



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Lent

Rite I, Year A

March 8, 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 *A Penitential Order for Lent*

Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

C.H.H. Parry

Silent Procession

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

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 319

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

The Decalogue

BCP p. 317

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

God spake these words, and said:

I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Honor thy father and thy mother.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt do no murder.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not steal.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Thou shalt not covet.

Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Sentences of Scripture

BCP p. 319

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Confession

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Stand or kneel as you prefer.

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

Absolution

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The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Liturgy of the Word

Trisagion

Please stand as you are able.

Hymnal S102

The service music can be found in the front of the hymnal.

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

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, 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

Genesis 12:1-4

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

A Reading from the Epistle to the Romans.

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

Please stand as you are able and face the Gospel.

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

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Please stand as you are able.

Prayers of the People

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Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Celebrant

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

Server

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 **Laura, Joanne, 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.**

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

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

Offertory Anthem

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

James Southbridge

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

Lift high the cross

Hymnal 473

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer I)

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The Lord's Prayer

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Breaking of the Bread

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A period of silence is kept.

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

Prayer of Humble Access

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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.

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

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

John Barr

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand, sit or kneel as you prefer.

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Solemn Prayer over the People

Remain standing or kneeling.

Clergy Bow down before the Lord.

Celebrant Look with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

And now, may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you, this day and for evermore. **Amen.**

Concluding Hymn God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Words: Jeremiah Rankin

Please stand or kneel as you prefer.

Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams

Unison *Harmony*

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; by wise coun - sels
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath bright wings pro -
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's pe - rils

guide, up - hold you, with the sheep se - cure - ly fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dail - y man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put strong arms un - fail - ing round you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Silent Recession

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

Dismissal

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

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

Serving This Week

At the 8am Service:

Acolytes	Jo Ellen Heil
Chalice	Jo Ellen Heil, Lori Burke
Psalm	Jo Ellen Heil
Lay Readers	Tom & Judy Drew
Prayers of the People	Lori Burke
Ushers	Peter Bowers, Ian McEwan
Cantor	Reid Edwards
Hospitality Sponsors	Liz & Ian McEwan
Altar Guild	Dela Parker, Carole Nelson, Susan Talmadge
Flower Guild	No Flowers in Lent
Facility Lock Up	Greg McCombs

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

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's

Today 3/8	8:00 am	Rite I Sunday Service
	9:30 am	Choir Rehearsal
	10:15 am	Rite II Sunday Service
	11:30 am	Fellowship & Formation with Fair Trade Sales (Kahler Hall)
	7:00 pm	Compline (Sanctuary)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Mon. 3/9	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 3/10	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall)
Wed. 3/11	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 3/12	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 3/13	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study (Main Street Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 3/14	7:00 am	Music Teachers' Association of California (full-day, all campus)
	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 3/15	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)
	4:30 pm	St. Patrick's Day Dinner with Live Music (Kahler Hall)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of March 8, 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:

Laura, Joanne, 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:

- + All small group ministries and Bible Study groups at St. Paul's
- + 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 By-the-Sea, 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 MEMORIAM

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 March 8, 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- Liz & Ian McEwan

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

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00- Ellen Morgan

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 Dan Campbell - come by and say hello.



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

Our journey through the Season of Lent continues with the gospel story of the Pharisee named Nicodemus who came to Jesus by night with his questions. Come hear Jesus explain that, "...God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him." Come get inspired. We look forward to seeing you!

Doing our part to make a difference!



FAIR TRADE SALES - Sunday, March 8 after each service

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. We are an Abolitionist Congregation, and we appreciate your support.

...and we have a very special evening planned



COMPLINE: An Amazingly Beautiful Service of Sung Prayers at the End of the Day - Sunday, March 8 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. All are welcome!



We look forward to seeing you at church next Sunday

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

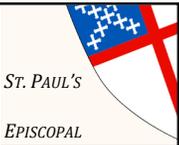
We continue our journey through the Season of Lent continues with the story of the Samaritan Woman at the Well. After asking her for a drink, he offers her something greater. Come learn about the Living Water that is offered for us. Come get inspired! We look forward to seeing you!



Great food, wonderful entertainment, loads of fun!

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 are on sale now after services and in our office! At the door, 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>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><i>The Daughters of the King</i> invite you to join us... FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Join us April 6, 5:30-7pm at Panera We're reading <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><i>Would you like to make a donation in thanksgiving for your blessings or in memory of a loved one?</i> EASTER FLOWERS & MUSIC: We are now collecting for Flowers and Music that will help to make our Easter services truly glorious. Place your donation in one of the envelopes provided for flowers and music or place it in the offering plate. Be sure to note in the memo line "Flowers & Music" and note how you'd like your thanksgiving or memorial listed in the bulletin. Deadline to be listed in the bulletin is April 5. Thank you!</p>
	<p><i>Help us feed the hungry.</i> MORE HELP NEEDED DISTRIBUTING ST. PAUL'S LUNCHES FOR THE HOMELESS Tuesdays from 10am – 1pm, we hand out sack lunches to those who are hungry. Thank you for all of your donations and support for this ministry. We are in need of a few more people to help pass out lunches. Can you volunteer once a month to help us out? Thank you for helping us feeding our hungry neighbors!</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>Formerly the Ladies Lunch Bunch, now open to all</i> ST. PAUL'S LUNCH BUNCH – Coming up on Thursday, 3/19 at 11am at Mimi's Cafe All members of St. Paul's and their friends are invited to join us for our monthly Lunch Bunch at Mimi's. We gather at 11am and order by 11:30. We always have a wonderful time, and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Please RSVP to Ruth, Pam or office@saintpaulsventura.org so we'll know to expect you. We look forward to seeing you there!</p>
	<p><i>Grab a cup of coffee and come join our clergy. All are welcome!</i> NEWCOMER INFORMATION SERIES – Sunday, 3/22 at 9:30am Join us in Kahler Hall. Our topic this month is: <i>Coffee with Our Clergy</i> so you pick the topic. Bring your questions, let's talk. All are welcome! Next month's meeting will be on Sunday, 4/26 at 11:45am when our topic will be <i>Getting to know Each Other and the Episcopal Church</i>. We look forward to seeing you there!</p>
	<p><i>Join us in reaching out to the world in the name of Christ...</i> 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.</p>
 <p>This QR Code takes you straight to</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 <i>StPaulsVentura</i> 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>
	<p>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</p>

LENT

A time of reflection, prayer and penance

Keeping a Holy Lent

	<p><i>Looking for a deeply spiritual experience this Lent?</i> WALK THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Fridays in Lent at 7-7:30pm <i>(3/13, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, with a special meeting on Good Friday 4/10)</i> 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>EXPLORING OUR FAITH – Confirmation Class MONDAYS: MARCH 16, 23, 30; APRIL 6, (no class 4/13), 20, 27 – 6:30-8PM 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 the church office at office@saintpaulsventura.org.</p>
	<p><i>Lenten Study offered during Wednesday Morning Bible Study.</i> LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT 2020 – Wednesdays at 10:30am in the Library or As Self Study 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. Bring a friend, all are welcome!</p>
	<p><i>Which saint will win the Golden Halo?</i> LENT MADNESS 2020 – There are also online opportunities to participate in a 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 e-news. 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> SUNDAY SERVICES AT 8AM & 10:15AM – All are welcome! 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>