



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

The First Sunday after Christmas Day

December 29, 2019 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 Sunday School program for children and youth will begin at 10:00am in the Sanctuary with a short sermon on the gospel for the day and a preview of the activity. Children move to their classrooms at 10:10 for creative programming and activities including circle time, prayer and storytelling. Ages 2-3 will be in the Nursery. Pre-K, K, and 1st grade will be in Room 7. Grades 2-5 will also be in Room 7. Youth will be in Room 8. All children and youth will return to the sanctuary at the peace to join their families 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. We're glad you're here.

Holy Eucharist

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude *Instrumental*

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

Processional **All glory be to God on high** **Hymnal 421**

Opening Salutation *Book of Common Prayer 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.

Hymn of Praise **Hark! The herald angels sing (v.1)** **Hymnal 87**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

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

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147:13-21

- 13 Jerusalem will worship you, O God; *
and Zion will praise your name.
- 14 For you have strengthened the bars of our gates; *
and have blest our children within us.
- 15 You have established peace on our borders; *
and satisfied us with the finest wheat.
- 16 You send out your command to the earth, *
and your word runs very swiftly.
- 17 You give snow like wool; *
and scatter hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 You scatter your hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against your cold?
- 19 You send forth your word and melt them; *
you blow with your wind and the waters flow.
- 20 You declare your word to Jacob, *
your statutes and your judgments to Israel.
- 21 You have not done so to any other nation; *
to them you have not revealed your judgments.
Alleluia!

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn **What wondrous love is this**

Hymnal 439

Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.

Holy Gospel

John 1:1-18

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant 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.

All stand as able and together say

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.

Server

God has clothed all things with mercy and prepared the earth as for a wedding by taking on our flesh in Christ. Trusting in that mercy, let our prayers join the festival, saying: O God, mighty God, merciful God, hear our prayer.

Leader

For the churches, that this assembly and all assemblies may be cradles for the word of Christ, filled with harmony and witnessing with thanksgiving, O God, mighty God, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the bishops and all the leaders of the church, that in word and deed they may show forth the love and compassion with which you clothe creation and all its peoples, O God, mighty God, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

For the earth which you honored in the incarnation of your Son, and for us creatures, that a spirit of joy in its goodness and care for its future may be poured out upon us all, O God, mighty God, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who are in need, remembering all who are sick, the elderly, those who are alone, and all who minister to them, especially *(the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)*, that we all may be strengthened by the presence of Christ as the sign of God's love. O God, mighty God, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have died especially *Doris Darby (the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)*, that they may rest in peace. May we wait in hope for the promise of resurrection with them. O God, mighty God, merciful God, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Rejoicing with all the saints, with Mary and Joseph and all the Holy Innocents, we commend these prayers and all our life to you, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

Let us confess our sins to God.
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 or beside the vigil candle rack 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

Offertory Sentence

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

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

Offertory

Instrumental

Presentation Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

Good Christian friends, rejoice

Hymnal 107

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

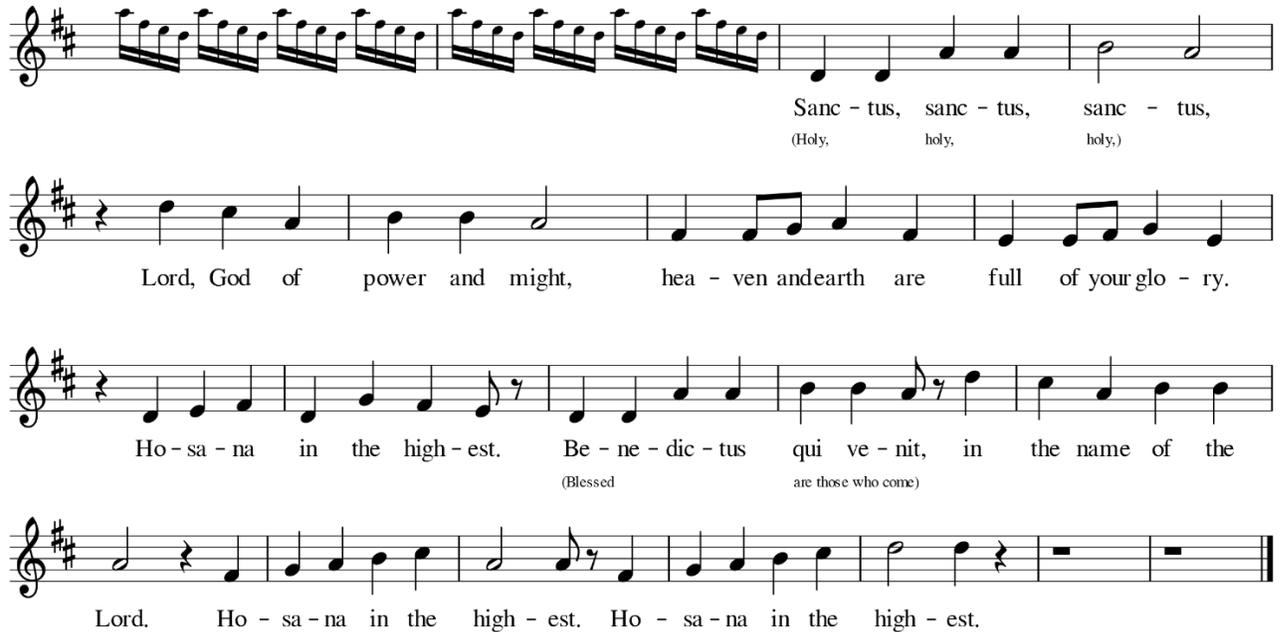
Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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

Sanctus from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer



Sanc - tus, sanc - tus, sanc - tus,
(Holy, holy, holy,)

Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Be - ne - dic - tus qui ve - nit, in the name of the
(Blessed are those who come)

Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

Please stand 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.

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 worshipers for the post communion prayer.

Suggestion: Before or after communion, open your Book of Common Prayer (BCP) to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.

Communion Music

Instrumental

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 Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. **Amen.**

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven, give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn **Joy to the world! (v.1,2,4)**

Hymnal 100

Please stand and face the cross as we process.

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth receive her King;
let every heart prepare him room, heaven and nature sing,
and heaven and nature sign, and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the world! The Savior reigns; let us our songs employ,
while fields and floods, rocks, hill and plains, repeat the sounding joy,
repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love,
wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.**

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Instrumental

Acknowledgements and Copyright Information

Psalm: *The Saint Helena Breviary*, Church Publishing, 2006

Prayers of the People: *Intercessions for the Christian People*, Pueblo Publishing Company, 1988

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 and 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 bring their children to worship 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. Our side chapel can be used as a quiet play space during services. You will find lots of stuffed animals and books there.
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Serving This Week

Team 5 – 5th Sunday of the Month

Acolytes

Chalice

Psalm

Lay Readers

Prayers of the People

Ushers

Eucharistic Prayer Ministry

Altar Guild

Flower Guild

Counters

Welcome Ministry

Vestry Greeter

Facility Lock Up

Cantor

Hospitality

Judy Wareham, Gina Trevisan, Nicholas Collins

Drew Darby – Server, Judy Wareham

Judy Wareham

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Heidi Trevisan

Jeff Brown, Dan Wakelee, David Hill

Marilyn Angelo

Dela Parker, Susan Talmadge, Carole Nelson

Renee Bower, Carole Nelson

RoseAnn Hill, Pam Owens

Kay Armstrong

Ted Andrews

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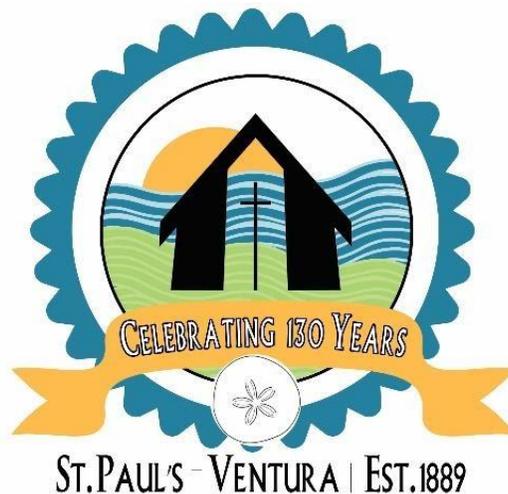
Bridget Wareham, Bill & Kathleen Crookston, Lori Redding



Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday 12/29	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Advent Wreath Lighting (Sanctuary)
	10:30 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Mon. 12/30	All Day	Resurfacing of Parking Lot—No Parking
Tues. 12/31	All Day	Resurfacing of Parking Lot—No Parking
Wed. 1/1	9:00 am	NO Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	NO Bible Study (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 1/2	7:00pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 1/3	6:30 am	NO Men's Bible Study
	9:30 am	NO Women's Bible Study
Sat 1/4	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 1/5	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
	10:00 am	Advent Wreath Lighting (Sanctuary)
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	11:45 am	DOK New Member Information Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

*The Church Office will be open by appointment only December 25-January 6.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!*



Prayer Intentions for the Week of December 29, 2019

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

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

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Onofre, Christopher, Paulette, Adele, Babs, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Frank, Julie, Bruce, Briana, Charly, Paul, Diane, Kathie, Tom, William

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Amelia, Doug, Carol, Stacie, Rachel, Mary, Kim

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The Board of Supervisors of Ventura County; the city councils of the communities in which we live; public safety and emergency personnel in Ventura County
- + 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 Santa Barbara 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: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiaaso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Project Understanding and FOOD Share Ventura County*

IN MEMORIAM

Doris Darby

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.



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Announcements December 29, 2019

Thank you for joining us today! We'll continue to hold you in our prayers.
Please contact the church office for more information. God bless you!



We invite you to join us again next Sunday!



Please help us thank the following people
for our refreshments this morning:

8:00 am-Carl Helms

**10:15 am- Bridget Wareham, Bill & Kathleen Crookston,
Lori Redding**

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Esther McClain

10:15-Dan & Joanne Wakelee, Jennifer Golland, Judy Wareham

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

**The Vestry Greeter today is Ted Andrews
come by and say hello**



On the 5th day of Christmas...

FIRST SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS – Sunday, 12/29

Once Christmas arrives, we begin the twelve days of Christmas, or Christmastide, which runs through January 5. During this season we recognize God with us; a God who knows and understands our fears and sends forth angels who proclaim, "Fear not!" Join us as we celebrate!



REHEARSALS FOR THE EPIPHANY PAGEANT – Sun. 12/29 & Sun. 1/5



On the 12th day of Christmas...

SECOND SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS – Sunday, 1/5

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REHEARSALS FOR THE EPIPHANY PAGEANT – during Sunday School and after church



DAUGHTERS OF THE KING NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION – Sunday 1/5, Community Room. Daughters of the King is an international order of women dedicated to prayer and service. The Orientation is for anyone interested in joining or finding out more about the order. We will present the who, what and why of the order and discuss the options for the study. This is a time for inquiring minds to come together. No commitment is needed until the end of the study period in March.



Are you new to St. Paul's or visiting us?

A warm welcome to you! We are so glad you came. We are a friendly and welcoming congregation. Our ushers and greeters will be happy to do anything they can to make your time with us more comfortable and meaningful. Please introduce yourself to our clergy, they're looking forward to meeting you. We invite you to come back soon.

 <p>HOLIDAY CLOTHING DRIVE</p>	<p><i>Thanks for helping to warm the hearts and bodies of our neighbors in need!</i> COATS FOR ALL - Thanks so much from RoseAnn Hill and Rotary Club of Ventura to all the parishioners that have donated coats of all sizes for the annual coat drive! Many needy and homeless people in our community will be blessed with the gift of warmth from your generosity!. We are continuing to collect coats and jackets until the end of the year, so please bring them in to the box in the narthex if you haven't had a chance to yet. Thank you, again! SOCK DRIVE - Socks are also in high demand at this time of year for the men and women served by the Sack Lunch Program and Family to Family ministries. Drop of your sock donations in the basket on the REACH table. (Please no dress socks or children's sizes.)</p>
 <p>BOOK CLUB</p>	<p><i>The Daughters of the King invite you to join us...</i> FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday, January 6, 5:30-7pm at Panera <i>All are welcome! This month's selection-Life Undercover: Coming of Age in the CIA by Amaryllis Fox. You're invited to read along and join us. We'd love to see you there!</i></p>
	<p>BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY – January 19 The next baptism opportunity will be on the Sunday we remember the Baptism of our Lord. <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, or would like to arrange baptism for a child, please speak with Rev. Susan or Rev. Liz to make arrangements. We look forward to it!</i></p>
	<p>COMPLINE: An Amazingly Beautiful Service of Sung Prayers at the End of the Day Sunday, January 19 at 7 pm St. Paul's Choir invites you to join us for our first contemplative Compline service of the season. Come calm your soul at the end of the day during our brief, candle-lit, choral prayer service. The church will remain open after the service for those who wish to continue their prayers, light a votive candle, or walk the labyrinth by candlelight. Donations will support the Music Ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura. Please help us spread the word, all are welcome!</p>
<p>Annual Meeting</p> 	<p><i>Once a year we gather to do the business of the church. Please mark your calendar and join us.</i> ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL MEETING – January 26 at 11:30am All members of the church are encouraged to attend. We need enough members in attendance so that we will have a quorum. At this important meeting we will elect new Vestry members and Diocesan Convention. We receive reports from the groups and committees of the church and review our finances and the budget for the coming year. Please mark it on your calendar.</p>
 <p>MEDICAL MISSIONS</p>	<p><i>Looking for ways to help make a difference?</i> MISSION OUTREACH – Donations Requested A Note from Dr. Steve Jones: West African Medical Missions is going to Jamaica in March and are asking for donations. They need all donations to be submitted by January 15th so we can buy medication and book airline tickets. Anyone interested in going on the trip, please contact me through the church office. Thanks!</p>
 <p>ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!</p>	<p><i>Grab a cup of coffee and come join us!</i> NEWCOMER COFFEE WITH OUR CLERGY – Sunday, 1/19 at 11:45am Join us in the Community Room (the meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall). Our topic this month is: <i>Understanding our Worship and Exploring our Ministries</i>. Come meet people, ask questions and explore the faith. <i>All are welcome!</i> All are welcome! Next month's Coffee with our Clergy will be on Sunday, 2/23 at 11:45am when we'll talk about <i>Working Together to Make a Difference in the World</i>. We look forward to seeing you there!</p>
 <p>This QR Code takes you straight to our Giving Page</p>	<p><i>"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7</i> Thank you for your generosity! Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments, click the "Give" button at www.saintpaulsventura.org or use this QR code. Members give of their time and share their talents through lots of volunteer opportunities and ministries. Please contact our clergy if you'd like to get involved in something new. Thank you for all the ways you give of yourself! We look forward to doing great things with whatever you are able to share. Thank you so much! It is great to have you with us on this faith journey.</p>

