



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.



Online Bulletin

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Third Sunday in Lent

Rite II, Year B

March 3, 2024 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 several pews in the front on 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 to 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 Nairi 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 worshipping with us. Let us know if you have any questions, prayer requests or need the services of a priest. We are always glad to hear from you. Meanwhile, know that you are in our prayers. We wish you all a very safe and blessed week.

Holy Eucharist *A Penitential Order for Lent*

Prelude

Hereford (Hymn 704)

arr. Charles Callahan

Tune: Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Silent Procession

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

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 351

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Celebrant Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these."
Mark 12:29-31

Confession and Absolution

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All 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.

Celebrant 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.**

Liturgy of the Word

Trisagion

Please stand as you are able.

Hymnal S102

Found with service music in the front of the hymnal.

Today's Cantor: Daniel Smithson

**Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and 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

Exodus 20:1-17

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to

them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 19

The response appointed for today is Psalm 19. We will read it verse by verse. I will read the odd-numbered verses and the congregation is invited to read the even-numbered verses.

1 The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

**2 One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

3 Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**4 Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

**8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

11 By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**12 Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your
sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

God be in my head, and in my understanding

Hymnal 694

Please stand as you are able.

Holy Gospel

John 2:13-22

Please remain standing and face the Gospel.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

Book of Common Prayer p. 358

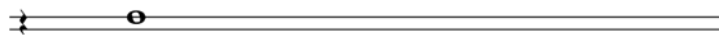
All stand as able and together sing.



We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.



We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,



God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.



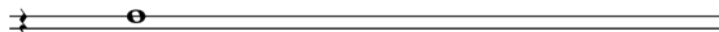
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came



down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.



For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.



He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.



We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come



A - men.

Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP p. 387

Please stand or kneel as is your custom.

Server

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Father, we pray for your holy Church:

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *You're invited to add your petitions silently or aloud.*

Celebrant

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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, anniversaries and other special occasions.

Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

I appeal to you brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*



*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

Meditations of My Heart

Elaine Hagenberg

Presentation Hymn**The spacious firmament on high****Hymnal 409***Please stand as you are able.***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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. 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

Hymnal S130

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, 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 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.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Hymn

Agnus Dei from St. Paul's Mass

Felix Eisenhauer

Lento

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di, mi-se-re - re no - bis.

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di, mi-se-re - re no - bis.

Ag - nus De - i, qui tol - lis pec-ca - ta mun - di, do-na no-bis pa - cem.

Translation:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

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. It can be found online at www.bcponline.org

Communion Music

Metamorphosis Three

Philip Glass

Post Communion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

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

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.

Solemn Prayer over the People and Blessing

Remain standing or kneeling.

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And may the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you this day and forevermore. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn

Kind Maker of the world, O hear

Hymnal 152

Please stand as you are able.

Silent Recession

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

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

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Please join us in thanking those serving this week:

Server:	Drew Darby	Lector:	Tim & Kathy Helms
Chalice:	Miles Sexton	Ushers:	Susan & Rob Talmadge
Acolytes:	Pippa Darby & Rosie Dunlevy	Cantor:	Daniel Smithson
Altar Guild:	Louise Bretz & Pam Klebaum	Flower Guild:	(no flowers during Lent)
Coffee Hour:	Kathleen Crookston	Welcome Greeter:	Kay Armstrong
Video Production:	Patrick VanHorn	Lock-up Team:	Miles Sexton



3/5/24 Lenten Potluck Supper and Sharing the Stories of our Faith

3/10/24 Fourth Sunday in Lent

3/12/24 Lenten Potluck Supper and Sharing the Stories of our Faith

3/17 Fifth Sunday in Lent

3/19/24 Lenten Potluck Supper and Sharing the Stories of our Faith

3/24/24 Palm Sunday

3/26/24 Lenten Potluck Supper and Sharing the Stories of our Faith

3/28/24 Maundy Thursday

3/29/24 Good Friday

3/31/24 Easter Sunday

Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 3, 2024

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, Kathy, Kara, Viola, Erika, Rev. Susan, Rob, Iranice, Carrie, all refugees, first responders, 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, Vivian and Ulrich.

IN THE DISCERNMENT PROCESS FOR ORDAINED MINISTRY:

Drew and Anna Darby, 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*
- + The birth of Olivia Jane, granddaughter of Christine Johansson (Smith)

IN MEMORIAM

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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Tara Eisenhower, Choir Director
Sara Edwards, Organist
Joseph Wareham, Sexton
Cassidy Cross, Sunday School

St. Paul's Announcements March 3, 2024

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



Thanks for joining us on...

Third Sunday in Lent

This week we will hear the story in Mark about Jesus turning over the tables of the money changers. Join us as we learn about the importance of keeping some things holy and prepare for the coming of the challenge of Holy Week followed by the glory of Easter. Each week in Lent we learn more and prepare for what is to come in the Christian story, but also in the seasons of our own lives. Come hear inspiring scripture, beautiful music and an uplifting message of hope and love. Come to church and get inspired!

and after church today, during Coffee Hour...



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.



Want to join us as we share a meal and talk about our experiences of faith?

LENTEN POTLUCK SUPPERS

Tuesday Evenings at 6pm in Kahler Hall's Community Room

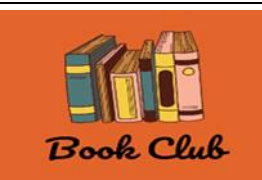
You are invited to join us on Tuesday evenings during Lent to share a meal, enjoy each other's company, and share the stories of our faith. You are welcome to bring your appetite, a dish to share, the stories of your faith, and any friends who might be interested. Children are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



We're collecting socks and glasses for people who are in need...

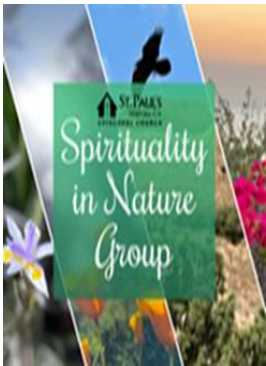




OUTREACH PROJECT - Reach for Basic Needs

This month, St. Paul's is collecting socks for adults and eyeglasses, too. Bring in your old, unwanted glasses and/or new reading glasses you can purchase at most stores. We will offer them to those in need and help bring the dignity of sight and clean socks to our neighbors. REACH bags are available for your convenience. Thank you for your support!



Book Club - Monday, March 4th at 5:30pm

We are looking for some levity for this month and choose *You Only Call When You're in Trouble* by Stephen McCauley. Tom is ready to put himself first yet he does what he always does and answers the call. Thus begins a journey that will change everyone's life and demonstrate the beauty or dysfunction (or both?) of the ties that bind families together and sometimes strangle them. Warm, funny, and deeply moving. Happy Reading! Zoom Information - Meeting ID: 751 8208 5503 Passcode: 1stmonday

	<p><i>Do you enjoy experiencing God in nature?</i></p> <p>Join us as we explore and appreciate God's creation. The next Spirituality in Nature Group activity is a hike and visit to the Satwiwa Native American Indian Cultural Center in Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area on Saturday March 23. In addition to a short hike, we will explore the legacy of the indigenous people who originally inhabited our region. We will meet at 9:00 am at the Rancho Sierra Vista trailhead located off Potrero Road (follow the entrance road for Rancho Sierra Vista to the parking lot at the end of the road). Please RSVP to dan.wakelee@att.net or to our Facebook https://www.facebook.com/events/377753218360428 (please note: event will be postponed in the event of rain).</p> <p>Also please mark your calendars for April 13 when we will explore the new Santa Clara River Preserve - more details to follow.</p>
	<p>EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC: Would you like to make a donation to our Flower and Music Fund to help make our Easter services truly glorious? You can dedicate your gift in thanksgiving for your blessings or in memory of a loved one. Dedications will be published in the Easter bulletin. Place your donation in the envelopes provided in your pew and place it in the offering plate or donate online at www.saintpaulsventura.org. Click GIVE on the front page. Be sure to note "Easter Flowers & Music" and tell us how you'd like the dedication to read. Thank you for your support!</p>
	<p><i>Pick a date to donate for the flowers?</i></p> <p>Flower Arrangement Donations and Dedications</p> <p>Donating the flowers for a Sunday service is a lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate a special occasion. It's quick and easy to arrange, and really helps the church too! Call or email us the information - date, dedication (in memory of thanksgiving). Provide a donation, (\$65 - \$100 is suggested), or go to our website and click "Giving" and be sure to mention that it's a Flower Donation. We look forward to remembering or celebrating with you, and we appreciate your support! You can reach us at church 805 643-5033 or office @saintpaulsventura.org <i>Thank You!</i></p>
	<p><i>Which saint will win the Golden Halo?</i></p> <p>LENT MADNESS 2024 -Madness brings together exciting competition, the lives of the saints, humor, and the chance to see how God works in the lives of women and men across all walks of life. Read the biographies of the saints and cast your vote in the saintly competition. In the end, we will learn who wins this year's Golden Halo. For more information, go to www.lentmadness.org</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>