

## How to Make a Pledge

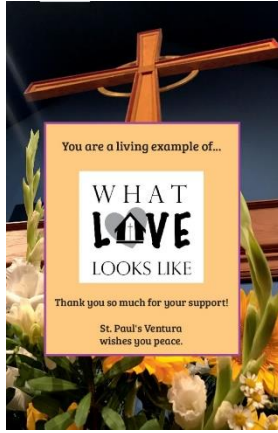
Please think and pray about this important decision, and then complete a pledge card or simply let us know how much you'd like to pledge in any way that is convenient for you – mail, call, email, etc.

### Ways to Give

Donations may be made by cash, check, PayPal, or you can Text StPaulsVentura to 73256. You can also arrange online payments through your bank, click the "Give" button at [www.saintpaulsventura.org](http://www.saintpaulsventura.org) or use the QR code below.

### Consider a Legacy Gift

Remembering the church in your estate planning is a wonderful way to give a gift that keeps on giving long after our years. Your generosity can benefit future generations. This is a great time to make these arrangements.



### Have any Questions?

Please contact the church office. We're always happy to hear from you! We'd be glad to answer your questions over the phone, via email or to set up a meeting with you.

### Your Pledge will Make All the Difference

When we give out of gratitude for the many amazing blessings that God has given us, we will find that there is More than Enough to keep St. Paul's going and growing throughout the coming year. Thank you for your generosity!



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## SUNDAY MORNINGS

10am Sunday School begins

10:15am Service with Holy Eucharist

11:30am Coffee Hour

All are welcome!

Attend Services in-person or online at:

[www.SaintPaulsVentura.org/live](http://www.SaintPaulsVentura.org/live)  
[www.facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura](https://www.facebook.com/SaintPaulsVentura)  
[www.YouTube.com/StPaulsVentura](https://www.youtube.com/StPaulsVentura)



QR Code to our Website's Giving Page



Since founded in 1889, St. Paul's has been a source of comfort, strength, and inspiration.



St. Paul's continues to follow Jesus, worship ministries and welcome all.



133 years and still growing strong. Dedicated to the mission and ministry of 133 more!

# St. Paul's Ventura



## Because of YOU...

The generosity of so many people has carried us through the past 133 years. We are grateful for every gift, every pledge, every dollar, every volunteer, everything that has kept this congregation going and growing. Now we ask for your pledge to support the church through the year 2023. Does your gift make a difference? **Yes, it makes all the difference!** Thank you so much for your generosity.



## More Than Enough

*Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. Luke 9:16-17*

### Asking your Support

Welcome to this year's Annual Giving Campaign. We are asking you to please pledge to support the mission, ministry and growth of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The materials in this pledge packet will introduce you to the campaign and explain our goals for the coming year. We ask you to please think and pray, then pledge to support St. Paul's Operating Budget through the year 2023. We really appreciate your support!

### This Year's Theme

This year's campaign is called, More Than Enough. It's based on the story of Jesus feeding more than five thousand people with nothing more than five loaves and two fishes. Jesus blessed these gifts then asked the disciples to distribute them.

Once the people ate their fill, the disciples picked up twelve baskets of left-over broken pieces. There was More than Enough. Thanks be to God!

### Asking God to Bless Your Gifts and Make it More Than Enough

This is a challenging time to be a church, but we walk in faith. Our members have been generous, and God has shown us again and again that we each are More than Enough. We've been blessed abundantly over the past 133 years. So, now we ask you to give out of gratitude for the gifts God has provided. We pray that, when the baskets are passed, we will find that there is More than Enough to support the church we love through the coming year and beyond. Thank you so much for your generosity!



## 7 Ways Your Pledge Makes a Difference

### 1 Operating Expenses & Staff

With your help we can keep the church running, pay our monthly bills, purchase supplies, and produce bulletins, newsletters, and promotions. We can also take care of our dedicated staff.

### 2 Sunday Worship Services

As a liturgical church, the heart and soul of who we are is expressed in our worship services. Your pledge makes it possible for us to offer weekly worship services as we have for over 133 years.

### 3 Music Ministry

Our beautiful and inspiring music lifts our spirits and connects us with God. Your pledge helps us to provide wonderful music as an important part of our worship experience.

### 4 Youth & Children's Ministries

We provide Christian Education through our Sunday School and Youth Group Programs. Your pledge makes it possible for us to support families as they develop their faith.

### 5 Prayer & Pastoral Care

Taking care of those in need is one of our most important callings. With your help, we can continue to support the sick or shut in and provide prayer and support to those who need it.

### 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.

### 7 Outreach

The people of St. Paul's have a heart for outreach. We take seriously our call to serve Christ by serving the world. Your pledge will help us continue this very important work.

# Church Budgeting:

What does it cost to run the church for a year?

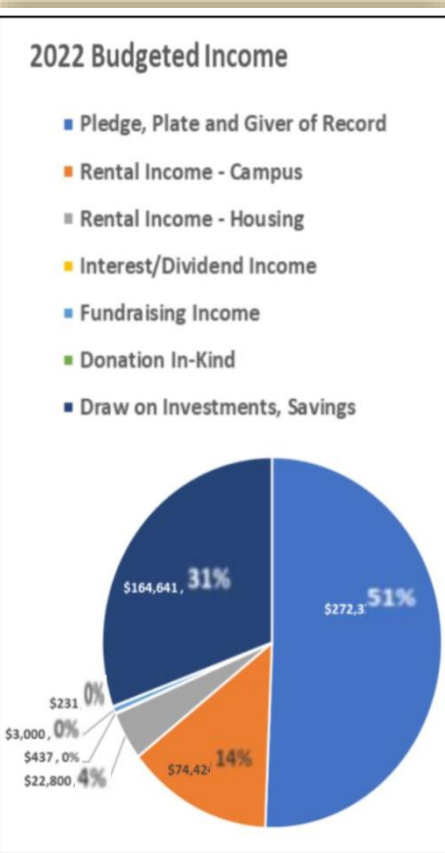
What does our pledge money cover?



The church Operating Budget varies from year to year depending on income, needs and what the Vestry chooses to focus on that year. In 2022 we adjusted our budget to reflect the needs of the church during a global pandemic. We offered Sunday services both in-person and online, and reached out to the congregation as we all worked to adjust to the new reality we found ourselves in. Unfortunately, the year was a challenging one. COVID spikes and surges continued to come and go. Through it all, the congregation was faithful. Your pledges got us through, and we are most grateful!

## OPERATING INCOME – Where does the money come from?

The funds we have to work with come from pledges payments, plate donations and other gifts, but also from campus rental income, facility use fees and fundraising. We also draw from some funds from our savings, and we make a small annual draw on our investments. In 2022, most of the pledges have come in consistent with the initial pledge commitments regardless of the pandemic. Rental income has been consistent, and with the recent addition of Pulse Drumming, our rental income should exceed our budget. The renovation of the Gooden Center will make it possible for us to lease it as a residence and should provide additional rental income by late 2022. Fundraisers have started again and are helping to bring in additional income. Thank you for your support!



- **51% Pledge, Plate and Giver of Record** (a giver who doesn't have a pledge)
- **14% Rental Income – Campus:** La Famiglia Preschool, Kindermusik, and Pulse Drumming
- **4% Rental Income – Housing:** San Pablo House
- **Less than 1% Interest/Dividend Income**
- **Less than 1% Fundraising Income**
- **Less than 1% In-Kind Donations**
- **31% Draw on Investments and Savings**

## EXPENSES – Where does the money go?

- **58% goes to Employee Costs** – Our staff currently includes one full-time Clergy, a part-time Parish Administrator, a part-time Sexton (groundkeeper), a part-time Music Minister, a part-time Choir Director, a part-time Organist, an ASL Interpreter, and three part-time positions in Youth & Children's Ministries.
- **14% goes to Buildings & Grounds** – cleaning services and supplies, landscaping services, property taxes, trash pickup, utilities, and security as well as upkeep and projects on campus. We have a very large campus and feel that it's important to keep up with the maintenance and not let the campus fall into disrepair. The Buildings & Grounds Committee forecasts the projects we'll need to do in the coming year and the approximate cost.
- **14% goes to Administrative Expenses** – everything it takes to keep the office running and the congregation up to date, including: telephone and internet, copier lease, office supplies, bookkeeping software and services, technical equipment and maintenance, insurance, account and program fees, and postage.
- **9% goes to Mission Outreach** – costs associated with the ways we reach out to the world in the name of Christ including: our pledge to support Mission Congregations in the Diocese, our Deanery dues, and a gift to support Theological Education. We also pledge to support operations of Family to Family and support various programs that serve our neighbors in need.
- **5% goes to Program Expenses** – this does not include the clergy or staff needed to run the programs, they are in Employee Costs. Program Expenses consists of all the supplies needed for worship services--altar supplies, flowers, hospitality, etc. It also covers music and choir supplies, organ maintenance & repair, and the curriculum, supplies, and materials for all our programs including Sunday School.

