



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.*



*Online Bulletin*

## **Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost**

**Proper 28, Year C**

**November 13, 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](http://www.StPaulsVentura.org/live), [www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura](http://www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura), [www.Facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. Alene Campbell-Langdell.*

## ***Liturgy of the Word***

**Prelude**

*Instrumental*

**Proclamation**

**Christ whose glory fills the sky**

**Hymnal 7**

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

*Today's Cantor: Amy Schaffer*

**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**

**Now thank we all our God**

**Hymnal 397**

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

*Please be seated for the reading of scripture.*

A reading from the Prophet Malachi.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

*Reader* The word of the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 98

The response appointed for today is Psalm 98. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd-numbered verses, the congregation is invited to read the even-numbered verses.

1 Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things.

**2 With his right hand and his holy arm  
has he won for himself the victory.**

3 The LORD has made known his victory;  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

**4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel,  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.**

5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

**6 Sing to the LORD with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.**

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.

**8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,  
the lands and those who dwell therein.**

9 Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

**10 In righteousness shall he judge the world  
and the peoples with equity.**

A reading from the second letter to the Thessalonians.

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

**Gradual Hymn****My God, accept my heart this day****Hymnal 697***All stand as able to sing.***Holy Gospel**

Luke 21:5-19

*Remain standing and face the Gospel.*

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Alene Campbell-Langdell

*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 catholic<sup>1</sup> and apostolic<sup>2</sup> 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, saying: Lord, have mercy.

For our community, and for solace and security for all its people, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this assembly, and for our growth in grace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, and for prisoners and refugees, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who suffer, for the sick and infirm especially (*the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud*), let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died, especially (*the people may add their own petitions either silently or aloud*), and for the promise of resurrection to be fulfilled, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant*

Into your mercy we commend ourselves, and for peace at the last we pray, that all your creation may give you praise and worship, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*BCP p. 360*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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<sup>1</sup> universal; all embracing

<sup>2</sup> Relating to the Apostles, following their teachings

*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**

## ***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 Support of the Giving Campaign.  
Your pledge will help support the mission and ministry of the church through the coming year.*



*If you've already pledged, thank you!  
If you haven't, please prayerfully consider it. We need your support and are so grateful for it.  
Because of you, we'll be able to continue the work of the church through our 134<sup>th</sup> year.  
**Thank you!***

### **Offertory**

How Lovely Are the Messengers from Paulus, Op. 36

*Felix Mendelssohn*

### **Presentation Hymn**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Holy God, we praise thy Name v. 1-3**

**Hymnal 366**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*The people remain standing.*

Eucharistic Prayer A

*We offer this Eucharist in thanksgiving for all the Saints and in loving memory of all those whom we love but see no longer (see pages 14-15).*

*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 S129**

*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.**

*You are invited to 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](http://www.bcponline.org)*

# Nada te Turbe/Nothing can Trouble

Words: St. Teresa of Jesus  
adapt. Taize Community  
Music: Jacques Bertheir

## 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.

### Post Communion Prayer:

*Please stand or kneel as you prefer.*

Let us pray.

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

### Blessing

May the peace which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more. **Amen**

### Recessional

### Thou, whose almighty word

**Hymnal 371**

*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.**

### Postlude

*Instrumental*

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*Check out next Sunday's readings at [www.lectionarypage.net](http://www.lectionarypage.net)*

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

<b>Server:</b>	Roger Crow	<b>Lectors:</b>	Janet Koehn & Teddy Andrews
<b>Chalice Bearer:</b>	Anna Darby	<b>Ushers:</b>	Susan & Rob Talmadge
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Susan Talmadge & Roger Crow	<b>Flower Guild:</b>	Roger Crow, Susan Talmadge & Lisa Cross
<b>Cantor:</b>	Amy Schaffer	<b>Welcome Greeter:</b>	Pat Malchak
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## ***Prayer Intentions for the Week of November 13, 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, Jeff, Spencer and her family, Nadia, Tracy, Rebecca, Jane, Janet, Kim, Seve, Jackie, Joe, all refugees 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, Amelia, Rachel, Dave, Kim, Linda, Virginia, Michelle, Sheila, Jeanice, Kevin, Susan, Ed, Debbie, Ron and Carol.

### *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 ministry of prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups
- + 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 Wiauso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ*

### *IN MEMORIAM*

*Marcia Wakelee, Carolyn Wright, Penelope Price Felger 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 November 13, 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.



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](mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org)



*Please join us in welcoming our guest celebrant and preacher today, the Rev. Alene Campbell-Langdell.*

*and after church today...*



### You are Invited to Coffee Hour

We invite you to join us in Kahler Hall (just down the stairs) for a cup of coffee, tea, or water and the chance to sit and chat with one another. In the church, we call this fellowship. It's one of our favorite parts of being on this journey of faith together. So, when you're available, please plan to join us.



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

### A warm welcome to you!

We're so glad you came. Please stop by the Welcome Table to sign the guest book and receive a small gift. We are a friendly and welcoming congregation. Our ushers and greeters will be happy to do anything they can to make your time with us more comfortable and meaningful. Please introduce yourself to our clergy, they're looking forward to meeting you. We invite you to come back soon.



### Next Sunday – Christ the King Sunday and Drew's Last Day with Us

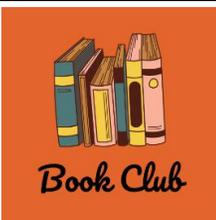
Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the last Sunday of the church year - the Feast of Christ the King. It's also Drew Darby's last day with us before he goes for nine months to the next step of his discernment process. He's been assigned to serve at All Saint's Episcopal Church in Oxnard. We will miss him and his family, but look forward to their return next August.



*You can make a difference! Every purchase matters...*

### Fair Trade Sales – Sunday, 11/20

St. Paul's is an Abolitionist Congregation, committed to ending the scourge of modern-day slavery. We sell fair trade products through the Equal Exchange to support farm cooperatives around the world giving farmers a fair price and a better future. Locally our sales support ending human trafficking through the Abolitionist Committee. Please stop by our table outside near the fountain to check out delicious chocolate, coffee and tea! Cash and checks accepted. Please see Joanne Wakelee if you have questions.



### Book Club – Dec. 5 at 5:30pm

Watch for the announcement of our next, exciting book to read and discuss!

All are welcome! Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday

	<p><i>Do you find God in nature?</i></p> <p><b>Spirituality in Nature Group – Dec. 21 Evening Event</b></p> <p>Our new Spirituality in Nature Group will be hosting an evening event on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, the Winter Solstice. 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.</p>
<p>NOTICE</p> <p><b>CHANGE IS COMING...</b></p>  <p><b>MASKS IN CHURCH</b></p>	<p><i>Change is coming...</i></p> <p><b>As of 12/1, Masks will become Optional in Church</b></p> <p>Due to recent changes in CDC guidelines, the Vestry is preparing to change our masking protocols. Beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>, 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. <b>Because of this, we ask that everyone please wear a mask while singing.</b> 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.</p>
	<p><i>Lots of hands make light work...</i></p> <p><b>Want to Help Prepare the Church for Christmas?</b></p> <p>If so, you're invited to a meeting next Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:45am. Together with the Altar Guild and Flower Guild, we'll be making plans to decorate the sanctuary, and we could use your help. Join us for this planning meeting and mark your calendar for the Greening of the Church on Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am – Noon. Bring a friend, it's fun and rewarding!</p>
	<p><i>Check out this Week's Resources...</i></p> <p><b>To Help You Grow in Faith</b></p> <p><a href="https://www.saintpaulsventura.org/growing-in-faith-sunday-and-everyday/">https://www.saintpaulsventura.org/growing-in-faith-sunday-and-everyday/</a></p> <p>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.</p>
	<p><i>Want to help needy families feel the love of Christ this Christmas?</i></p> <p><b>COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SHOPPE TOY COLLECTION – through December 11</b></p> <p>We are collecting new, unwrapped toys to help make Christmas a little brighter for some families who are finding things challenging. We have a large collection box in the Narthex as well as a list of gift ideas; bring your donations and leave them in the box. Presents for teens are especially needed! You can make a difference! Thanks for helping us share the love of Christ this season. Last day for giving: Sunday, Dec. 11th.</p>
	<p><b>Giving Flowers in Memory or in Thanksgiving</b></p> <p>Donating the flowers for a Sunday service is a lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. It's quick and easy to arrange, and really helps the church too! Use an envelope from the pew rack in front of your seat or email us the information. Enclose a donation, (\$65-\$100 is suggested), or go to our website and click "Giving". Be sure to mention that it's a Flower Donation. We look forward to remembering or celebrating with you, and we appreciate your support!</p>
 <p>This QR Code takes you straight to Giving Page</p>	<p><i>"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7</i></p> <p><b>Thank you for your generosity!</b></p> <p>Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments, click the "Give" button at <a href="http://www.saintpaulsventura.org">www.saintpaulsventura.org</a> or use this QR code. We look forward to doing great things with whatever you are able to give.</p> <p><b>Thank you so much!</b></p>



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!**



**We want your Rummage Sale Donations:**

**Rummage Sale and Kids Shop Donations may be dropped off**

**Starting November 1<sup>st</sup>**

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

**Bake Sale donations can be dropped off on Friday or Saturday**