- 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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Serving This Week

Acolytes

Henry Rose, Gabe Lamola

Chalice

Kay Armstrong, Drew Darby

Psalm

Drew Darby

Lay Readers

Ralph Armstrong, Bridget Wareham

Prayers of the People

Carolyn Dolen

Eucharistic Prayer Ministry

Rose Hayden-Smith

Pastoral Care Team

Ruth McCool, Connie Baer

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Larry & Shirley Myers

Welcome Ministry

Joanne Wakelee

Sunday School Leaders

Heidi Trevisan Valerie Ortiz

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Susan Talmadge, Ruth McCool, Bert & Ernie Fickerson

Altar Guild

Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Vicki Paul

Counters

David Hill, Kathy Loest

Facility Lock Up

Greg McCombs

Vestry Greeter

Woody Bretz

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 2/24	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	12:00 pm	Family Outdoor Gathering (Arroyo Verde Park)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Mon. 2/25	11:30 am	Beginning Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Intermediate Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 2/26	6:30 pm	A Mother's Heart (Community Room)
Wed. 2/27	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	11:30 am	Beginning Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	1:00 pm	Intermediate Tai Chi (Kahler Hall)
	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting (Room 13)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 2/28	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 3/1	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant)
	9:00 am	VCMC Executive Workshop (Community Room)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	Vestry Dinner
Sat. 3/2	8:30 am	Vestry Weekend
	1:00 pm	Visioning with Parishioners (Gooden Center)
	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 3/3	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	12:00 pm	Daughters of the King Meeting (Community Room)
	4:30 pm	Abundant Table Farm Church (Chapel, Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of February 24, 2019

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

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, 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, Barbara, Duncan,
Steven, Sarah, Frank, Julie, Liz, Bruce, Charly, Paul, Mary, Carol, Stacy, Mary, Kathie, Tom, William

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

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

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 spiritual, physical and moral development of our children and youth; the children, youth and adult leaders of our Sunday School, Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop 179, La Famiglia Preschool and VCSGE
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2018 vestry members and officers are Rose Hayden-Smith (Sr. Warden), Woody Bretz (Jr. Warden), Ted Andrews, Kay Armstrong, Kathleen Crookston, Drew Darby (Treasurer), Grace Dunlevy, Cheri Gonzales, Sarah Lamola, Ruth McCool, Ian McEwan, Dan Wakelee, Paula Robertson (Clerk).
- + 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 Wiaaso, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist*, *Center for Spiritual Living*, *An Lac Mission (Buddhist)*, *Mormon Church*

IN MEMORIUM

Joanne Cummings
Charlotte Falkenstein
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The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting
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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- Vicki Paul
10:15 am- Susan Talmadge, Ruth McCool, Bert & Ernie Fickerson
(Next week for hospitality: 8:00am Esther McClain
10:15 am-Larry & Shirley Myers, Miles & Cathy Sexton,
Ted & Laura Andrews)
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

Please join us again next Sunday!

MUSIC at ST. PAUL'S



TODAY: Thank you to our Cantor, Natalie Epelone
NEXT SUNDAY: Singing out loud the end of Epiphany with St. Paul's hymn, *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!* (Extra exclamation marks encouraged!).



A LASTING GIFT: Thank you to Bill Brewer and Ray Cubberly for the gift of our beautiful pew cushions that are given in loving memory of Carol Brewer and Elizabeth Cubberly. Their generous gift adds beauty and comfort to our worship space and will be appreciated by all who join us.



TODAY: Quarterly Family Outdoor Gathering, Arroyo Verde Park
Please join us for the next Family Outdoor Gathering after church today. Let's gather together again and celebrate the glory of creation! We are headed to Arroyo Verde Park for some winter-based nature exploration and community connection. Of course, during the winter months, rain is always a possibility. If conditions are extremely wet and muddy, we will have an alternative activity planned. Contact Lisa Devine for details

February is the month St. Paul's REACH! Committee will Reach! for our Hungry Neighbors:



FAMILY TO FAMILY: Thank you to all who came and helped us serve lunch last Monday on the Avenue. Our guests really appreciate the time and care you put in to provide them with a good meal! The next opportunity to help out with this important ministry is Mon., March 18.



REACH! FOR FOOD PANTRY: Throughout the month of February, we will be collecting for St. Paul's Sack Lunch Program. Let's stock the pantry shelves! Suggested items are: Peanut Butter, Crackers (single serving), Chili, Tuna, Granola Bars, Cookies, Juice Boxes, Bottles of Water, Protein Drinks. Any single serve item not needing refrigeration is great! No glass please. Pop-top style cans are preferred. *Monetary donations for any of these items are gratefully accepted. Checks, Cash, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256.*



SOUPER BOWL IS HERE: It's time for the Souper Bowl fundraiser to support purchasing the food and paper goods for our monthly Family to Family lunch ministry, we are asking for donations to fund our ministry for the year. We serve 250 lunch plates for about \$2.50/plate and have used up last year's fund. This ministry is entirely dependent on your generous donations and is not funded with pledges. We are currently funded only through April. Please consider donating if you would like to see this ministry continue. *Donate in person, on the website, use PayPal or send in a check. It all is appreciated!*



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 A MOTHER'S HEART: You are invited to celebrate the deep and abiding love in a mother's heart. Please come and join in an evening of connection and fellowship honoring the many joys and challenges during these wild and busy years of raising children. Let your heart rest and rejoice in knowing you are the right woman for the job and are not alone on this journey! Join us from 7-8:30 pm in the Community Room. RSVP: to Lisa Devine via email: lisa.devine@yahoo.com or call/text: 626-622-7697. Tea and snacks will be served.



SATURDAY, MARCH 2 JOIN THE CONVERSATION: As discussed at the annual meeting, we are actively seeking a new school to join us on our beautiful campus. We are also exploring new ways the campus can generate income. You're Invited to Join in the Conversation with our New Vestry, Saturday, March 2 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gooden Center (house at the far end of St. Paul's parking lot).



New Member Blessing

All are welcome and invited to become members of St. Paul's and join us on this journey of faith

New Members will be Welcomed with a Special Blessing Sunday, March 3rd

at their choice of the 8 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. service
ALL MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.

New members, please RSVP by Tuesday February 26.

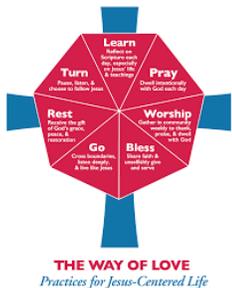
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We look forward to seeing you there!

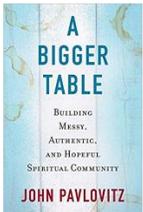


SUNDAY, MARCH 3 MEET OUR NEW ASSOCIATE RECTOR, The Rev. Liz Williams

See this week's e-news for a letter of greeting from Rev. Liz Williams. Her first Sunday at St. Paul's will be March 3rd. Please join us as we welcome her and her family and celebrate their coming!



SUNDAY, MARCH 3 THE WAY OF LOVE: The women of St. Paul's are invited to join the Daughters of the King chapter to study *The Way of Love*. The Presiding Bishop Michael Curry invites all in the Episcopal Church to explore the 7 practices for a Jesus Centered Life - Turn, Learn, Pray, Worship, Bless, Go, Rest. Here at St. Paul's, we are beginning a new small group that will meet on the 1st Sunday of every month. See an Invitation from Bishop Curry at www.episcopalchurch.org/way-of-love. Our first meeting will include an introduction to the practices and create the structure for upcoming meetings. Childcare is available by reservation. See you at noon in the Community Room. Contact Paula Robertson for details and childcare reservations. office@saintpaulsventura.org



MONDAY, MARCH 4 FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB

The selection is *A Bigger Table: Building Messy, Authentic, and Hopeful Spiritual Community* by John Pavlovitz. Pastor John Pavlovitz invites us to build the bigger table Jesus imagined, practicing radical hospitality, total authenticity, messy diversity, and agenda-free community. We will meet again on Monday, March 4 at 5:30pm at Panera Bread. See you then!



SUNDAY, MARCH 17 ST PATRICK'S DAY DINNER

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC! TRADITIONAL CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER! DANCING! Special Performance by Bows & Toes! Tickets will go on sale on Sunday, February 24 after each service and continue through Sunday, March 10. At the door on March 17 they will be \$5 more. Advance prices are: Adults \$25, Kids (6-12) \$10, Kids 5 & Under Free, Family (2 Adults, 3 Kids) \$50. March 11th at 4:30pm- 7pm

Preparing for Lent



Collecting Palm Crosses

You are welcome to return your palm crosses from last year so they can be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please add them to the basket in the narthex (lobby).



**SHROVE
TUESDAY**

Traditional Pancake Supper Tuesday, March 5

Before Lent begins, let's get together for a yummy opportunity to eat breakfast for dinner! The Men's Group will be cooking, so you know it will taste great!

5:00 – 6:30pm in Kahler Hall

Suggested donation is adults \$8, children under 12 \$5. And \$20 for families

All are welcome! We look forward to seeing you there!

ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6



Ashes to Go 7:30 – 9:00am. Walk up Ashes on Loma Vista Road. See Rev. Susan if you are interested in helping with Ashes to Go to serve those unable to attend church services.

Traditional Services will be held at 9:30am, noon and 7:00pm.

With Imposition of Ashes & Holy Eucharist

LENTEN RETREAT FOR WOMEN SATURDAY, MARCH 23

8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Kahler Hall

A Beautiful Mess



The women of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to a day of retreat to reflect on real life as "A Beautiful Mess." The retreat will be facilitated by Kristin Ritzau, the author of *A Beautiful Mess* and Julie Morris, an Episcopal Priest. The day will include music, lunch, Eucharist and opportunities for solitude, as well as time sharing with others. Childcare will be provided. The cost for the Retreat is \$15.00; scholarships are available. To register online, visit Eventbrite – Women's Lenten Retreat

<https://stpaulsventura Lentenretreat.eventbrite.com>

For more information, please contact the St. Paul's Church office at 805.643.5033.

Sponsored by St. Paul's Ventura Daughters of the King.



SAVE THE DATES:

Sunday, March 3—Meet our new Associate Rector, The Reverend Liz Williams

Tuesday, March 5—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Wednesday, March 6—Ash Wednesday

Friday, March 8 – Evening Lenten Study begins 6pm

Sunday, March 17—Saint Patrick's Day Dinner

Saturday, April 13 – Palm Cross Making, Decorating the Church

Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday

Sunday April 21—Easter Sunday