



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sunday, September 26, 2021 10:15 a.m.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 21, Year B

In-person and online

Welcome! Thank you for your patience and faithfulness as we continue to work our way through this global pandemic. All are welcome to join us either in-person or online at 10:15am on Sunday mornings. If you have difficulty accessing our online services, and would like assistance, please let us know. There are a variety of ways we can help. Our service airs beginning with the Preludes at 10:05am on: www.StPaulsVentura.org, [www.YouTube.com /StPaulsVentura](https://www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura), and www.Facebook.com/StPaulsVentura.

There are two seating options at in-person Sunday services: 1) Open seating is available without a reservation. 2) A limited number of socially distanced seats are available each week by reservation only. If you need assistance with the reservation process, please contact the church office. Everyone on campus is required to wear a mask at this time.

Check our Email Newsletter each week to keep up with the latest events, announcements and protocols. If you don't receive our newsletter, please contact us at office@saintpaulsventura.org. Again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshipping with us. If there's anything we can do to help, please let us know. Also contact us if you have any questions, prayer requests or need the services of a priest. We are always glad to hear from you. Meanwhile, know that you are in our prayers. We wish you all a very safe and blessed week.

Today's flowers were provided through the generosity of your pledge.

If you'd like to arrange for flowers given in memory or thanksgiving, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Holy Eucharist Liturgy of the Word

Preludes

A Morning with selections from Lift Every Voice and Sing II

New Every Morning is the Love

Tune: Kedron, arr. Gilbert M. Martin

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

Processional

Spirit divine, attend our prayers

Hymnal 509

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 forever. 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.

Glo-ria! Glo-ria! in ex - cel-sis - De - o! Glo-ria!

Glo-ria! peace to all peo-ple on the earth. Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God al-migh-ty, we wor-ship and we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Je-sus! on-ly Son of God Je-sus! on-ly Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: Je-sus! have mer-cy on us, Je-sus! you are seat-ed at the right hand of God, re-

ceive our prayer. you are ho-ly, you are Lord, most high with the spi-rit in the

glo-ry of God! Glo-ria! A - men! Glo-ria! A - men! Glo ria! A - men!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 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.

A reading from the letter of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

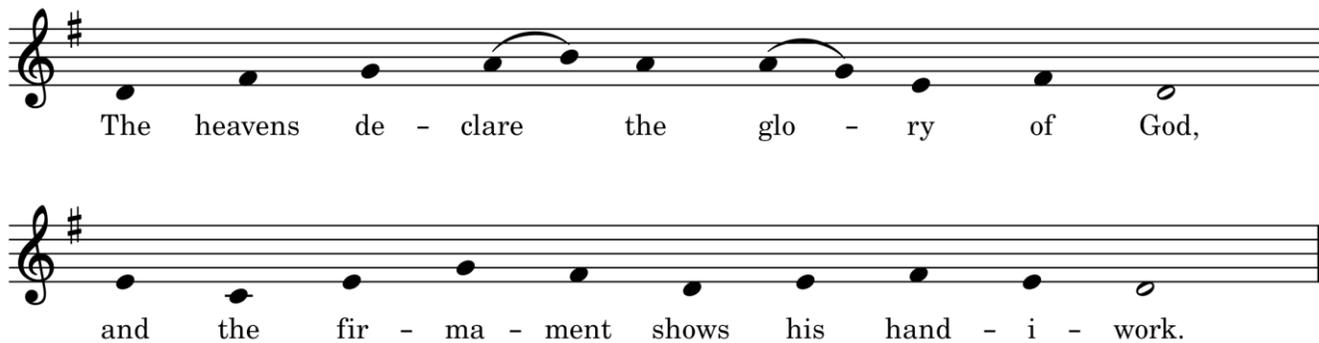
Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 19:7-14

The choir will sing the Psalm today. The choir will lead the Antiphon first, followed by the congregation singing the Antiphon. The psalm will conclude by singing the antiphon together.

Antiphon



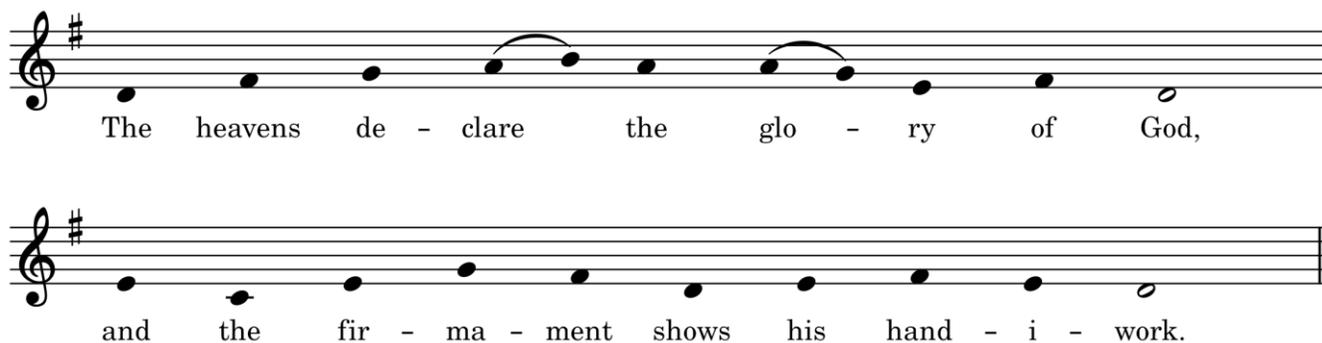
The heavens de - clare the glo - ry of God,
and the fir - ma - ment shows his hand - i - work.

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanses me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.



Gradual Hymn O Master, let me walk with thee

Hymnal 660

All are invited to stand as you are able and join us in singing.

Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

Please remain standing and face the Gospel.

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

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

Please be seated.

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

All stand as able and together say

BCP p. 358

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

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

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

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit, or kneel as is your custom.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the Church of God, that it may be filled with people dedicated to love, generosity and truth;
May your light guide us and shine through us.

For the leaders of our nation, and the leaders of all nations especially during this time of global pandemic; that the work they do may benefit all people.

May your light instill within them the desire to act wisely and work for peace.

For blessings on all human endeavors, and for the just and proper use of all you have created;

May we be the instruments through which you reach out to the world.

For the sick in body, mind or spirit, especially *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*.

May your light bring hope and healing to all who suffer.

For all who have died, and for those who grieve, especially *(The People may add their own petitions either silently or aloud)*.

May light perpetual shine upon them.

¹ universal; all embracing.

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings.

Celebrant

O God, in your infinite generosity, you have created a world filled with resources to sustain all your children. Stir the generosity within each of us so that these resources may be shared. Inspire us when we step out from this place so that we may shine as the Light of Christ to the world. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

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.

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.

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. 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 *The Meditations of My Heart*

Elaine Hagenberg

Presentation Hymn **Now thank we all our God**

Hymnal 397

Please stand as you are able.

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. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in 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 Santus from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer

Sanc-tus, sanc-tus,
sanc-tus, 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 Lord. Ho-sa-na in the high-est, Ho-
sa-na in the high-est!

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

The people stand, kneel or sit as is their 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.

During this time of transition, we ask you to bless those not with us in person that they may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament in the form of Spiritual Communion.

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, whether spiritually or actually, 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 in this holy way.

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are not present with us today.

Dearest Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot all be together in our church today to receive the bread and wine made holy, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. Fill us with your light and nourish us all with your word and Spirit. Amen.

For in-person worshippers: 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. Cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing.

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

Nada Te Turbe

*Words: St. Teresa of Jesus;
adapt. Taizé Community, Music: Jacques Berthier*

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint hearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of Almighty God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen.**

Recessional

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace

Hymnal 347

Please stand as you are able.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Firm in the Faith

Todd Kendall

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Please join us in thanking those serving this week:

Server:	Roger Crow	Lector:	Bridget Wareham
Seating Coordinator:	Wendy VanHorn	Ushers:	Sally Weimer & Roger Myers
Altar Guild:	Louise Bretz	Flower Guild:	Sarah Lamola
Cantor:	Daniel Smithson	Welcome Greeter:	Barbara Jakovich
Video Production:	Patrick Van Horn	Lock-up Team:	Miles Sexton

St. Paul's Choir: Taylor Bernstein, Annelise Ebell, Rose Hayden-Smith, Amy Schaffer, Laura Andrews, Jordan Daniels, Sophia Cotsis, Kara Johnson-Craven, Allison McKay, Bridget Wareham, Robert Kubilos, Diego Magaña, Alexis Renteria, Daniel Smithson, Robert Brown, Christopher Craven, Reid Edwards

Prayer Intentions for the Week of September 26, 2021

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 Joseph Biden, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Mary, Penny, Jesse, Lorraine, Jo Ellen, Joan, Marilyn, Tom, Deborah, Karen, Mike, Terri, Curtis, Alan, and all first responders, those on the frontlines of the pandemic, and everyone affected by COVID-19.

THOSE ENDURING A LONG-TERM ILLNESS:

Selma, Barb, Dave, Jeanice, Regina, Virginia, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Amelia, Carol, Stacie, Rachel, Mary, Kim.

IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Drew and Anna Darby, and their family.

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, Girl Scout Daisy Troop 65014, La Famiglia Preschool, and VCSAGE
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2021 vestry members and officers are Rose Hayden-Smith (Senior Warden), Woody Bretz (Junior Warden), Peter Anderson (Treasurer), Kathy Loest (Clerk), Ted Andrews, Dan Campbell, Jordan Daniels, Grace Dunlevy, Steve Jones, Marcia Semple, Dan Wakelee, Bridget Wareham, and the Rev. Susan Bek (Rector).
- + 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: *Hillsides-the Episcopal Home for Children, Pasadena; Neighborhood Youth Association, West LA.; Holy Family Services, Ventura County.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist, Center for Spiritual Living, An Lac Mission (Buddhist), Mormon Church*

IN MEMORIAM

For Rebecca Ruth King, Lorraine Lewis and all those we love and see no longer.

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month but can be renewed if needed. Please contact the church office to add or extend a prayer request and to let us know how things are going.



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St. Paul's Announcements September 26, 2021

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!



Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

Whether you're new, visiting or have been a member for years, we're so glad you joined us today! **A warm welcome to you!**

We currently offer Sunday services online, and in person.

Please let us know if we can do anything to support you on your spiritual journey this week.

We're always happy to hear from you!

We invite you to come back soon.



This is a brief overview of our weekly announcements. To learn about everything going on at St. Paul's and to receive weekly encouragement and ways to build up spiritual strength, please see our E-newsletter. If you don't receive it, please let us know. We'd be happy to add you to the list!



This is such an exciting time at St. Paul's.

Today we kick-off our Annual Giving Campaign!

We are excited that, even during a global pandemic, St. Paul's is experiencing a time of growth and revitalization. We need to make plans for the coming year and prepare the 2022 Operating Budget, so we're asking for your pledge. Please see the pledge packet and join us tonight.

Congregational Meeting Tonight at 6:30pm on Zoom

We'll offer a presentation about our current financial situation, talk about our goals for 2022, and answer your questions.

You can join in by going to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87961842888>

The Meeting ID is: 879 6184 2888 and no password is necessary.



Small Group Ministries Beginning Soon – sign up today!

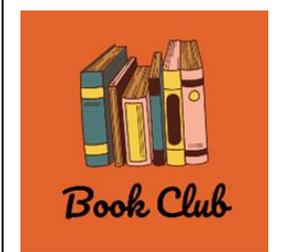
Several new Small Group Ministries are starting up soon. Our existing small groups are also ready to welcome you. **Why join a small group?** Because they offer the opportunity to make deeper connections with God and one another, help us to heal from the isolation and fear we've all experienced recently, and because they are a fun and important way to love and support each other on this journey of faith.



We look forward to seeing you there!

Walk Up Blessing of the Animals – Sunday, October 9th 4-6pm in the parking lot

Bring your furry, feathered, and scaly friends (or a picture of them) and join us as we celebrate the life of St. Francis of Assisi with our Blessing of the Animals event. We bless animals, photos, ashes, people and stuffed animals. We even have "Blessings to Go Kits" you can take home for pets who don't travel well. For our safety, please wear a mask. Leashes are required.



All are welcome!

First Monday Book Club – October 4 at 5:30 pm on Zoom

We have selected two books to read because the first book is so compelling you may finish in two days! The first book is *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. It is "a shocking psychological thriller of a woman's act of violence against her husband and of the therapist obsessed with uncovering her motive." The second book, which is optional, is *Your House Will Pay* by Steph Cha. This is the Ventura County Library One County, One Book selection for 2021. "A powerful and taut novel about racial tensions in LA following two families-one Korean-American, one African-American- grappling with the effects of a decades-old crime." Enjoy and join us on October 4 at 5:30. We will have lots to discuss!

Same link as before. Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 7Tt0EF



LAST MONDAY, September 20th

Because of the generosity of this congregation, and the willing hands of all our volunteers, we were able to serve over 100 lunches. Thank you so much for helping us feed our hungry neighbors!



Beware of Scammers:

If you ever receive a peculiar email from our clergy, be careful. It may actually be from a scammer. You are always welcome to contact us through the church office. Rev. Susan's actual email is revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org Rev. Liz actual email is revliz@saintpaulsventura.org

