



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Rite I, Year A

February 23, 2020 8:00 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.

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

Trumpet Voluntary

William Bennett

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

Processional

Christ upon the mountain peak

Hymnal 129

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, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name: through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; 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.

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 24:12-18

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 2

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar; *
why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the mighty of the earth rise up in revolt
and the rulers plot together, *
against God and against God's Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 You whose throne is in heaven are laughing; *
You have them in derision.
- 5 Then you speak to them in your wrath, *
and your rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my monarch *
upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of God, *
who has said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for
your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you monarchs, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to God with fear, *
and with trembling bow before the Most High,
- 12 Lest God be angry and you perish, *
for divine wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all *
who take refuge in God!

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

A Reading from the Second Epistle of Peter.

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

Holy Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.

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

Six days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the living God, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Liz Williams

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Nicene Creed

BCP p. 326

Please stand as you are able.

Prayers of the People

BCP p. 328

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Celebrant

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Leader

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all people: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Teach us, O God, to treasure the differences that distinguish one person from another. Help us to overcome fear and hatred. Open our hearts to see thy radiance in every human soul. Give us the courage to combat prejudice and intolerance, and bless us with compassion, with kindness, and with peace.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers *especially the presiding bishop, Michael; our bishops John and Diane; our clergy Susan, Liz, and Dick*, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land *especially Donald, our President; the congress and courts; Gavin, our Governor*, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor **Christopher, Paulette, Adele, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Frank, Julie, Bruce, Briana, Charly, Paul, Kathie, Tom, William** *and those enduring a long term illness especially Virginia, Wayne, Margery, Sheila, Carrie, Brian, Linda, Judy, Liz, Michelle, Kevin, Mary, Kathy, Amelia, Doug, Carol, Stacie, Rachel, Mary, Kim* *and those others on our hearts* and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

(See page 8 for other parish petitions and prayers of thanksgiving. The congregation is invited to add their own petitions.)

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear *especially Babs Brennan and those whose names we bring before God*, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Paul and of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 330

The Peace

BCP p. 330

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Announcements

Please be seated.

Prayers for Birthdays, Anniversaries and Other Special Occasions

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 *Menuetto* *Franz Joseph Haydn*

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

Presentation Hymn **Christ, whose glory fills the skies** **Hymnal 7**
Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I) *BCP p. 333*

The Lord's Prayer *BCP p. 336*

Breaking of the Bread *BCP p. 337*
A period of silence is kept.

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

Prayer of Humble Access *BCP p. 337*

Invitation

This is the Banquet of the Lamb. 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 your open palm. Please tell the priest if you prefer a gluten-free wafer. 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.

Communion Music *Heavenly Visions* *Carson Cooman, Paul Taylor*

Post Communion Prayer *BCP p. 339*
Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.

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 forevermore. The blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional **Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!** **Hymnal 460**
Please stand as you are able and turn to face the cross as it passes.

Dismissal *BCP p. 339*

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

Postlude *Festive Toccata on Hyfrydol* *David Lasky*

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*Prayers of the People include *A Prayer for Tolerance* Rabbi Naomi Levy, adapted by Barbara Bennett and David Catron
Psalm: *The Saint Helena Breviary*, Church Publishing, 2006

Serving This Week

At the 8am Service:

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Lori Burke, Jo Ellen Heil
Psalm	Lori Burke
Lay Readers	Pauli Powers & Liz McEwan
Prayers of the People	Jo Ellen Heil
Ushers	Dela & Jim Parker, Richard Goodman
Cantor	Diego Magana
Hospitality Sponsors	Richard Goodman
Altar Guild	Rose Hayden-Smith, Anna Darby, Vicki Paul
Flower Guild	Heidi Trevisan (We're looking for a couple more volunteers)
Facility Lock Up	Nate Alday

Thank you for all you do! We really appreciate it.

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 2/23	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation
	11:45 am	Newcomer Information Series (Community Room)
	11:45 am	Daughters of the King New Member study (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Mon. 2/24	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 2/25	5:00 - 7pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Kahler Hall)
Wed. 2/26	7:30-9am	Ashes-to-Go (Parking Lot near Kahler Hall)
	9:30 am	Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes
	12:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes featuring St. Paul's Choir
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 2/27	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 2/28	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study (Main Street Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 2/29	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 3/1	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 February 23, 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:

Christopher, Paulette, Adele, Brenda, James, Jacob, Carolyn, Teresa, Duncan, Steven, Frank, Julie, Bruce, Briana, Charly, Paul, Kathie, Tom, William

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

FOR GOD'S BLESSING ON:

- + The spiritual, physical and moral development of our children and youth; the children, youth, and adult leaders of our Sunday School, Youth Group, Boy Scout Troop 179, Girl Scout Daisy Troop 65014, La Famiglia Preschool, KinderMusik and VCSAGE Charter School
- + The Vestry's leadership that our parish's mission may be accomplished. Our 2020 vestry members and officers include: Ted Andrews, Woody Bretz (Junior Warden), Dan Campbell, Kathleen Crookston, Drew Darby (Treasurer), Cheri Gonzales, Rose Hayden-Smith (Senior Warden), Steve Jones, Laura Kemp, Sarah Lamola, Kathy Loest (Clerk), Ruth McCool, Marcia Semple, Dan Wakelee
- + U.S. Armed services personnel serving around the world and for wounded warriors

GIVE THANKS FOR:

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

IN MEMORIUM

Babs Brennan and 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 February 23, 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- Richard Goodman

10:15 am- Susan & Rob Talmadge, Ruth McCool, Ernie & Bert Fickerson

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Esther McClain

10:15-Shirley & Larry Myers, Laura & Ted Andrews, Cathy & Miles Sexton

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

The Vestry Greeter today is Dan Wakelee - come by and say hello.



We look forward to seeing you at church next Sunday

LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY – 2/23 Services at 8am and 10:15am

Our journey through the Season of Epiphany is coming to an end. Lent will begin on Ash Wednesday 2/26. This final Sunday after the Epiphany features a gospel lesson about the Transfiguration of the Lord. Come learn that we, too, are called to shine with the love of God. Come get inspired. We look forward to seeing you there!



Join us in reaching out to the world in the name of Christ...

KICK OFF OF OUR NEXT OUTREACH PROJECT

Through March we will REACH for Love – Laundry Love. This important organization works to build relationships by bringing quarters, laundry soap, snacks and conversation into local laundromats for guests who can't afford the expense of doing their own laundry. Help yourself to a red REACH bag and do what you can to help those in need.



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

NEWCOMER INFORMATION SERIES – Sunday, 2/23 at 11:45am

Join us in the Community Room (the meeting room behind the kitchen in Kahler Hall). Our topic this month is: *Working Together to Make a Difference in the World*. Come meet people and ask your questions.



We look forward to seeing you at church next Sunday

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT – 3/1 Services at 8am and 10:15am

We begin our Lenten journey with the gospel story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness and with the prayer that God will help us to resist temptation and that God will, "...come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save..." Join us as we remember, as we celebrate and as we believe.



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><i>Thank you for helping feed the hungry!</i> LAST MONDAY, February 17 Because of the generosity of this congregation, and the willing hands of all our volunteers, we were able to serve about 250 lunches. Thanks for helping us feed our hungry neighbors!</p>
	<p>UPCOMING BAPTISM OPPORTUNITY - 4/11 The Great Vigil (first service of Easter) at 8pm We become members of the body of Christ through the sacrament of baptism. If you have not been baptized, and would like to be, please speak with Rev. Susan or Rev. Liz to make arrangements. This is a very important and moving occasion. The prayers and presence of the community are requested.</p>
	<p>COLLECTING PALM CROSSES – Now through Tuesday, February 25 You are welcome to return your palm crosses from last year so they can be burned to make ashes for Ash Wednesday. Please add them to the basket in the narthex (lobby). We'll burn them at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Thank you!</p>
	<p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26 We still need a few volunteers for Ash Wednesday. If you're available, please let us know. Anyone can help with Ashes to Go in the morning from 7:30am to 9am. Acolytes, Ushers, Readers, and LEMs are needed for our services at 9:30am, Noon and 7pm. Check the sign-up sheet or email us to find out what positions are still needed. Thanks! office@saintpaulsventura.org</p>
	<p><i>The Daughters of the King invite you to join us...</i> FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – March Meeting CANCELLED Several of our group will be attending the Lent Writing Workshop on March 2nd so we are cancelling the March meeting. Join us April 6 to discuss <i>The Overstory</i> by Richard Powers. Awarded Pulitzer Prize for fiction. A sweeping, impassioned work of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of and pawn to the natural world. <i>All are welcome. We'd love to see you there!</i></p>
	<p>COMPLINE: An Amazingly Beautiful Service of Sung Prayers at the End of the Day - Sunday, March 8 at 7pm. 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>
	<p><i>Great food, wonderful entertainment, loads of fun!</i> ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION – Sunday, March 15th 4:30-7pm St. Paul's Men's Group invites you to join us for live music and a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner. Tickets will go on sale on Sunday, March 1st after each service and will continue through Sunday, March 15. At the door on they will be \$5 more. Advance prices are: Adults \$25, Kids (6-12) \$10, Kids 5 & Under Free, Family (2 Adults, up to 3 Kids) \$50. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome!</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 most effective way to grow the church is by personal invitation. There are a lot of great things going on at St. Paul's. Please consider inviting someone to join us. Thank you!</i></p>
 <p>This QR Code takes you straight to our Giving Page</p>	<p><i>"God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7</i> 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>



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

**Tuesday, February 25
5-7pm in Kahler Hall**

Join us for our traditional Pancake Supper prior to the beginning to Lent. Enjoy a delicious meal, learn about the tradition of burning palm crosses to make ashes, and have a great time.

The Men's Group will be cooking, so you know it'll taste great!

Suggested donations:
Adults \$8
Seniors and Children under 12 \$5
Families \$20.

All are welcome!



Ashes to Go!

February 26, 7:30am-9am

Walk up and receive a brief prayer and the imposition of ashes on your way to work or school.

This is a very moving experience, both for those who stop by and those who help that morning.

If you'd like to help, please let us know. Sign-up sheet is in the narthex (lobby) or email office@saintpaulsventura.org



Traditional Ash Wednesday Services

*Including the Imposition of Ashes
and Holy Eucharist*

9:30 a.m.

Noon

and 7:00 p.m., featuring our choir

All are welcome!



Sunday, March 8 — Time Change and Compline Service at 7pm
Sunday, March 15 — Saint Patrick's Day Dinner
Mondays, 3/16-4/27 Exploring Our Faith - Confirmation Class 6:30-8pm
Saturday, April 4 - Palm Cross Making, Decorating the Church at 9am
Sunday, April 5 — Palm Sunday
Thursday, April 9 - Maundy Thursday Service at 7pm
Friday, April 10 Good Friday -- Labyrinth Walk at Dawn (6-8am); Good Friday Service at Noon
Saturday, April 11 - The Great Vigil (First Service of Easter) at 8pm
Sunday April 12— Easter Sunday
Sunday, May 3 - Bishop Talton will Visit Us! 10:15am service

LENT

A time of reflection, prayer and penance

Keeping a Holy Lent

	<p><i>Looking for a deeply spiritual experience this Lent?</i></p> <p>WALK THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Fridays in Lent at 7-7:30pm (3/6, 3/13/ 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, no meeting 4/10)</p> <p>Come learn this ancient spiritual practice and follow Jesus on the way to the cross. It is a very inspiring and emotional experience. This is a wonderful way to expand your understanding and enrich your experience of Lent. Come any Friday you're available. We'll use a variety of prayers, giving you a different experience each week. Bring a friend, all are welcome!</p>
	<p>LENTEN WRITING WORKSHOP – YOUR SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY TWO MONDAYS ONLY, MARCH 2 & 9 - 6:30-8PM</p> <p>In this two-session workshop facilitated by Dr. Rose Hayden-Smith, we'll create a 750-1000 word "spiritual autobiography." A Spiritual autobiography is the story of your own life, and the ways God has been present in it. A series of prompts for you to consider will be provided. There is no charge, but please RSVP via our Facebook event link or by emailing office@saintpaulsventura.org or calling us at 805 643-5033. Beverages and light snacks will be provided. All are welcome! Please bring a laptop, or paper and pen, and plan to attend both sessions.</p>
	<p>EXPLORING OUR FAITH – Confirmation Class MONDAYS, MARCH 16, 23, 30, and APRIL 6, 16, and 20 (no class April 13) – 6:30-8PM</p> <p>Do you have questions? Are you interested learning about the Episcopal Church, the Bible, and the life of faith? Yes, it's a class for confirmation, but it's also great for anyone who just wants to explore our faith together. So come, join us. All are invited to this fun and interesting class. We'd love to see you there! If you'd like more information, please contact Rev. Susan revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org</p>
	<p><i>Lenten Study offered during Wednesday Morning Bible Study.</i></p> <p>LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT 2020 – Wednesdays at 10:30am in the Library or As Self Study</p> <p>Share the Lenten journey with us beginning February 19th. Join us as we study the importance of practicing courage with all your heart, soul, strength and mind. This can also be done as a self-study. For more information, contact revliz@saintpaulsventura.org or text 909 835-0302. Please let us know that you're interested so we can prepare the materials for you.</p>
	<p><i>Which saint will win the Golden Halo?</i></p> <p>LENT MADNESS 2020</p> <p>Follow the world's most popular online Lenten devotion. Lent 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>Resources for Planning Your Own Memorial Service and Writing Your Own Obituary are now available in Kahler Hall, on our website www.saintpaulsventura.org and in our weekly Enews. When the end of our time on this earth arrives, we want to leave our families with a clear understanding of our final wishes and the comfort of knowing which choices we want them to make on our behalf.</p>
	<p><i>You're invited to join us in church each Sunday during Lent.</i></p> <p>SUNDAY SERVICES AT 8AM & 10:15AM – All are welcome!</p> <p>Heard enough bad news? Come hear the Good News! Enjoy beautiful music, meaningful prayer and dynamic preaching that connects ancient scripture with our lives today. Join us as we live out our faith in meaningful ways alongside others who are excited about loving and serving the Lord. Come get inspired! At 10:15am we offer Nursery Care, Sunday School, Youth Group, and we have a wonderful ASL interpreter.</p>