



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

First Sunday in Lent
March 6, 2022 at 10:15 a.m.
Service offered both 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. Services are available online at: www.StPaulsVentura.org/live, www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura, and www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura.

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 – reservations are recommended. To make a reservation, simply contact the church office – office@saintpaulsventura.org. 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 given 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

A Penitential Order for Lent

Prelude

Metamorphosis 1

Phillip Glass

Silent Procession

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

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
***People* His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."
Mark 12:29-31

Confession and Absolution

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **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.**

Celebrant 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.**

Liturgy of the Word

Trisagion

Please stand as you are able.

Hymnal S102

*The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.
Today's Cantor: Reid Edwards*

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by evil: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

The response appointed for this morning is from Psalm 9. We will read it responsively breaking at the asterisk.

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved.

The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Gradual Hymn

God be in my head

Hymnal 694

All stand to sing.

Holy Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

Credo from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer

All stand as able and together sing.

Celebrant

Our service continues with the Nicene Creed. Please stand and join us in singing.



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



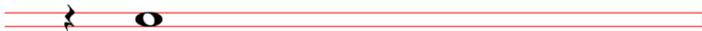
down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.



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.



A - men.

Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP p. 387

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Server

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Father, we pray for your holy Church:
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *You're invited to add your petitions silently or aloud.*

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

BCP p. 360

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

Announcements

Please be seated.

Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

I appeal to you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*



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

Offertory Anthem *On Eagle's Wings*
The congregation is invited to sing along with the choir.

Michael Joncas, arr. By Douglas E. Wagner

Refrain

**And He will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.**

Presentation Hymn **Forty days and forty nights**
Please stand as you are able.

H150

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, *through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.* 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

Hymnal S130

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

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Be known to us Lord, Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Hymn

Agnus Dei from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer



Translation:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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 with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

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.

The Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

For in-person worshipers: 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. Due to the pandemic, we offer bread only. Be assured that this is a sufficient experience of communion. We look forward to the time when we can offer wine as well. If you'd like to come forward but would prefer not to receive, please cross your arms over your chest and the priest will offer you a blessing.

Suggestion: Before or after Communion, see the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) pp. 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there. Online worshipers can find it at www.bcponline.org

Communion Music

Bread of the World

arr. Todd Kendall

Nada Te Turbe/Nothing can Trouble

Ostinato Refrain

1.
Na - da te tur - be, na - da te es - pan - te. Quien a Dios tie - ne
Noth - ing can trou - ble, noth - ing can fright - en. Those who seek God shall

2.
na - da le fal - ta. So - lo Dios bas - ta.
nev - er go want - ing. God a - lone fills us.

Text: *St. Teresa of Jesus*; Taizé Community, 1986, 1991
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994
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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.

Solemn Prayer over the People

Remain standing or kneeling.

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Grant, Almighty God that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; and may the blessing of God Almighty rest upon you and remain with you, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

*Words: Jeremiah Rankin
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain;
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain;
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain;

by his counsels guide, up - hold you,
'neath his wings se - cure - ly hide you,
when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

with his sheep se - cure - ly fold you:
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
put his arms un - fail - ing round you:

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Silent Recession

Please stand or as you are able and turn to face the cross as it passes.

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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Please join us in thanking those serving this week:

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| Server: | Roger Crow | Lector: | Kathy & Tim Helms |
| Seating Coordinator: | Sarah Lamola | Ushers: | Dan Wakelee and Sally Weimer |
| Altar Guild: | Susan Talmadge & Roger Crow | Flower Guild: | |
| Cantor: | Reid Edwards | Welcome Greeter: | Kay Armstrong |
| Video Production: | Patrick Van Horn | Lock-up Team: | Greg Jackson |



Sunday, March 13 — **Time Change - Spring Ahead!**

Saturday, April 9 – **Palm Cross Making, Decorating the Church at 9am**

Sunday, April 10 — **Palm Sunday**
9am Procession to VCMC to offer prayers for healing
10:15am Traditional Palm Sunday Service
begins around the fountain with the Procession of the Palms
your choice of online or in-person

April 14 **Maundy Thursday** Service at 7:30pm
Keeping the Watch (Thurs. 9pm – Fri. Noon - sign up for 1-hour shifts
to watch and pray from home)

April 15 **Good Friday** -- Labyrinth open 6am-3pm
Good Friday Service at Noon

Sunday April 17— **Easter Service** at 10:15am, your choice of online or in-person

Sunday, April 24 – **Second Sunday in Easter**, the celebration continues!



Suggestion of the month...

SUPPORT ST. PAUL’S AS YOU SHOP WITH AMAZON SMILE!—Sign up at Amazon Smile and designate St. Paul’s as your charity. We will earn .5% of everything you spend! Go to smile.amazon.com and when you are asked to pick a charity search for St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Ventura. Then, every time you shop at Amazon start at smile.amazon.com. It’s that easy!

Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 6, 2022

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| Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury | Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Dick Swanson |
| Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop | President Joseph Biden, Congress, Federal Courts |
| John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan | Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts |

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Audrey, David, Isabella, Leta, Steve, Lorraine, Jackie, Joe, Baby Z, Nick, Mirium, Rebecca, Joan, Stacie, Jorge, all first responders, those on the frontlines of the pandemic, and everyone affected by COVID-19.

THOSE ENDURING A LONG-TERM ILLNESS:

Carol, Rachel, Kim, Amelia, Maria, Linda, Kay, Brian, Mary, Dave, Penny, Virginia, Susan, Michelle, Jeanice, Sheila, and Jan.

IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Drew and Anna Darby, and their family.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- Twelve step programs of recovery and healing; especially Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at St. Paul's
- Our local public and private hospitals, and the health care professionals who serve us
- U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home
- All who work, educate others, and pray to abolish the scourge of present-day slavery.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles, Deanery One in Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrew's*, Ojai; *All Saints'*, Oxnard; *St. Paul's/ Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks
- Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso*, Ghana
- The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

IN MEMORIAM

Bob Gold, Betty Pacocha, Barbara Bouey, Liz McEwan, *and all those we love but 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 March 6, 2022

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.

**ST. PAUL'S
E-NEWS**
announcements,
enrichment, encouragement

Because faith isn't just for Sundays!

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! office@saintpaulsventura.org

Thanks for Your Support!

Your support makes all the difference!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF:

Our recent REACH Project to Feed our Hungry Neighbors - \$5275 was raised to purchase food and supplies to feed the hungry when we take our turn once a month at Family to Family. **Thank you!**

**DON'T FORGET TO
SPRING FORWARD**
REMEMBER TO SET YOUR
CLOCKS **AHEAD** 1 HOUR
SATURDAY NIGHT

TIME TO SPRING AHEAD – Next Sunday, March 13

Daylight Savings time begins. Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour!

Book Club

First Monday Book Club - March 7th at 5:30pm on Zoom

Our next book is The Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Charles. It is based on the true story of the heroic librarians at the American Library in Paris during WWII.

Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday

BAPTISM OPPORTUNITIES - 4/17 Easter; 6/5 Pentecost; 11/6 All Saints Day (others may be arranged)

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.

Easter Music & Flowers

EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC: Would you like to make a donation to our Flower and Music Fund to help make our Easter services truly glorious? You can dedicate your gift in thanksgiving for your blessings or in memory of a loved one. Dedications will be published in the Easter bulletin. Place your donation in the envelopes provided in your pew and place it in the offering plate or donate online at www.saintpaulsventura.org. Click GIVE on the front page. Be sure to note "Easter Flowers & Music" and tell us how you'd like the dedication to read. Thank you for your support!



Enjoy the beauty of Creation and receive Eucharist...

Outdoor Worship - Saturday, March 12 8:30am Ponds at Ventura Harbor

Join us as we hike and enjoy Eucharist at the Ventura Harbor Ecological Reserve near Ventura Harbor on March 12. It's kid friendly with many opportunities to observe a host of birds. Rev Susan will lead our celebration of Eucharist. The entrance to the ponds is on Angler Court just off Spinnaker Dr. in the Ventura Harbor. Limited parking on Angler Court, additional parking about 100 yards past the entrance in lot on the right side of Spinnaker. We will meet at the gate to the reserve (next to the sign for "Birder Parking") at 8:30 am and proceed through the flat trails in the preserve. Have questions? Please contact Dan Wakelee dan.wakelee@att.net

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"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7

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 on www.saintpaulsventura.org or use this QR code. Members give of their time through many ministries and share their talents through lots of volunteer opportunities. Please contact our clergy if you'd like to get involved in something new.

Generosity involves the giving of time, talent and treasure. Thank you for all the ways you give of yourself!

LENT

A time of reflection, prayer and penance

Keeping a Holy Lent

Looking for a deeply spiritual experience this Lent?

WALK THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Sundays before or after church or Online anytime

Embark on a self-guided journey through the Stations of the Cross at St. Paul's which were a memorial gift given in honor of Deane Wareham. We'll offer a variety of prayers, giving you a different experience each week. Walk the stations alone in-person or online; alone or in a small group.

Introduction to the Stations of the Cross - Rev. Susan will give us a brief overview and walk us through the experience. Come learn this ancient spiritual practice and follow Jesus on the way to the cross. It is a very inspiring and emotional experience, and a wonderful way to expand your understanding and enrich your experience of Lent.

We offer your choice of:

- **In-Person** at St. Paul's - Sunday, March 6 following the 10:15am service
- **On Zoom** – Sunday, March 6th at 6pm Meeting ID: [84026319044](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84026319044)



Come connect with people, learn about the church, and ask your questions...

CHURCH INFORMATION SERIES - Sunday, March 27th at 6pm on Zoom **Planning Your Own Memorial Service and Writing your Own Obituary**

We invite you to join us on Zoom for a presentation on this very important topic. When the end of our time on this earth arrives, we want to leave our families with a clear understanding of our final wishes and the comfort of knowing which choices we want them to make on our behalf. The church reminds us of this every Lent. No matter your age or situation, it's a good time to get your plans in order. If you are among the few who have already done this, it's time to review and make any changes. All who are interested are welcome. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84325054293>



Which saint will win the Golden Halo?

LENT MADNESS 2022 – This is an opportunity to participate in a Lenten devotion online.

Lent Madness brings together exciting competition, the lives of the saints, humor, and the chance to see how God works in the lives of women and men across all walks of life. Read the biographies of the saints and cast your vote in the saintly competition. In the end, we will learn who wins this year's Golden Halo. For more information, go to

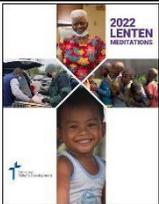
www.lentmadness.org



Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) offers this wonderful resource...

2022 LENTEN MEDITATIONS

These meditations will give you a glimpse into the meaningful work of ERD happening across the globe. May we continue to work together for lasting change in the lives of those most vulnerable.



You're invited to join us in church each Sunday during Lent.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT 10:15AM – All are welcome!

Heard enough bad news? Come hear the Good News! Enjoy beautiful music, meaningful prayer and dynamic preaching that connects ancient scripture with our lives today. Join us as we live out our faith in meaningful ways along with others who are excited about loving and serving the Lord. Come get inspired! Services are available in-person and online. At 10:15am we offer Sunday School, and we have a wonderful ASL interpreter.



