



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



Online Bulletin

**Third Sunday in Lent**  
**March 20, 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](http://www.StPaulsVentura.org/live), [www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura](http://www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura), and [www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura](http://www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura).*

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*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 3 *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: Daniel Smithson*

**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, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; 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 Reading**

Exodus 3:1-15

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am."

Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

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

### **Psalm 63:1-8**

The response appointed for this morning is Psalm 63. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd verses; the congregation will read the even verses.

1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

**2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.

**4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.**

5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.**

**Holy Gospel**  
*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

Luke 13:1-9

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

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way, they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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**  
*All stand as able and together sing.*

*Felix Eisenhauer*

*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

*Rickard*

Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree

*Elizabeth Poston, arr. by Jeffrey*

### Presentation Hymn

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Kind Maker of the world, O hear**

**H152**

### Great Thanksgiving

*The people remain standing.*

Eucharistic Prayer A

*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:

**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*

**Lento**



Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mi - se - re - re no - bis.

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, mi - se - re - re no - bis.

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec - ca - ta mun - di, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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](http://www.bcponline.org)*

**Communion Music**

If you but trust God to Guide you/Wer nur den lieben Gott *arr. David Cherwein*

**God is So Good**

*Traditional African-American Spiritual*

1. God is so good, God is so good,  
 2. He cares for me, He cares for me,  
 3. He's all I need, He's all I need,

1. God is so good, He's so good to me.  
 2. He cares for me, He's so good to me.  
 3. He's all I need, He's so good to me.

**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 and Blessing**

*Remain standing or kneeling.*

*Celebrant* Bow down before the Lord.

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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:*

<b>Server:</b>	Roger Crow	<b>Lector:</b>	Judy Gold & Judy Drew
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<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Louise Bretz	<b>Flower Guild:</b>	No Flowers in Lent
<b>Cantor:</b>	Daniel Smithson	<b>Welcome Greeter:</b>	Ernie Fickerson
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**Saturday, April 9 – Preparing for Palm Sunday**

9am Palm Cross Making,  
9am Decorating the Church with Palms

**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**

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 Sunday**

Easter Service with Eucharist, Choir and Brass at 10:15am,  
your choice of online or in-person

**Sunday, April 24 – Second Sunday in Easter**

the celebration continues!  
Sunday Service at 10:15am



*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](https://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](https://smile.amazon.com). It's that easy!



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## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 20, 2022***

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, 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, Dave, Penny, Virginia, Susan, Michelle, Jeanice, Sheila, Lynn and Jan.

### ***IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:***

Drew and Anna Darby, and their family.

### ***FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:***

- + The ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry
- + 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.: *First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army*

### ***IN MEMORIAM***

Bob Gold, 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.*



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

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# St. Paul's Announcements March 20, 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 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.

**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](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)

### We're up Tomorrow - MONDAY, March 21<sup>st</sup>

*Please pray for the wonderful volunteers who will serve lunch to our hungry neighbors tomorrow. We appreciate your support and look forward to the time when we can serve inside and recruit more volunteers again.*

**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](http://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!

### Flower Guild Meeting today after service

We're preparing for Holy Week and Easter. If you are interested in learning more, or joining the Flower Guild, please contact us or stay for the meeting. We'd be happy to give you more information. Many hands make light work, and it's so rewarding to help bring beauty to our worship services!



*We invite you to come and help with some...*

### Outdoor Spring Cleaning at St. Paul's on Sat. 4/2 at 8am

Join us for a work party to beautify our campus before Easter. We'll meet you on the labyrinth. Plans include some planting, transplanting, trimming and soil improvement. Bring your favorite gloves, clippers or trowels or borrow tools we have at the church! Contact the church office or Grace Dunlevy with any questions.



### 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.



*We're collecting new books for young children ages 0-3...*

### OUTREACH PROJECT - Reach for Early Childhood Literacy

This month, St. Paul's is going to do an early childhood book drive in support of Reach Out and Read, a national literacy program currently being run through the county medical system. In this model, children receive a book when they see their doctor for a well-baby visit. Take a REACH bag and bring it back with books to donate. You can also give directly by clicking the link in our weekly E-newsletter.

### First Monday Book Club - April 4th at 5:30pm on Zoom

The Last Thing He Told Me by Laura Dave is the newest selection by the First Monday Book Club. A #1 New York Times bestseller. With it's breakneck pacing, dizzying plot twists and evocative family drama, it is a riveting mystery. Join us on April 4th for the discussion.

Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday

*Learning to Sign, One Sunday at a Time...*

**ASL MINUTE** - if you're interested, check out our YouTube channel to review the signs - [www.youtube.com/stpaulsventura.org](http://www.youtube.com/stpaulsventura.org). Share them with your friends and encourage them to subscribe to our channel and click notifications so they can learn along with us. All are welcome!

# 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. This spiritual practice involves walking from station to station in our beautiful sanctuary or scrolling through the stations posted on our website. You'll stop along the way to read devotions and prayers as you 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. Walk the stations alone in-person or online; alone or in a small group.



*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](http://www.lentmadness.org)



*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.