



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

May 28, 2023 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.

Safety Protocols –Because some among us are at higher risk and continue to want some additional distance, we've reserved the chapel side of the sanctuary for those with masks. Masks are optional on the Loma Vista side. 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.

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. The best way to keep up with everything that's going on at St. Paul's 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 office.

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.

Once again, welcome! We're glad that you're worshiping 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!

As 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 in loving memory of a great mom, Helen Campbell,
by Dan Campbell.**

If you'd like to arrange for flowers given in memory or thanksgiving, please contact the church office. Thank you!

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude

Variations on Veni, Creator Spiritus

Archer, Proulx, Rawsthorne

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

Processional

Hail thee, festival day!

Hymn 225

Cantor: Daniel Smithson

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

Celebrant
People

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

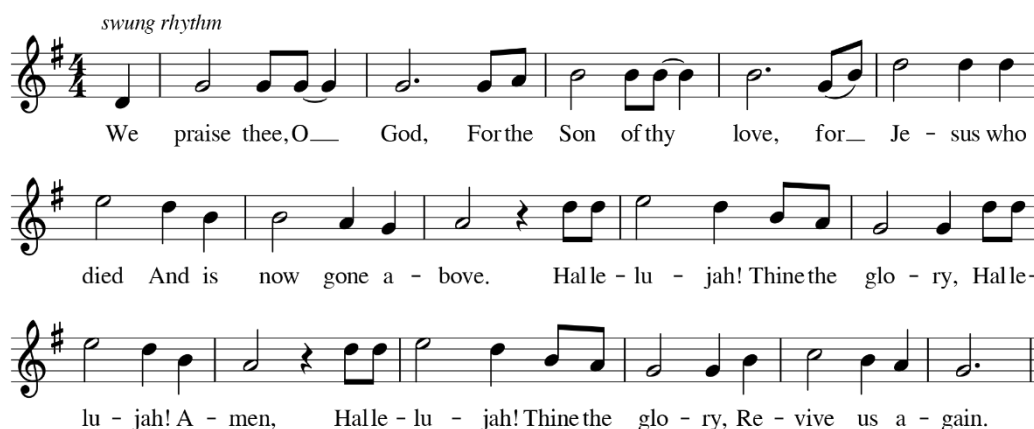
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Revive Us Again

Words: William McKay, Music: John Husband

swung rhythm



We praise thee, O God, For the Son of thy love, for Jesus who
died And is now gone above. Halle - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Halle -
lu - jah! A - men, Halle - lu - jah! Thine the glo - ry, Re - vive us a - gain.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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

Acts 2:1-21

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

The response appointed for this morning is Psalm 104. We will read it responsively breaking at the asterisk.

- 25 O LORD, how manifold are your works; *
in wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
- 27 There move the ships, and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
- 28 All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
- 29 You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath, and they die and return to their dust.
- 31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all creation.
- 33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
He touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
- 35 May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn

Ev'ry time I feel the spirit

Traditional Spiritual

Please stand as you are able to sing.



Ev'-ry time I feel the spir-it, mov-ing in my heart, I will pray. Ev'-ry
time I feel the spir - it, mov - ing in my heart, I will pray. Fine
1. (Up) on the moun - tain my Lord spoke, out of His
2. Jor - dan ri - ver chil-ly and cold, chills the
mouth came fire and smoke. All a - round me looked so
bod - y but not the soul. Thereain't but one train runs this
fine, asked my L0ord if all was mine.
track, runs to heav - en and runs right back.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-23

Please remain standing and face the Gospel.

Today's Gospel lesson will be read in a variety of languages...all at the same time -- just like on the first Pentecost after the Resurrection. Each reader will remain at their seat and read in the language they've chosen. It will be a little confusing, but that's part of the experience!

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Please stand as you are able.

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced evil and promised to serve God faithfully in this holy catholic¹ Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?
People **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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 catholic 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.

¹ universal, all embracing

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.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

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.**

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.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Hymn

Come down, O love divine

Hymnal 516

Sprinkling with holy water. If you prefer not to get sprinkled with holy water, please move toward the outer aisle for a moment.

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Server

On this Pentecost Sunday, let us raise our prayer to God for the Spirit sent to anoint us, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the spirit of joy in the church, that our Eastertide Alleluia resound throughout the year, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the spirit of peace in the world, that all peoples, especially nations in conflict, may live in harmony, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the spirit of unity in our assembly, that our weakness make us strong and our differences make us rich, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer, for the sick and infirm, especially *(The people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)*, and those affected by the pandemic, by acts of violence or recovering from fires and floods, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the spirit of hope in the future, that we and all who have died especially *(the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)* may drink of the fruit of the vine in glory, we pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Good and gracious God, send forth your Spirit into our hearts. Wipe away the fear between churches, nations, and families. Tear down the walls that divide us and make us one through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

New Member Blessing

The congregation may be seated. New members are invited forward.

Celebrant

We ask your prayers as we welcome these persons who are joining us as members of St. Paul's Ventura.

People

Loving God, by whose inspiration this congregation was established over 130 years ago; Bless these new members and all members of St. Paul's Ventura. Send your Holy Spirit to be among us, knitting us together as one body dedicated to worshiping, loving and serving you. Help us to grow in love and in faith. Stir us to serve and support one another and equip us for our many ministries as we work together to serve as the Light of Christ in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.

Prayers for Birthdays and Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions

Collect for Heroic Service in Honor of Memorial Day

The congregation may remain seated.

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people share the benefits of true freedom. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy of the Table

Holy Communion

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

Lord, Send Your Spirit

Raymond Wise

Presentation Hymn

Before the Lord's eternal throne

Hymnal 391

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship Eucharistic Prayer 2

Remain standing as you are able.

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.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

Sanctus from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer

Sanc - tus, sanc - tus,
sanc - tus, Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry, Ho - sa - na in the high - est Be - ne - dic - tus
qui ve - nit, in the name of the Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est, Ho -
sa - na in the high - est!

Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat; This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Paul and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory and praise, for ever and 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 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 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 stand or kneel at the altar rail to receive the Eucharist. If you are unable to come forward but would like to receive, please let an usher know and we will bring communion to you.

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.

Regardless of which side you are sitting on, when you come forward, please go to whichever side is offering the wine in the way you prefer to receive it.

Those receiving by intinction are asked to help themselves to a small paper cup.

Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer.

You may also choose to return to your seat without receiving the wine.

Be assured that it is a sufficient experience of communion.

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

Come, Holy Ghost

*Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Edited by J. Varley Roberts*

Post Communion Prayer:

Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. 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 the Lord Bless you and keep you.
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

May God give you grace not to sell yourselves short,
Grace to risk something big for something good,
Grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth,
and too small for anything but love.

May God take your minds and think through them.
May God take your lips and speak through them.
May God take your hands and work through them.
May God take your hearts and set them on fire!

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

Recessional Hymn

Come, Gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove

Hymnal 512

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

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Sortie Sur l'Hymne "Veni Creator"

Jean-René Quignard

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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:	Roger Crow	Lector:	Bridget Wareham & Ralph Armstrong
Chalice:	Kay Armstrong	Ushers:	Rob & Susan Talmadge
Altar Guild:	Louise Bretz & Pam Klebaum	Flower Guild:	Anna Darby & Grace Dunlevy
Cantor:	Daniel Smithson	Welcome Greeter:	Julie Braithwaite
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Prayer Intentions for the Week of June 5, 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:

Bert, Mary Morgan, Marilyn, Bob, Morgaine, Jay, 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, Rachel, Dave, Kim, Linda, Virginia, Michelle, Sheila, Jeanice, Kevin, Susan, Debbie, Carol, Vivian, Ulrich, Christian, Ron and Pam.

IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The spiritual, physical and moral development of our children and youth; the children, youth, and adult leaders of our Sunday School, Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop 179, La Famiglia Preschool, KinderMusik, Pulse Drumming and Ventura Charter School for Arts and Global Education
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2023 vestry members and officers are Grace Dunlevy (Senior Warden), Jordan Daniels (Junior Warden), Peter Anderson (Treasurer), Lori Burke (Clerk), Kathleen Crookston, Lisa Cross, Tim Helms, Greg Jackson, Sarah Lamola, Kathy Loest, Daniel Smithson, Wendy VanHorn, Bridget Wareham, and the Rev. Susan Bek (Rector).
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and wounded warriors cared for in medical centers and those returned home

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- + Our partners in the Diocese of Los Angeles: *Hillsides-the Episcopal Home for Children, Pasadena; Neighborhood Youth Association, West LA.; Holy Family Services, Ventura County.*
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso, Ghana*
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Unitarian/Universalist, Center for Spiritual Living, An Lac Mission (Buddhist), Mormon Church*

IN MEMORIAM

Amelia Sugden 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 May 28, 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. 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



and after church today...



Today is Pentecost Sunday!

Today we'll celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Birthday of the Church and the 134 years of mission and ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura. Beautiful Festival Service 10:15am with inspiring scripture, beautiful prayers, wonderful music and an uplifting message. Join us this Sunday and get inspired! Bring your friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome!



Pentecost Picnic

a BBQ Lunch with the Men's Group at the grill
at 11:30am in Kahler Hall and on the Fountain Patio

**Help us Celebrate the Birthday of the Church
and 134 years of mission and ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura.**



Fair Trade Sales

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 or contact the church office with questions.



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

A warm welcome to you!

We're so glad you joined us today. 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 again soon.

	<p style="text-align: center;">The Rector's Discretionary Account is running low. Special Donations Requested.</p> <p>RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND: Donations to this fund are used at the Rector's discretion to help those in need. Because of your generosity, we have been able to help families who need assistance for a variety of reasons. With your help we continue to offer to bless members of the community who have nowhere else to turn. Beautiful things happen because you care. Thank you!</p>
	<p>OUTREACH PROJECT in MAY – LAST CALL Let's REACH to support Sober Living</p> <p>This month, we're reaching to support sobriety. Ventura Serenity House is setting up a new location. The Gooden Center will become a place where women who have struggled with sobriety can go to get the support they need to put their lives in order. We are looking for new or gently used items with which to set up this new home and make it comfortable for the women, children and staff who will live there. Want to help? Grab a REACH bag or check out their Amazon Wishlist at https://tinyurl.com/2p89jk3u</p>
	<p>May Restaurant Fundraiser – Topper's Pizza on Front Street Wed. 5/31 from 3:30-9pm</p> <p>Eat at Topper's Pizza at 1076 E. Front Street in Ventura between 3:30 - 9pm and show them the flier at the back of the bulletin or in the Enews, and St. Paul's will receive 20% of food and soft beverage sales. For dine in - simply show the printed flier or display it on your phone at the restaurant. For take out – must order through Topper's and be within their delivery area. We look forward to seeing you there. Thank you for your support!</p>
	<p>Book Club – Monday, June 5 at 5:30pm on Zoom</p> <p>The First Monday Book Club is open to all. Our next selection is <i>My Brilliant Friend</i> by Elena Ferrante. It is a rich, intense story of two friends and through their lives we see their neighborhood, city and country (Italy) transformed. Zoom Information – Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday</p>
	<p><i>Interesting in checking out a ministry this summer?</i></p> <p>Summer Ministry Experiences</p> <p>If you've wondered what it would be like to serve the church in some of our most important ministries or would like to learn more about the church and how it functions, you're invited to have a Summer Ministry Experience. We'll connect you with the ministry team or teams of your choice and arrange a week (or more) for you to join in and experience a ministry that interests you. No prior experience necessary. We'll be pleased to have you join us!</p> <p>CHOOSE FROM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pick Up Choir – Sing with our wonderful choir. Altar Guild - Learn about our sacred vessels and how to set the church for services. Usher – Help greet worshipers and assist with the service. Flower Guild - Learn how to make beautiful flower arrangements. Welcome Greeter – Join one of our friendly teams that greet everyone on Sundays. <p>SUMMER SERVICES will be powerful, uplifting, and run just over an hour. Join us for interesting lessons, moving sermons and great fellowship with friends, old and new. We are so blessed to live here! Come to church and still have time to hit the beach and enjoy some summer fun!</p> <p>FANS have been installed along the outer aisle for your comfort. As things heat up in our warmer months, please feel free to turn them on. Check with those around you, perhaps the oscillating feature would be helpful. Be mindful of the needs of others. We encourage those who prefer to be away from the fans to sit toward the center of the church.</p>



Summer sun means pick-up choir fun!

Summer Pick Up Choir

Want to experience what it's like to be in St. Paul's Choir but can't commit year round? No problem, join us on any (or all Sundays) starting June 11th to participate in our Summer Pick-Up Choir. Meet us in the choir room at 9:30am for warm-ups, vocal exercises, and to learn the communion hymn for the day. From there, we'll head over to the labyrinth for a moment of reflection and to pray the Choristers' Prayer. Then we'll take our seats in the "choir pews" (the pews across from the piano) and support the congregation in their musical worship. We don't wear choir robes over summer - keeps us cooler! Questions? Just ask Felix, our Music Minister.



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takes you straight to
our Giving Page

"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. 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.

This Saturday!



St. Paul's Ventura

RUMMAGE SALE

Saturday, June 3rd
8am - 1pm

plenty of parking
in the lot
West of the Church

3290 Loma Vista Road, Ventura
office@saintpaulsventura.org
805 643-5033

**This
Wednesday!**

Pizza Night! Family Fundraiser

Benefitting
St Paul's Ventura

Where: Toppers Pizza Place
1076 E. Front St.
Ventura
(805)385•4444 or 495•4444



When: Wednesday, May 31, 2023
3:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

What: Toppers Pizza will donate back 20% of pre-tax sales generated by our group!

How to Help: Just follow these steps to help raise funds!

- 1) Bring the whole family to Toppers during the above period for a great pizza!
- 2) Show this flyer to the cashier **when you place your order** (or tell operator for phone orders).
- 3) No coupons or other discounts will be honored in conjunction with this fundraiser.
- 4) No flyers may be handed out in or around the restaurant during the event.
- 5) **Online Orders are not included.**



Proud to be part of the community!