



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 26, Year C

October 30, 2022 at 10:15 a.m.

Service offered both in-person and online

Welcome! Sunday Services are offered each week at 10:15am. You have the option of attending in-person or online at: www.StPaulsVentura.org/live, www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura, www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura.

***We ask your patience and thank you for your understanding** - Masks are still required in the church at this time. As of December 1st, masks will become optional. For now, we thank you for your cooperation. You are a living example of what LOVE looks like, and we appreciate your kindness.*

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. We invite you to sing, pray and read along with us through the service. The words in bold are the ones we'll all say together.

Our Sunday School program (for children ages 2 years-grade 5) begins at 10am. Children are invited to join Miss Bailey and Miss Wendy to hear a Bible story and enjoy fun and engaging activities related to that story. Children return to the church to join their families for Eucharist.

The best way to keep up with our upcoming events and latest protocols is to subscribe to our Email Newsletter. If you don't receive it and would like to be added to the list, please come see us at the Welcome Table or contact the church office.

Once again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshipping with us. Let us know 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.



The angels are dancing again...

Listen carefully, you just might hear the angels dancing on the roof!

When things heat up, the beams in our beautiful church ceiling expand and creak. No worries! It's just part of this wonderful building's charm. For years, some of our members have said to each other, "Listen, the angels are dancing on the roof again!"

Today's flowers are 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!

Please join us in welcoming The Rev. Nancy Brown.

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Communion from Opus 8

Louis Verne

Processional

O God of every nation

Hymnal 607

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

Today's Cantor: Daniel Smithson

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.

Hymn of Praise

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, v. 4

Hymnal 390

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 1:10-18

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation -- I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 32:1-8

The response appointed for this morning is a portion of Psalm 32. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd numbered verses. The congregation is invited to respond with the even numbered verses.

1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

**2 Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

**4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

**6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

**8 You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

A reading from the second letter to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring.

To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfill by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Gradual Hymn

Help us, O Lord, to learn

Hymnal 628

All stand as able to sing.

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

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

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

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 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.

Server

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; that the work they do may benefit all people. **May your light instill within them the desire to act justly 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.**

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.**

¹ universal; all embracing

² Relating to the Apostles, following their teachings

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.

Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions

Prayer for Our Annual Giving Campaign

God of grace and abundance, you made us in your image and breathed in us the spirit of life. You have blessed us abundantly. Stir the generosity in our hearts and inspire us to give all that we can and, by your grace, may the gifts that we give become *More Than Enough* to meet the needs of your church for the coming year. Amen.

Liturgy of the Table *Holy Communion*

Offertory Sentence

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



*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

Öffne dich, mein ganzes Herze from Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 6 *J.S. Bach*
Amy Schaffer, soloist

Öffne dich, mein ganzes Herze,
Jesus kömmt und ziehet ein.
Bin ich gleich nur Staub und Erde,
Will er mich doch nicht verschmähn,
Seine Lust an mir zu sehn,
Dass ich seine Wohnung werde.
O wie selig werd ich sein!

Open yourself, my whole heart
Jesus comes and enters.
Though I be but dust and soil,
He will not scorn me
He will look upon his delight in me,
That I shall become his dwelling-place.
O how blessed shall I be!

Presentation Hymn**O worship the King, all glorious above!, v.1-3****Hymnal 388***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**Holy, holy, holy Lord****Hymnal S128***The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.*

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

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 physically receiving it.

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 are not all 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

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 in this holy way.

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 gluten-free.

Once you have the bread, you may choose any of the following options:

1. **Return to your seat without receiving the wine.** Be assured that this is a sufficient experience of communion.
2. **Sip the wine, from the common cup,** guiding the chalice gently with your hand. (This meets the current safety standards set by the Diocese of Los Angeles and our bishop because the wine contains alcohol, the chalice is silver or similar metal, and the surface is wiped and turned between communicants.)
3. **Receive by intinction** (dipping) – the Eucharistic Minister will dip your wafer into the wine for you. We must place it in your hand at this time and cannot place it in your mouth.

**The Common Cup will be offered on the right side of the altar rail.
Intinction (dipping) will be offered on the left (Loma Vista) side.**

*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 Improvisation on the day's hymn *Felix Eisenhauer*

Amen *Traditional Spiritual, arr. Horace Clarence Boyer*

Refrain: **Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**See the little baby, lying in the manger, on Christmas morning.
See Him in the temple, taking to the elders, they marv'ld at His wisdom.
See Him in the garden, praying to his father, as Judas betrays him.
See Him there a Calv'ry, dying for us sinners, but He rose on Easter.**

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.

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.

A Franciscan Blessing

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

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

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

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

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

Recessional

King of glory, King of peace

Hymnal 382

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

Dismissal

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

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Check out next Sunday's readings at www.lectionarypage.net

Please join us in thanking those who served today, including:

Server/Chalice:	Roger Crow	Lectors:	Teddy & Laura Andrews
Chalice Bearer:	Anna Darby & Christopher Craven	Ushers:	Sally Weimer & Judy Gold
Altar Guild:	Louise Bretz & Pam Klebaum	Flower Guild:	Anna Darby & Grace Dunlevy
Cantor:	Daniel Smith	Welcome Greeter:	Marcia Semple
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November 11-12

Diocesan Convention at Riverside Convention Center

Sunday, November 20

Feast of Christ the King (final Sunday of the Church Year)
After Church: Fair Trade Sales

Monday, November 21

Feeding the Hungry at Family to Family

Sunday, November 27

First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent

After Church: Meeting about Decorating the Church for Christmas

Friday, December 9 – Kid’s Shop at St. Paul’s 6-8pm

Saturday, December 10 – Holiday Market Rummage Sale Fundraiser

at St. Paul’s 8am – 1pm

Sunday, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

Parish Christmas Party – 11:30am in Kahler Hall
and Final Sales for Holiday Market Fundraiser

Sunday, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Monday, December 19

Feeding the Hungry at Family to Family

Friday, December 23

Greening of the Church – 9am in Sanctuary
Night Before Christmas Eve Service – 7pm in Sanctuary

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Family Service with Christmas Pageant - 4pm

Carols - 10pm

Candlelight Service - 10:30pm

Prayer Intentions for the Week of October 30, 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:

Leta, Christian, Christina, Nathan and his family, Bryant, Ed, Barb, Mary, Matthew, Thomas, Vivian, Lorraine, Susan, Jon, Nadia, Jeff, Spencer and her family, Tracy, Rebecca, Jane Deepak, Janet, all refugees, first responders, and everyone affected by COVID-19, gun violence, natural disaster, poverty, and injustice.

THOSE ENDURING A LONG-TERM ILLNESS:

Penny, Phil, Lynn, Audrey, Dennis, Maria, Baby Z, Carol, Amelia, Rachel, Dave, Kim, Linda, Virginia, Michelle, Sheila, Jeanice, Kevin, Susan, Ed, Debbie, Marcia and Ron.

IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

AND PRAYERS OF LOVE AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR:

First Responders, Teachers, Administrators and School Staff, Children, Families, and those who live alone.

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.
- + 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 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 Wiawso, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Project Understanding and FOOD Share Ventura County*

IN MEMORIAM

Penelope Price Felger, Carolyn Wright 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 October 30, 2022

Thank you for joining us today! 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!** Our Sunday services are available 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
Enews
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!
You can reach us by emailing office@saintpaulsventura.org

Today at
ST. PAUL'S

Please join us in welcoming our guest celebrant and preacher today, the Rev. Nancy Brown.

Annual Giving Campaign...
Week 7 – 10/30
If you've already pledged, thank you!
If you haven't, please fill in a pledge card. We appreciate it!
We ask everyone for a pledge to support St. Paul's through the coming year. With your help we can keep the church going and growing.

Please join us NEXT SUNDAY for our All Saints' Day Celebration. We'll gather up the pledges and bless them together.
Thank you for our support!

and after church today...

A fun event for kids of all ages!
Halloween Party – at 11:45am
Come join in the fun after church on the patio. We'll have candy, contests, games, treats, and lots of fun together. Bring or wear your best costume. (Please no weapons or super scary stuff. Remember we have little ones, too!) All are welcome. And a big THANK YOU to everyone who is hosting a table today. We appreciate you!

Thank you!
YOUR PLEDGE at WORK

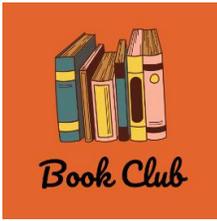
Because of your generosity...
Ways your Pledge Makes a Difference - #6 Fellowship & Formation
All are invited to enjoy the fellowship and hospitality following Sunday services. We also offer many opportunities for life-long formation as we learn and grow in the knowledge and love of God. **Thank you for making this possible!**

Frequently Asked Questions

How much should I pledge?
This is a personal decision and one that is between you, your family and God. We invite you to pray about it. If you are not sure where to start in considering your pledge commitment, you may want to compare your other financial commitments to what you pledge to your faith community. For instance, consider what you might spend on fast food, coffee drinks, or other optional expenses for a year, versus your gift to the church. The biblical standard for giving is to tithe a portion of your income, traditionally 10%. The church suggests working toward the tithe if you can. Whatever you do, know that God's blessing will be upon your prayerful decision.

TIME TO FALL BACK

Next Week: FALL BACK – NOVEMBER 6
Daylight Savings time ends. Don't forget to set your clock back one hour!



Book Club – November 7 at 5:30pm

Our next selection is *The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate. This novel is inspired by historical events drawn from actual "Lost Friends" advertisements that appeared in Southern newspapers after the Civil War, as freed slaves searched for their loved ones. This is the story of three young women on a journey in search of family amidst the destruction of the post-Civil War South and of a modern-day teacher who rediscovers their story and its connection to her own students' lives. All are welcome! Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday



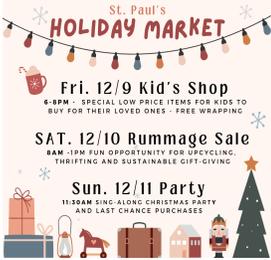
Do you find God in nature? Spirituality in Nature Group – Nov. 12 Hike

Our new Spirituality in Nature Group will be hosting a hike on Saturday, Nov. 12th, at Rincon Beach. We would like everyone interested to sign up. You can contact the office for more information. Our activities are appropriate for all ages and friends are always welcome. If you'd like to get involved in this new group, please let us know.



Change is coming... As of 12/1, Masks will become Optional in Church

Due to recent changes in CDC guidelines, the Vestry is preparing to change our masking protocols. Beginning December 1st, masks will no longer be required, but still strongly encouraged. Please carefully consider what is best for you and your family. During Sunday services we are indoors for longer than one hour with 70-100 people and we sing together. While singing, droplets are known to travel 50 feet or more. **Because of this, we ask that everyone please wear a mask while singing.** Also, because some among us are at higher risk and continue to need some additional distance, we ask that those who prefer not to wear a mask, please sit on the Loma Vista side of the sanctuary. The chapel side of the sanctuary will be reserved for those with masks. We hope this will make it possible for everyone find a place in the church where they can feel safe and comfortable. Thank you for your understanding. You are a shining example of what LOVE looks like.



Please invite your friends and plan to join us... St. Paul's Holiday Market Fundraiser – Dec. 9, 10, & 11 Volunteers and Donations Needed

Please mark your calendars and help us spread the word. Volunteers are needed. Please see sign up sheet at the Welcome Table or check out your Enews. Donations needed: Rummage Sale items and Kids shop items can be dropped off before and after church each Sunday beginning Nov. 6; Baked Goods can be dropped off on 12/10 and 12/11. **Thank you so much!**



Check out this Week's Resources... To Help You Grow in Faith

<https://www.saintpaulsventura.org/growing-in-faith-sunday-and-everyday/>
After an uplifting and inspiring Sunday service, we're sent out into the world to love and serve the Lord. It's wonderful, but there's so much more to living a faithful life than just going to church - so, we publish a list of weekly resources to help you grow in faith. Learn simple spiritual practices, get ideas for how to put your faith in action, receive a blessing to start off every week. You can also enjoy beautiful music, hear inspiring messages, and learn how to live a more fulfilling life.



This month let's help our animal friends... Last Call: REACH for Paws to help Homeless Pets

We're gathering the last of the donations and getting your gifts of love out to the pets who need it most. The wish list is canned pet food, pet treats, blankets (no comforters, please), pill pockets, slip leads (a type of leash), laundry detergent, paper towels, trash bags, a "fur"ever home! Next week we'll begin our holiday collections for the Community Christmas Shoppe.



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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 at www.saintpaulsventura.org or use this QR code. We look forward to doing great things with whatever you are able to give.
Thank you so much!



We appreciate your Rummage Sale Donations:

Rummage Sale and Kids Shop Donations may be dropped off

Starting November 1st

**at the St. Paul's Library
(just off the parking lot)**

- Before and After Sunday Services

**- AND By appointment with the church office 805 643-5033
office@saintpaulsventura.org**

Bake Sale donations can be dropped off on Friday 12/9 or Saturday 12/10