



Online Bulletin

Holy Eucharist

October 7, 2018
10:15 a.m.



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, welcome all and nurture ministries.



Blessing of the Animals

Holy Eucharist

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Selections from *Forest Scenes*
Pastorale

Robert Schumann
Tovio Kuula

Please stand at the sound of the bell

Entrance Hymn

Morning has broken

Hymnal 8

**Morning has broken like the first morning.
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dew fall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

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.

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

Collect for the Feast of St. Francis

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

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Lesson

abbreviated from Genesis 1:1-34

A Reading from Genesis.

The Creation Story

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and a great dimness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. On the first day, God created light and darkness. On the second day, God created the sky above and the waters below. On the third day, God formed the land and called it Earth, and gathered the water and called it Sea. God blessed the earth with vegetation and food. On the fourth day, God separated the day from the night, creating the sun, the moon, and the stars. On the fifth day, God brought forth swarms of living creatures in the air, in the water, and on the land, and God bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the sixth day, God created humankind in God's image, giving them dominion over the animals. God blessed them and bid them to be fruitful and multiply. On the seventh day, God saw that everything that God had made was very good and God rested and blessed the seventh day and made it sacred.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer Attributed to St. Francis

1. Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
2. where there is hatred, let me sow love;
3. where there is injury, pardon;
4. where there is doubt, faith;
5. where there is despair, hope;
6. where there is darkness, light;
7. and where there is sadness, joy.
8. O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
9. to be understood as to understand;
10. to be loved as to love;
11. for it is in giving that we receive;
12. it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
13. and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

**O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret;
help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

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

At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, God of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, God, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Creator; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal God. 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

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

The Homily

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the homily.

The Prayers

Please stand or sit for the prayers.

Deacon
Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea; saying, we thank you, Lord.

Leader
For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers; **we thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women; **we thank you, Lord.**

For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life; **we thank you, Lord.**

For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees; **we thank you, Lord.**

For the trust you have shown in giving into our care these, our pets; **we thank you, Lord.**

That each pet here may be treasured with care; **we pray to you, Lord.**

That we may love and honor all your works, O God; **we pray to you, Lord.**

Deacon
That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation; all to the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing of Holy Water

God our Father, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; it washes away our sins and brings us eternal life. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of Creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus was baptized. Bless this water in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit that it may be a blessing to all the animals here at the Canine Rescue and Assistance League. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

Prayer for Blessing of the Animals

Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish of the sea, birds in the air and animals on the land. You inspired St. Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask your blessing upon all animals and especially on the pets and stuffed animals that bring us such joy. We pray for those who are here among us in this world and those who have passed on to the next. May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon them, and all those who love them, this day and forever more. Amen.

The Peace and the Blessing of the Animals

All stand as they are able. As we pass the peace, those with animals, photographs or stuffed animals are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements are found on page 12

Blessings for birthday, anniversary and other special occasions are not being offered as a part of today's service. You are invited to come forward next week or may see one of our clergy for a private blessing after the service.

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

Please be seated.

Prayer of St. Francis

Allen Pote

Presentation Hymn

Please stand.

All creatures of our God and King (v. 1-3)

Hymnal 400

**All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Bright burning sun with golden beams, pale silver moon that
gently gleams.**

O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**Great rushing winds and breezes soft, you clouds that ride the heavens aloft;
O praise him, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice, stars nightly shining,
find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Swift flowing water, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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 you are greatly glorified in the assembly of your saints. All your creatures praise you, and your faithful servants bless you, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only son.

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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

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.

Communion Music

Children of the Heavenly Father

*Traditional Swedish melody
arr. by Franklin Ritter*

Menuet from First Suite for Cello

J.S. Bach

When I Consider How the Father Loves

Penny Rodriguez

Post Communion 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.

A Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer pain, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Please stand.

All things bright and beautiful

Hymnal 405

**All things bright and beautiful, creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.
All things bright and beautiful, creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

**The purple headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.
All things bright and beautiful, creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one.
All things bright and beautiful, creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

**He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.
All things bright and beautiful, creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.**

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

Abschied (Farewell) from Forest Scenes

Robert Schumann

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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](http://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 -

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

### St. Paul's is learning Sign Language.

Why? Because all are welcome here!

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**

**Chalice**

**Prayer of St. Francis**

**Lay Readers**

**Prayers of the People**

**Ushers**

**Welcome Ministry**

**Sunday School Leaders**

**Hospitality**

Aramis & Nairi Nahabedian

Roger Crow, Larry Myers

Roger Crow

Rev. Susan to assign

Carolyn Dolen

Maggie Kennedy, Jeff Brown

Julie Braithwaite, Carolyn Dolen

Heidi Trevisan, Valerie Ortiz

Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Norm & Pam Owens

**Altar Guild**

**Flower Guild**

**Counters**

**Facility Lock Up**

Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge

Yvonne Loest, Virginia Gallegos, Roger Crow

Marilyn Angelo, Susan Talmadge

Nate Alday

## Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

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| <b>Today</b><br><b>10/7</b>   | 8:00 am  | Rite I Sunday Service                                 |
|                               | 9:30 am  | Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)                          |
|                               | 10:30 am | Rite II Service                                       |
|                               | 11:30 am | Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)                  |
|                               | 12:00 pm | Newcomer Information Series (Community Room)          |
|                               | 8:00 pm  | AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)                              |
| <b>Monday</b><br><b>10/8</b>  | 11:30 am | Tai Chi – Beginning (Kahler Hall)                     |
|                               | 1:00 pm  | Tai Chi – Intermediate (Kahler Hall)                  |
|                               | 6:30 pm  | Monday Evening Bible Study (Library)                  |
|                               | 8:00 pm  | AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)                              |
| <b>Tues.</b><br><b>10/9</b>   | 10:00 am | Pastoral Care (Library)                               |
|                               | 2:30 pm  | Buildings & Grounds Meeting (Community Room)          |
|                               | 6:30 pm  | Boy Scout Troop #179 (Community Room)                 |
| <b>Wed.</b><br><b>10/10</b>   | 9:00 am  | Healing Service (St. Paul's Chapel)                   |
|                               | 10:30 am | Bible Study (Library)                                 |
|                               | 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)                           |
| <b>Thurs.</b><br><b>10/11</b> | 10:00 am | Risk Management (Office)                              |
|                               | 6:30 pm  | AA 12-Step Workshop (Kahler Hall)                     |
|                               | 7:00 pm  | Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)                          |
| <b>Fri.</b><br><b>10/12</b>   | 6:30 am  | Men's Bible Study (Main Street Steakhouse Restaurant) |
|                               | 9:15 am  | Women's Bible Study (Library)                         |
| <b>Sat</b><br><b>10/13</b>    | 6:45 pm  | AA Meeting (Community Room)                           |

## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of October 7, 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, James, Wes, Jacob, Carolyn, Duncan, Sheila, Jamie, Jim, Frank, Julie, Liz, Helen, Bruce, Paul, Carol, Stacy, Mike, Kevin, Mary, Kathie, Tom

### ***THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:***

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

*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:***

- + Twelve step programs of recovery and healing; especially Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at St. Paul's.
- + Guests in the Safe Sleep Program.
- + 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: *Hillsides-the Episcopal Home for Children, Pasadena; Neighborhood Youth Association, West LA.; Holy Family Services, Ventura County.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *Ankwanda Village in the Diocese of Cape Coast, and the Dioceses of Sunyani & Wiawso, Ghana.*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

## **St. Paul's Episcopal Church Staff**

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

The Rev. Dr. Richard Swanson, Assisting

Felix Eisenhauer, Music Minister; Tara Eisenhauer, Assistant Music Minister

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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 **Lou Mathews**

10:15 am **Javier & Valerie Ortiz, Norm & Pam Owens**

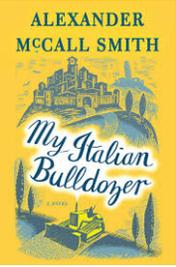
*(Next week for hospitality: 8am – Dela Parker, Bill Brewer;*

*10:15 am – David & RoseAnn Hill, Ralph & Kay Armstrong, Janalee Young)*

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

***Please join us again next Sunday!***

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p><b>PLEASE PLEDGE TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH</b></p> <p>Since we are collecting pledges for 2019, the year of our 130th anniversary, our theme will be <b>Celebrating 130 years and Supporting the future of this important ministry.</b> Please think and pray about pledging to support St. Paul's as we take up the calling to keep this wonderful church going and growing throughout the coming year and well into the future. We hope that everyone in the church will make a pledge. The amount of your pledge is between you and God. It is a great way to show our appreciation for all our blessings and our commitment to supporting God's work in the world.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><i>Thank you so much for your support!</i></b></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>MUSIC at<br/>ST. PAUL'S</b></p>    | <p><b>TODAY:</b> We got animals, need we say more! And a beautiful setting of the Prayer of St. Francis by Allen Pote to mark the occasion.</p> <p><b>NEXT SUNDAY:</b> The choir will present a St.-Paul's-Favorite arrangement of a St.-Paul's-Favorite hymn, O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee, arranged by Gilbert M. Martin, as well as two additional special treats: a Stanford classic and a solo by St. Paul's Music Scholarship recipient Diego Magaña.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
|  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BE<br/>(THE)<br/>Church!</b></p>                                                                                                                                                                         | <p><b>REACH FOR PAWS! – FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER</b></p> <p>Let's Reach! for Paws and bless all of our animal friends! Fill a red REACH bag and return it to church or the office by the end of the month. The wish list is canned pet food, pet treats, blankets (no comforters, please), pill pockets, slip leads (a type of leash), laundry detergent, paper towels, trash bags, donations for vet bills (tax deductible), donations for any of these items (checks can be written out to St. Paul's with "homeless pets" in the memo field), a "fur"ever home!</p> <p><b>The Episcopal Network for Animal Welfare</b></p> <p>The Mission of the Episcopal Network for Animal Welfare is to create an inclusive and mutually supportive venue for Episcopal animal advocates with a variety of interests and gifts and to offer our presence, passion, enthusiasm and resources to help equip the churches to give meaningful voice to every creature under Heaven, especially where neglect, cruelty, degradation and commercial exploitation are concerned. Check out their website at <a href="https://enawblog.wordpress.com">https://enawblog.wordpress.com</a></p> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <p><i>Please consider yourself invited, it's never too late to join...</i></p> <p><b>MONDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY HAS BEGUN - 6:30-7:30pm</b></p> <p>Join us on Monday evenings through October 29 for a fun and interesting small group. We will gather to study the bible, grow in our faith and support one another. The book, <u>We Make the Road by Walking</u> by Brian McLaren, will guide us in this study of the bible and stir great conversation along the way! Meet in the Library at St. Paul's (near the school gate just off the parking lot). All are welcome, so bring your friends and join us. We look forward to seeing you there!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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|    | <p><i>Have you ever wondered about meditation? What it is and how to do it?</i><br/> <b>THE SPIRITUAL PRACTICE OF MEDITATION – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11</b><br/> <b>Four Thursday Evenings 5:30-6:30pm</b> Join parish member, Dr. Ralph Armstrong, in the Library at St. Paul’s on <b>10/11, 10/18, 10/25, &amp; 11/1</b>. This time together will allow us to explore this space within ourselves and how we can incorporate it for prayer and contact with God. We can explore the mind and brain that have this capacity and we can explore the ways we can bring about a satisfying and impactful experience. Lastly, we can look at some of the benefits that meditation can allow us. 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> |
|    | <p><b>FAIR TRADE SALES – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14</b><br/> After Sunday services. Buy a taste of fine chocolates, tea, coffee and baskets that are from businesses committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities to economically disadvantaged artisans and farmers. For more information speak with Joanne at <a href="mailto:joannewakelee@yahoo.com">joannewakelee@yahoo.com</a></p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|    | <p><b>PREPARING FOR ALL SOUL’S DAY</b><br/> We will honor all those we love but see no longer at the <b>9am service on Wednesday, November 7th</b>.<br/> Would you like to add a loved one to the list of those we will remember on All Saints’ Day and All Souls’ Day? We are adding to last year’s list and welcome your additions. Please submit your additions to the office no later than Wednesday, <b>October 24</b>.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|   | <p><b>FALL BACK – NOVEMBER 3</b><br/> Daylight Savings time ends. Don’t forget to set your clock back one hour!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|  | <p><b>NOVEMBER 4 - PLEDGES WILL BE BLESSED DURING ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE AND YOU’RE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION LUNCHEON AT 11:45AM</b><br/> Join us as we celebrate the continuing mission and ministry of St. Paul’s, Ventura. To thank you for your generous pledges, we invite you to bring your friends and be our guests at our Celebration Luncheon. Wonderful food from Stonefire Grill and lively entertainment by local musical Ric Ash who does it all! And by all, we mean plays steel drums, guitar, and sings! Don’t miss out on his smooth musical stylings featuring contemporary and classic favorites. <i>Please invite your friends to join us!</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                  |
|  | <p><b>BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY – NOVEMBER 4</b><br/> The next baptism opportunity will be on Sunday, November 4th during the All Saints Day Celebration.<br/><br/> <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><b>1ST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – NOVEMBER 5</b><br/> The October Selection is <u>My Italian Bulldozer</u> by Alexander McCall Smith. Travel to the hill-top village of Montalcino for a story where hilarity ensues.<br/><br/> The author of last month’s book, Dennis Fitzgerald, will also join us on the 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss his autobiography, <u>Beyond the Extra Mile</u>. Come learn how his faith helped him survive the challenges of a homicide detective. There is one book still available for \$20 in the office. See you at Panera Bread, 4910 Telephone Rd., Ventura. Meet at 5:00pm for food and drink and 5:30pm for discussion. All women are invited. <i>Sponsored by Daughters of the King.</i></p>                                                                                                                            |

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|  | <p><b>MISSION OUTREACH - JAMAICA MEDICAL MISSION (October 20-29)</b><br/> Thank you for your donations totaling \$1300 for Dr. Steve Jones' medical mission trip to Jamaica. All are invited to a "Packing Party" at <b>12:30pm on Sunday, October 14</b> at Sacred Heart Catholic Church Fellowship Hall. (Biedermann Hall behind the church.)</p>                                                                                                                                                                           |
|  | <p><b>DEANERY ASSEMBLY – NOVEMBER 10 9am</b><br/> The Deanery One Assembly will take place in Kahler Hall November 10th. Clergy, Lay Delegates and Lay Alternates to convention are all encouraged to attend in preparation of the Diocesan Convention held November 30 - December 1st. Parishioners of St. Paul's may want to take advantage of having the assembly held here and learn about what will be on the agenda for this year's convention and other business of the Deanery.</p>                                   |
|  | <p><b>ELF ALERT:</b> Calling all elves to begin bringing in toiletries and grooming aids. Please collect extra shampoos, lotions, soaps, from hotels and extra toothbrushes and dental aids from your dentists. They will be holiday wrapped and given out at our December Family to Family lunch. Please bring your items to church on Sunday or drop them off in the office. The Wrap 'n Chat will be <b>Saturday, November 17</b> from 10-noon in the Community Room. All are welcome. Wrapping supplies are provided.</p> |



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**WELCOMES YOU!**

## Newcomer Information Series

**SUNDAYS 12-12:30 PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM**  
(next to the Kitchen in Kahler Hall)

**10/7 Understanding our Worship and Exploring our Ministries**  
10/14 Giving and Serving in the Name of Christ

*You're also invited:*

10/28 New Member Welcome and Blessing in Church (optional)

**Meet people, Ask YOUR Questions, Explore THE Faith**  
*All are welcome!*



### 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. Confirmation classes will be offered on Monday evenings beginning 11/5. A lunch reception in honor of the Bishop will be held in Kahler Hall beginning at 11:30am. If you are available to assist with the reception by planning, bringing food, setting up or cleaning up, please let us know.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Presents

## Exploring our Faith

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

**Monday Evenings**

11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 11/26, & 12/3

**6:30-8pm in the Library**

