



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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The Epiphany (Observed)

Rite II, Year A

January 12, 2020 10:15 a.m.

WELCOME TO ST. PAUL'S!

Whether this is your first visit, or you've been a member for years, we're glad you're here! This bulletin is designed to guide you through the service. Hymnals, Bibles and the Book of Common Prayer are in the pews and available for your use as well. Our ushers welcome your inquiries. They can provide assisted listening devices, information about our ministries, as well as directions to the restrooms, nursery, and classrooms.

***Nursery and Sunday School** - We offer nursery care for children under five years from 10-noon. Sunday School begins at 10am. Youth Group, for grades 6-12, meets in Room 8. Children up to 5th grade begin in the Sanctuary with a short sermon on the gospel for the day. Children move to their classrooms for creative programming and activities. Ages 2-3 will be in the Nursery. Pre-K, K, and 1st grade will be in Room 7. Grades 2-5 will also be in Room 7. Young ones remain in the Nursery, children and youth return to the sanctuary in time for Eucharist.*

***Coffee Hour** - You're invited to join us for coffee and refreshments following the service. Please take the brochure from the pew and learn more about St. Paul's and our traditional worship, dynamic preaching and a call to serve the world in the name of Christ.*

Again, welcome and please let us know if there's anything we can do to make your time with us more enriching and enjoyable. We're glad you're here.

Holy Eucharist ***Liturgy of the Word***

Prelude

Judean Pastorale

Franklin Ashdown

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

Processional

We three kings of Orient are

Hymnal 128

Opening Salutation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 323

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. 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.

Glo-ria! Glo-ria! in ex - cel - sis - De - o!

Glo-ria! Glo-ria! peace to all peo - ple on the earth.

Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God al-migh-ty, we wor-ship and we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Je-sus! Son of God. Je-sus! Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:

Je-sus! mer-cy on us, Je-sus! seat-ed at the right hand of God, re - ceive our prayer.

you are ho - ly, you are Lord, most high with the spi-rit in the glo - ry of God!

Glo-ria! A - men! Glo-ria! A - men! Glo-ria! A - men!

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

As Episcopalians, our custom is to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest Holy Scripture. You are invited to do so right here in your bulletin.

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

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

Psalm 72:1-7

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Gradual Hymn

Earth has many a noble city

Hymnal 127

Please stand as you are able.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

Please remain standing and face the Gospel.

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was

frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: `And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

Epiphany Skit Presentation

How the Magi Truly Became Wise

By The Reverend Donnel O'Flynn and Teens from St. Thomas Church, Hamilton, NY

Scene 1 The Magi Observe a New Star

As with gladness men of old (V.1)

Hymnal 119

**As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward beaming bright;
so, most gracious lord may we ever more be led to thee.**

Scene 2 The Magi Before Herod

We Three Kings of Orient are (V. 1)

Hymnal 128

**We three kings of Orient are, bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain, following yonder star.**

Refrain

**O star of wonder, star of night, star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!**

Scene 3 The Magi Before Jesus

O little town of Bethlehem (V. 1-2)

Hymnal 79

**O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.**

**For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,
while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.**

**O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
and praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.**

Scene 4 The Magi Become Wise

The King of love my shepherd is (V. 1-2)

Hymnal 645

**The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.**

**Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.**

Scene 5 The Wise Men in Old Age

What child is this (V. 1)

Hymnal 115

**What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?**

Refrain

**This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.**

Scene 6 Letting Our Lights Shine

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Server

God has called us out of darkness into the glorious light of the Son. Let us therefore pray for those who do not yet know the light and for all those in need of our prayers, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor

For the church and its ministry to the world, for all bishops and clergy, for missionaries, and for all those who bring the gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the nations of the world and their leaders, for all those in authority, and for an end to violence and oppression, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have not heard the good news of salvation, for those who have heard it but have not believed, and for those who have forsaken their faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the lonely and destitute, for the victims of injustice and discrimination, for the unloved and the forgotten, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the sick in body, mind and spirit, for the hungry and the homeless, for the dying and bereaved, and for those in need of our prayers, especially the victims of recent violence and those recovering from fires and floods, and *(the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)* let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the saints who have gone before us in the faith and are now at rest, especially *(the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)*, and for all the saints on earth who surround us in a great fellowship of love, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Loving God, hear the prayers of your faithful people, and guide our thoughts and actions, so that your will may be done and your name glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 359

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

BCP p. 360

All are invited to 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.

For other prayer requests, trained lay prayer ministers will be available in the chapel during Eucharist to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed.

Liturgy of the Table

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

Offertory Anthem

Come Ride with Kings

arr. Austin C. Lovelace

Presentation Hymn

Go tell it on the mountain

Hymnal 99

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing.

BCP p. 367

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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 **Sanctus from St. Paul's Mass** *Felix Eisenhauer*

Sanc - tus, sanc - tus, sanc - tus,
(Holy, holy, holy,)

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
(Blessed are those who come)

Lord. Ho - sa - na in the high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

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

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

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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

Breaking of the Bread

BCP p.364

A period of silence is kept.

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

Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who fear you have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome at communion. Our custom is to receive the bread in our open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer or sulfite-free juice. Sip the wine, if you wish it, from the common cup, guiding the chalice gently with your hand or the Eucharistic Minister will dip the bread for you. Otherwise, cross your arms over your chest as a sign you wish a blessing from the priest.

Trained lay prayer ministers are stationed in the chapel to pray with you. Briefly state the particular concern, burden, thanksgiving, or transition you bring for yourself or someone else. Confidentiality is observed. Rejoin the other worshipers for the postcommunion prayer.

Suggestion: Before or after communion, open your Book of Common Prayer to pages 833-834. You'll find some wonderful prayers there.

Communion Music

At the Cradle

Ben Logan

We Three Kings

Reid Edwards, guitar

The first Nowell

Hymnal 109

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.

Let us pray.

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

When the Eucharist is being taken out to those who are sick or shut-in, we will pray together.

In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body, because we share one bread, one cup. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord grant you his peace, now and forever. And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

What star is this, with beams so bright

Hymnal 124

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

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Puer Nobis

arr. Wilbur Held

Acknowledgements and Copyright Information

*Prayers of the People include A Prayer for Tolerance Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by barbara bennett and David Catron

Serving This Week at 10:15am

Acolytes	Dean Nahabedian, Nairi Nahabedian
Chalice	Roger Crow (Server), Kay Armstrong (LEM)
Psalm	Roger Crow
Lay Readers	Janet Koehn, Drew Darby
Prayers of the People	Ernie Fickerson
Ushers	Jeff Brown, Tamara Nerdrum, Peter Anderson
Eucharistic Prayer	Kathleen Crookston
Counters	Louise Bretz, Brenda Christianson
Welcome Ministry	Pat Malchak
Cantor	Diego Magaña
Hospitality	Gene Pitman, Anne & Nate Alday, Karen & Greg Jackson
Vestry Greeter	Woody Bretz

Preparing for this Service:

Altar Guild	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge
Flower Guild	Grace Dunlevy, Anna Darby, Laura Andrews

Lock Up this Week:

Facility Lock Up	Nate Alday
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Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 1/12	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Mon. 1/13	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 1/14	10a-1p	Sack Lunch Program
	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall)
Wed. 1/15	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 pm	Finance Committee (Room 13)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 1/16	11:00 am	Ladies Lunch Bunch (Mimi's Cafe)
	1:00pm	Outreach Meeting
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 1/17	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study (Main Street Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 1/18	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 1/19	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of January 12, 2020

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop
John Taylor, Bishop Diocesan
Diane Jardine Bruce, Bishop Suffragan

Our Clergy: Susan Bek, Liz Williams, Dick Swanson
President Donald Trump, Congress, Federal Courts
Governor Gavin Newsom, Legislature, State Courts

HEALING IN BODY, MIND & SPIRIT:

Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Amelia, Doug, Carol, Stacie, Rachel, Mary, Kim

THOSE ENDURING A LONG TERM ILLNESS:

Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Amelia, Doug, Carol, Stacie, Rachel, Mary, Kim

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FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The ministry of prayer, study and service of St. Paul's Men's Group, the Daughters of the King, Bible & study groups
- + For immigrants, refugees and, especially for everyone fleeing violence - may you guide them, Lord, to safety
- + 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, Deanery One in Santa Barbara County: St. Mary's, Lompoc; St. Mark's, Los Olivos; All Saints', Christ the King, and Trinity churches in Santa Barbara; St. Peter's, Santa Maria; St. Michael's Mission & Campus Ministry at UCSB in Isla Vista, Mount Calvary Monastery & Retreat House, Santa Barbara
- + Our World Mission Companions
- + The Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Association, remembering especially: Church of the Foothills, First Christian Church, Church of Christ

IN MEMORIUM

Those we love but see no longer.

Parish prayers for healing are listed for one calendar month. Contact the office with your request which may be added at any time. If you prefer prayers to remain confidential, the Daughters of the King will add them to their daily prayer list for one month. They may be requested and/or renewed by using the prayer cards in the pews.



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Announcements January 12, 2020

Thank you for joining us today! We'll continue to hold you in our prayers.

Please contact the church office for more information. God bless you!

We invite you to join us again next Sunday!



Please help us thank the following people for our refreshments this morning:

8:00 am-Kathy & Tim Helms

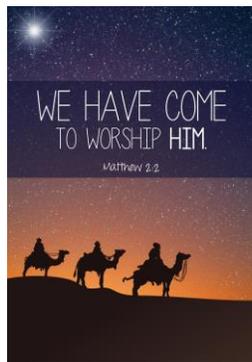
10:15 am-Gene Pitman, Anne & Nate Alday, Karen & Greg Jackson

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Vicki Paul

10:15-Kathleen & Bill Crookston, Louise & Woody Bretz, Marilyn & Paul Angelo

If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.

The Vestry Greeter today is Woody Bretz - come by and say hello



Wise men still seek him – wise women and children, too...

EPIPHANY PAGEANT - Sunday, Jan. 12 at 10:15am

All are welcome! Come enjoy the service and, in place of the sermon, we'll have the annual Epiphany Pageant featuring our Sunday School children and a host of volunteers. This year's pageant is under the direction of Grace Dunlevy and Sara Lamola. Our thanks to everyone who made this wonderful presentation possible!

ABOUT EPIPHANY - Epiphany is not only a day, but also a season in the church year. It begins on January 6th and runs through Shrove Tuesday. It is considered an Ordinary Season, one that is numbered. During Epiphany we count the weeks until Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Epiphany is a great time for growth and service.



Doing our part as an Abolitionist Congregation...

FAIR TRADE SALES TODAY: Fair Trade coffee, tea, and chocolate will be for sale after the services. Join us in doing all we can to help abolish the scourge of modern-day slavery. Thank you!



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

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD - Sunday, January. 19

Join us in renewing our baptismal vows as we remember the Baptism of our Lord, Jesus Christ.



Grab a cup of coffee and come join our clergy. All are welcome!

NEWCOMER INFORMATION SERIES – Sunday, 1/19 at 11:45am

Join us in the Community Room (the meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall). Our topic this month is: *Worshiping Together: The Bulletin and Book of Common Prayer*. Come meet people, ask qu *Grab a cup of coffee and come join our clergy. All are welcome!*



COMPLINE: An Amazingly Beautiful Service of Sung Prayers at the End of the Day - Sunday, January 19 at 7 pm

We invite you to come calm your soul at the end of the day during our brief, candle-lit, choral prayer service. The church will remain open after the service for those who wish to continue their prayers, light a votive candle, or walk the labyrinth by candlelight. Donations will support the Music Ministry at St. Paul's, Ventura. Please help us spread the word, all are welcome!

	<p>Are you new to St. Paul's or visiting us? A warm welcome to you! We're so glad you came. We are a friendly and welcoming congregation. Our ushers and greeters will be happy to do anything they can to make your time with us more comfortable and meaningful. Please introduce yourself to our clergy, they're looking forward to meeting you. We invite you to come back soon.</p>
	<p>ST. PAUL'S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE: Why? Because all are welcome here. In each ASL Minute we learn a few signs together. If you would like to see past ASL Minute videos, go to St. Paul's Ventura on YouTube or Facebook and click the "Learning Sign Language" playlist. If you like it, share it. Help spread the word that St. Paul's has a wonderful new Deaf ministry. Thanks!</p>
	<p><i>The Daughters of the King invite you to join us...</i> FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday, February 3, 5:30-7pm at Panera <i>All are welcome! This month's selection is There There by Tommy Orange. You're invited to read along and join us. We'd love to see you there!</i></p>
	<p><i>Looking for ways to help make a difference?</i> MISSION OUTREACH – Donations Requested A Note from Dr. Steve Jones: West African Medical Missions is going to Jamaica in March and are asking for donations. They need all donations to be submitted by January 15th so we can buy medication and book airline tickets. Anyone interested in going on the trip, please contact me through the church office. Thanks!</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> 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 and share their talents through lots of volunteer opportunities and ministries. Please contact our clergy if you'd like to get involved in something new. Thank you for all the ways you give of yourself! We look forward to doing great things with whatever you are able to share. Thank you so much! It is great to have you with us on this faith journey.</p>



DID YOU KNOW...

The Feast of the Epiphany, which is a fixed date (always January 6, 12 days after Christmas) is the traditional day for proclaiming the date of Easter for the coming year? This dates from the time when calendars were not readily available and it was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date. The number of Sundays that follow Epiphany, the date of Ash Wednesday, and the number of Sundays that follow Pentecost are all computed in relation to Easter. So, with that in mind, make note of the following dates for 2020:

Ash Wednesday, March 6 Palm Sunday, April 14 Easter Sunday, April 21

Annual Meeting



**Please Join Us
Sunday, January 26**

Why have an Annual Meeting?
To conduct the business of the church.

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

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

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