



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

All Saints' Day

Year A

November 5, 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.

By tradition, The Episcopal Church offers Holy Communion to all baptized persons. If you are not baptized, but wish to receive, we invite you to participate fully in the opening part of the service, called the Ministry of the Word, hearing God's word and reflecting on your life, enabling you to come to the table for communion, if you so choose, with a heart prepared to receive. We hope that if you feel touched by the word and sacrament and wish to learn more about the life-giving power of the Spirit of the Risen Christ, you will contact the church office to inquire about participating in Holy Baptism.

Our Sunday School program (for children ages 2 years-grade 5) begins at 10am. Children are invited to join Miss Cassidy 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 Margaret Helms by Tim and Kathy Helms.

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

In Paradisum
Saints Bound for Heaven

*arr. Sam Batt Owens
arr. Lani Smith*

Processional

I sing the song of the saints of God

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

Hymnal 293

Cantor: Sophia Cotsis

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

*Celebrant
People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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

Hymn of Praise

Praise our great and gracious Lord

Hymnal 393

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from the book of Revelation.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

The response appointed for this morning is a portion of Psalm 34. We will read it responsively, breaking at the asterisk.

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!
- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

A Reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

Gradual Hymn

O day of peace that dimly shines

Hymnal 597

All stand as able to sing.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Remain standing and face the Gospel.

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
- "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
- "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Greg Larkin

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.

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.

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

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit

L120

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

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.**

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Server: Gather us together, O God, that we might share the prayers, intentions, and thanksgivings of our community. We are generous with our gifts, because we are Rooted in Abundance.

I ask your prayers for the Church, for all who worship God this day. For our clergy, our diocesan leaders, and for our congregation. We pray especially for this season in which we celebrate our stories of leadership and our support for mission...

We are generous with our gifts of leadership,
Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

Server. I ask your prayers for our Nation and all nations; for refugees fleeing climate change and war; for conflicts of resources and land; for lawmakers, peacekeepers, and informed citizens. We pray for a distribution of wealth that helps the poor and the marginalized...

We are generous with our gifts of peace,
Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

Server. I ask your prayers for the sick, the lonely, the lost, and those who grieve. We remember those on our parish prayer list, and those we name now in silence or aloud...

We are generous with our gifts of healing,
Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

Server: I ask your prayers for those who have died, those who are dying, and those who mourn. For those on our parish list, and for those we name now in silence or aloud...

We are generous with our gifts of support,
Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

Server I ask for your remembrances of thanksgivings and blessings, for we are given time, talent, and treasure to share with the world...

We are generous with our gratitude,
Because we are Rooted in Abundance.

Celebrant

Hear the prayers of your people, Creator God. May we who are blessed by so much wealth and wisdom, share our works with a world in need. **Amen.**

The Confession

BCP p. 360

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is observed.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Please be seated.

For the Saints and Faithful Departed

BCP p. 838

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, for all your servants and witnesses of time past: for Abraham, the father of believers, and Sarah his wife; for Moses, the lawgiver, and Aaron, the priest; for Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon, and Samuel with Hannah his mother; for Isaiah and all

the prophets; for Mary, the mother of our Lord; for Peter and Paul and all the apostles; for Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene; for Stephen, the first martyr, and all the martyrs and saints in every age and in every land. In your mercy, O Lord our God, give us, as you gave to them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first-born of many from the dead. **Amen.**

Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions

Blessing of the Pledge Cards

God of Abundance, you have created us, blessed us and invited us into the process of redeeming this world. Here on your altar, we offer our pledges of financial support for St. Paul's through the year 2023.

These gifts represent the work of our hands, the sweat of our brow, and the passion of hearts.

They are a token of our gratitude for the awesome gifts you have given us, pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, and for all we are challenged to become.

Accept these pledges as an offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthly and filled with possibilities.

Bless these gifts and make them *More than Enough* as we seek to serve you, O Lord, and bless the world in your name. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Table ***Holy Communion***

Offertory Sentence

Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hebrews 13:15,16



*Thank you for your donation, and for your pledge.
Your generosity is appreciated!
We look forward to doing great things in the name of Christ
with whatever you are able to give.*

Offertory

O Blessed Are They

David Hass

Presentation Hymn

Please stand as you are able.

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

H366

Prayer as the Plates are Received

Celebrant

All things come of thee, of Lord.

People

And of thine own have we given thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

Hymnal 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.

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

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

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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

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

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

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

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

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

Spiritual Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from 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.

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

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

Servers:	Drew Darby & Kara Craven	Lectors:	Kathy & Tim Helms
Acolytes:	Rosie Dunlevy & Pippa Darby	Ushers:	Dan Wakelee & Sally Weimer
Altar Guild:	Louise Bretz & Pam Klebaum	Flower Guild:	Sarah Lamola & Tegan Jones
Cantor:	Sophia Cotsis	Welcome Greeter:	Kay Armstrong
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Fall & Holiday Wreath Sale Fundraiser

Orders Placed Online and Shipped Directly
Order by Dec. 7th. Thank you!

Our End-of-Year Fundraiser is a Wreath Sale. We've opted to keep things simple by doing this sale online. Anyone who is interested will be able to order the wreaths and greens of their choice delivered to their own home, or to the homes of family and friends.

To learn more about it, go to:
www.GiftItForward.com
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Thank you!

Prayer Intentions for the Week of November 5, 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:

Bert, Mary Morgan, Guy, Raj, Virginia, all refugees, first responders, and everyone affected by COVID-19, gun violence, natural disaster, poverty, and injustice.

THOSE ENDURING A LONG-TERM ILLNESS:

Phil, Lynn, Audrey, Dennis, Maria, Baby Z, Carol, Rachel, Dave, Linda, Virginia, Michelle, Sheila, Kevin, Susan, Debbie, Vivian, Ulrich, Christian, Kristi, Helen and Mary.

IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Drew Darby, his wife Anna, and their family.

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + Twelve step programs of recovery and healing; especially Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at St. Paul's
- + Our local public and private hospitals, and the health care professionals who serve us
- + 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 Ventura County: *St. Columba's*, Camarillo; *Trinity*, Fillmore; *St. Andrew's*, Ojai; *All Saints'*, Oxnard; *St. Paul's/ Emmanuel*, Santa Paula; *St. Francis'*, Simi Valley; *St. Patrick's*, Thousand Oaks
- + Our World Mission Companions: *the Cathedral Church of the Ascension, in the Diocese of Wiawso*, Ghana
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Assoc.: *Temple Beth Torah, the Islamic Center of Oxnard, Ventura Seventh Day Adventist Church*

IN MEMORIAM

For James Hathaway, Sheila Fattarelli, Mercy Trinkkeller 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 5, 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.

ST. PAUL'S Enews
announcements, enrichment, encouragement
Because faith isn't just for Sundays!

This is a brief overview of our weekly announcements. To learn about everything going on at St. Paul's and to receive weekly encouragement and ways to build up spiritual strength, please see our E-newsletter. If you don't receive it, please let us know. We'd be happy to add you to the list! You can reach us by emailing office@saintpaulsventura.org

Today at
ST. PAUL'S

and after church today...

Please join us in welcoming our guest priest today, the Reverend Canon Greg Larkin.



All Saints Day (Observed)

In today's service we'll celebrate the lives of all the Saints and gather up the pledges made during our Annual Giving Campaign to be blessed at the altar. These generous gifts will see us through the coming year and help us continue the mission and ministry of St. Paul's Ventura through the coming year and beyond. We'll also enjoy amazingly beautiful music, inspiring scripture, and an uplifting message of hope and love. Online, we offer Spiritual Communion. In-person, we offer Eucharist, the bread and wine made holy. Come get inspired!



Join us for Coffee Hour

In-person worshippers are invited to join us in Kahler Hall (just down the stairs) for a cup of coffee, or tea and some refreshments. This gives us 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.



DOK Gratitude Potluck Today at 11:45

To all Daughters of the King, you are invited to gather in the Community Room after church today. Let's break bread together and share what drew us to join the chapter in the beginning.

ST. PAUL'S 2023 ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN
Rooted in Abundance
GIVING TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH WE LOVE

Week 8 - 11/5

This Sunday we gather all the pledges and bless them. We are grateful for your generosity! If you haven't pledged yet, it's not too late. We encourage you to step out in faith and make a pledge today. We ask everyone for a pledge to support St. Paul's through the coming year. With your help we can keep the church going and growing. **Thank you for your support!**

Thank you!
YOUR PLEDGE at WORK

Because of your generosity, St. Paul's was able to kick off a new program year. This is our 134th year of mission and ministry here in Ventura. Because of your giving, the church will continue to offer weekly worship services, a wonderful Sunday School program, and a glorious Choir. You make it possible for us to hire staff, organize programs, and continue offering the programs associated with worship. We will be here (both in person, and online) every Sunday, ready to welcome members, newcomers, and visitors in the name of Christ. All this because you care enough to support the church. **Thank you!**

	<p>Should I consider increasing my pledge this year? We give to God because we are grateful for all our blessings. God loves us where we are, but also calls us to grow from there. At this challenging time, the church needs your pledge more than ever! We are grateful for pledges of any amount. If you are already giving all you can, we thank you. If you might be able to do more, we would be so grateful! If you've already made a pledge, no problem. It's as simple as a quick email or phone call to make the adjustment. Thank you so much for your generosity!</p>
	<p><i>Want to help needy families feel the love of Christ this Christmas?</i> COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS SHOPPE TOY COLLECTION – through December 10 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. 10th.</p>
	<p><i>Do you enjoy experiencing God in nature?</i> Spirituality in Nature Group – Saturday, November 18th at 10 AM Do you find God in nature? The goals of the Spirituality in Nature Groups are to explore nature to better understand what it means to be stewards of God's creation, and to strengthen our connection with the amazing natural world around us. We will be meeting Saturday 11/18 from 10-12 at one of our local neighborhood public schools to help them maintain their native plant habitat and possibly harvest fruit from their orchard that is ready! Meet in the parking lot of Will Rogers School; Grace will be there to meet you and show you around. Plan to join us!</p>
	<p><i>Preparing for All Saint's Day and All Soul's Day...</i> Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed We will honor all those we love but see no longer at the</p> <p style="text-align: center;">All Saints' Day celebration on Sunday, November 5 and at a Special Service on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 9am in the Sanctuary All are welcome.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Memorial Service A service celebrating the life of Sheila Fattarelli will be held at St. Paul's on Saturday, Dec. 2nd at 10am <i>May she rest in peace and rise in glory.</i> <i>And may God bless those who mourn with a sense of peace and delight</i> <i>at the wonderful memories they have to treasure. Amen.</i></p>
	<p>Book Club – Monday, November 6th at 5:30pm on Zoom The First Monday Book Club is open to all. Our next selection is <i>Garlic and Sapphires: The Secret Life of a Critic in Disguise</i> by Ruth Reichl. Ruth Reichl, world-renowned food critic and editor in chief of <i>Gourmet</i> magazine, realized when she took the food critic job at the <i>NY Times</i> she would need to go undercover to remain anonymous. She tells of her remarkable reflections on how one's outer appearance can influence one's inner character, expectations and appetites, not to mention the quality of service one receives. This memoir is filled with humor, thoughtful insights and recipes! Zoom Information – Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday</p>
	<p>2024 Choir Pilgrimage Tour St. Paul's Choir is embarking on an adventure, a life-changing journey and YOU are invited! Learn about the choir tour and pilgrimage to Italy in 2024, why we are doing this, and how to support us to make this dream a reality go to https://sites.google.com/view/choirtour/home HOW YOUR DONATION CAN HELP</p>
	<p>A friend of Fr. Anthony, the Rev. John Watson and his family, have accepted a call to the US from the Diocese of Southwark in England. John will be serving 2 congregations in Los Angeles, but he and his family are settling in Ventura. They are now in Ventura and are seeking furniture to set up their household. If you have any furniture that you could provide it would be greatly appreciated. You may contact John directly at 805-799-6997. Thank you in advance.</p>