

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the reading of scripture.

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

Isaiah 42:1-9

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

The response appointed for today is Psalm 29. We will read it antiphonally, breaking at the asterisk.

1 Ascribe to God, you heavenly beings, *
ascribe to God glory and strength.

2 Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; *
worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of God is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
God is upon the mighty waters.

- 4 The voice of God is a powerful voice; *
the voice of God is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of God breaks the cedar trees; *
God breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of God splits the flames of fire;
the voice of God shakes the wilderness; *
God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of God makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Holy One, *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 God sits enthroned above the flood; *
enthroned as Sovereign for evermore.
- 11 God shall give strength to the people; *
God shall give the people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

Gradual Hymn

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

Hymnal 440

Please stand as you are able.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

Please remain standing and face the Gospel.

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Susan Bek

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Holy Baptism Presentation of Candidates

Congregation remains seated. Baptismal party stands.

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Candidate is presented by their Sponsors who say

Sponsors **I present Zinnia Lynn Andrews to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors **I will with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors **I will with God's help.**

The Celebrant then asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the child.

Celebrant Do you renounce evil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Sponsors **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

*The congregation is invited to stand as you are able.
The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their lives in Christ?
People **We will.**

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic¹ Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Server Let us now pray for Zinnia who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Server Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

¹ universal; all embracing.

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving Over the Water

The congregation may be seated. Children are invited to gather at the altar to stir the holy water of Baptism.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Water is poured into the font.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidate, sponsors and family are invited to come forward.



To the Sponsors

Celebrant Name this child.
Sponsors **Zinnia Lynn**

Celebrant Zinnia Lynn, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Zinnia Lynn, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

And now Zinnia Lynn is to be the Light of Christ in the world.
(It is appropriate to applaud.)

The congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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.

Prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other special occasions.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*



*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

Be Thou My Vision

John Rutter

Presentation Hymn

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Hymnal 296

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving

The people remain standing.

Eucharistic Prayer B

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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. *Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth.* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy

Hymnal S125

Service music is found at the beginning of the hymnal

**Holy, holy, holy
Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are 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, sit or kneel as is your custom.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, Joseph, Paul and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

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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 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.

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 here.

For in-person worshippers: 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. It can be found online at www.bcponline.org*

Communion Music

Andante Cantabile from Sonata No. 10, K. 330

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Morning has broken

Hymnal 8

Post Communion Prayer

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Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. 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.

Blessing

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage to find the Lord; and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Recessional

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hymnal 616

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

Dismissal

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

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Please join us in thanking those serving this week:

Server:	Roger Crow	Lector:	Janet Koehn & Ted Andrews
Chalice:	Virginia Hernandez	Ushers:	Susan & Rob Talmadge
Altar Guild:	Susan Talmadge & Roger Crow	Flower Guild:	Roger Crow, Virginia Hernandez & Susan Talmadge
Cantor:	Amy Schaffer	Welcome Greeter:	
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January 8, 2023
February 5, 2023
February 22, 2023
April 2, 2023
April 9, 2023

Baptism of our Lord
Annual Meeting – 11:30am
Ash Wednesday
Palm Sunday
Easter Sunday

And while you have your calendar open,
 please consider adding Sunday mornings at 10:15am.
 We'd love to have you join us as we worship and praise the Lord.

Preparing for the Annual Meeting
Feb. 5th at 11:30am in Kahler Hall and on also available on Zoom

Why have an Annual Meeting?

To conduct the business of the church.

Who needs to attend?

All members of the church are encouraged to attend. We need enough members in attendance so that we will have a **quorum of 50 members**.

What happens at the Annual Meeting?

We vote for new Vestry members and elect our delegates to Diocesan Convention.
 We receive reports from the groups and committees of the church
 and review our finances and the budget for the coming year.

Who can Vote at this Meeting?

Though everyone is encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting, in order to vote, one must be a qualified elector. According to the Constitution and Canons of the Church in the Diocese of Los Angeles, Canon IV 4.04 The following shall be qualified electors: Any person sixteen years of age or over and attendant upon the services of the Parish, who for the previous twelve (12) months have been registered upon the Parish Rolls as a baptized communicant in good standing of that parish; the list of qualified electors shall be published by the Vestry no less than 30 days prior to any special or annual meeting of the Parish.

The Parish Rolls have been published and the list of qualified electors is available for your review in the church office upon request. You can also check whether you are listed as a qualified elector by contacting us at 805 643-5033 or office@saintpaulsventura.org

Please mark it on your calendar and arrange to be with us. Thank you!

Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 8, 2023

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:

Christian, Christina, Nathan and his family, Bryant, Ed, Mary, Matthew, Thomas, Vivian, Bill, Susan, Jon, Jeff, Nadia, Tracy, Barbara, Janet, Patrick, MaryAnne, Larry, Joanne, Barb, Alan, Samantha, Esteban, Alfredo, 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, Carol, Ron and Ulrich.

IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Drew and Anna Darby, and their family.

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

For Thomas Ranieri, Marcia Wakelee, Carol Wright and all those we love and 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 January 8, 2023

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.

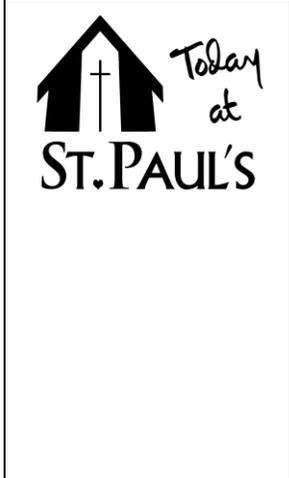


Welcome to St. Paul's Episcopal Church!

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



Will you strive for justice and respect the dignity of every human being?

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD - Sunday, January 8

On this first Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of our Lord. We'll enjoy a wonderful service that including baptism, renewal of our baptismal vows, inspiring scripture, beautiful music and an uplifting message of hope and love. Join us as we offer our prayers and sing joyful praises. Online, we offer Spiritual Communion. In-person, we offer Eucharist, the body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Come to church and get inspired!

and after church today...

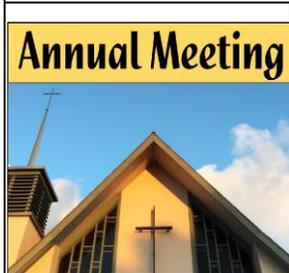


You are Invited to Coffee Hour

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. 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.



Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for this very important meeting...
Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Parish – Sunday, February 5th at 11:30am
Once a year we gather to do the business of the church. Please mark your calendar and join us. The meeting will be held in Kahler Hall AND also available on Zoom (see below for Zoom information). All members of the church are encouraged to attend. We need enough members in attendance to have a quorum. At this important meeting we will elect new Vestry members and Representatives to Diocesan Convention as well as receive reports from groups and committees and review the finances and budget for the coming year.

To connect on Zoom: Meeting ID 825 9328 1236
Zoom link - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82593281236>

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We are asking that nominations be made in advance for this meeting. For information about how to make a nomination, please see the end of this bulletin or your email newsletter. Thank you!

 <p>HOLIDAY CLOTHING DRIVE</p>	<p><i>Your generosity is appreciated...</i></p> <p>THANK YOU FOR ALL THE COATS and SOCKS! - We appreciate your donations that will help to keep people in need warm and dry. Thank you for sharing your blessings and making your love known through the act of caring for God's people. The coat drive was sponsored by the Downtown Chapter of the Rotary Club. The socks will be on hand when we serve lunch at Family to Family. They are in high demand and are always greatly appreciated.</p>
 <p>SOUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER</p>	<p><i>The next outreach project we'll take on is...</i></p> <p>FEEDING OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS</p> <p>We're raising the funds to purchase the food and paper goods used for when we take our turn once a month at the Family to Family lunch ministry. We serve over one hundred lunches each third Monday of the month. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 to carry us through until Fall. <i>Donate in person, on the website, use PayPal or send in a check. It all is appreciated!</i></p>
 <p>Book Club</p>	<p>Book Club – Next meeting is Monday, February 6th</p> <p>The First Monday Book Club is open to all. We gather on Zoom to discuss the current book selection. We thoroughly enjoyed 'A Gentleman in Moscow,' so we decided to read another book by the same author, Amor Towles. We chose 'Rules of Civility.' The story takes place in the upper echelons of New York City society in the 1930s. The protagonist will need to rely on her bracing wit and cool nerve. It is filled with intricate imagery and themes and immensely appealing characters.</p> <p>Zoom Information - Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday</p>
	<p>Memorial Services</p> <p>A service celebrating the life of Marcia Wakelee will be held at St. Paul's on Sunday, January 8th at 3pm</p> <p>A service celebrating the life of Carol Wright will be held at St. Paul's on Saturday, January 14th at 1pm</p> <p><i>May they rest in peace and rise in glory. And may God bless those who mourn with a sense of peace and delight at the wonderful memories they have to treasure. Amen.</i></p>
 <p>FAITH IN ACTION</p>	<p><i>Want to put your faith in action and help make a difference in the world?</i></p> <p>FAITH IN ACTION – January SUGGESTION of the Month</p> <p>We are called to pray, AND we are called to put our faith into action. We are called to follow Jesus which means we need to love and serve our neighbors in the name of Christ. It's also our job to stand up to injustice and respect the dignity of every human being. This month we suggest you go to the website for the Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations (link below). Sign up for Action Alerts and scroll through the many suggestions for how you can get involved and make a difference. Pick something that interests you.</p> <p>https://www.episcopalchurch.org/ministries/office-government-relations/</p>
 <p>Praying with You</p> <p>ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH <i>We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.</i></p>	<p><i>Join us in lifting prayers and committing ourselves to bringing an end to racism...</i></p> <p>Year of Prayer to End Racism:</p> <p>JANUARY--For an end to slavery: (January 1, Emancipation Proclamation)</p> <p><i>"O God of liberty and justice: we live in a nation in which the institution of human bondage was once a legal and accepted practice. We give thanks for those who worked and fought, at great personal sacrifice, to bring about an end to that cruel and oppressive system in our own land, and we pray that governments and authorities everywhere in the world might be led to make a quick end to the enslavement of any human being, throughout the Earth." Amen.</i></p>
 <p>This QR Code takes you straight to our Giving Page</p>	<p><i>"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7</i></p> <p>Thank you for your generosity!</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 www.saintpaulsventura.org or use this QR code. Members give of their time through many ministries and share their talents through lots of volunteer opportunities. Please contact our clergy if you'd like to get involved in something new. Generosity involves the giving of time, talent and treasure. Thank you for all the ways you give of yourself! We look forward to doing great things with whatever you are able to share.</p> <p>Thank you so much! It is great to be with you on this journey of faith.</p>



Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Ventura

Sunday, February 5, 2023 at 11:30am

in Kahler Hall and also on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82593281236>

Nominations

Rather than accepting nominations from the floor, we ask you submit nominations in advance.

You many nominate yourself or another person.

Each nominee must be meet the qualifications and be willing to serve.

Delegates to Convention

The Diocese of Los Angeles meets in once a year for the Diocesan Convention. Number of delegates is determined by size of the church. St. Paul's gets four delegates. Our clergy also get voice and vote at convention.

Our time together during convention is woven into a context of worship and prayer following a theme. In 2022 that theme was *Back to the Holy City, the Hope of Christ in Our Time*. This was a hybrid convention with some delegates attending in-person and others attending online. Over 700 hundred attended in all.

While gathered as the people of God in the Diocese of Los Angeles, we do the work of the church electing officers and representatives to various Diocesan positions and to General Convention. We also hear wonderful speakers and are presented with lots of updates and information about the broader church. To top it all off, there's a great exhibit hall to peruse, lots of interesting people to meet and a great time to be had.

**Diocesan Convention 2023
will be hosted at the Riverside Convention Center
on Friday and Saturday, November 10 and 11, 2023.**

We are looking for nominations for the position of Delegate to Convention. Each nominee must be a member of the church and be willing to attend convention. Typically, delegates stay in a hotel for one or two nights that weekend at their own cost. Funds are available from the Rector's Discretionary Fund for anyone for whom that presents a financial burden.

To make a nomination:

- 1. Be sure the person being nominated (yourself or another) is qualified.*
- 2. Be sure the person being nominated (yourself or another) is willing to serve.*
- 3. Email the church office to let us know who you're nominating.*

office@saintpaulsventura.org

**All Nominations Must be Received
by 5pm on Sunday, January 22, 2023**

Vestry

St. Paul's Vestry is made up of 12 members plus the Rector; each member is elected to serve a 3-year term and 4 members of the Vestry retire each year. So, we will be thanking 4 members for their service and electing 4 to replace them.

Slate of Nominees - Each year, a Nominating Committee, made up of each of the retiring Vestry Members, the Senior Warden, and the Rector. Together, they recruit qualified members to run for a position on the vestry. That Slate of Nominees is presented for election. This year, that slate includes Tim Helms, Lisa Cross, Greg Jackson, and Jordan Daniels (who is qualified to run again because she came in to replace Laura Kemp and has served no more than two years).

As you can see, we have a wonderful Slate of Nominees for Vestry Positions and don't need any further volunteers. However, nominations may be submitted by any member of the congregation following the procedure described below.

Requirements to Serve on the Vestry

- A. **Vestry Members must meet same requirements as qualified electors** – Any person sixteen years of age or over and attendant upon the services of the Parish, who for the previous twelve (12) months shall have been registered upon the parish rolls as a baptized communicant in good standing of that parish
- B. **And be able to carry out the responsibilities of a Vestry Member** – Intend to serve the entire three-year term to which they are elected
 - Be a pledged or regular contributor to the support of the Parish
 - Attend monthly meetings (currently they are on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8:30 pm)
 - Attend additional meetings and retreats as needed
 - Attend subcommittee meetings which vary as to day and time
 - Oversee and communicate regularly with the committees you represent to the Vestry.
- C. **Retiring vestry members must wait one year before they can run for the Vestry again unless they were originally called to replace someone and served a term of 2 years or less.**
 - **Paid Staff at St. Paul's and their spouses may not serve on the Vestry** [St. Paul's Bylaws Article IV. Section 2. ...Salaried employees of the corporation and their spouses are deemed ineligible for election to the Vestry.]

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