



ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Rite II, Year A

February 16, 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 *Liebster Jesu* *Frederick Frahm*

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

Processional **Hail to the Lord's Anointed** **Hymnal 616**

Opening Salutation Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p. 355

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, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

Reader The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:1-8

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
 who walk in your law, O God!
- 2 Happy are they who observe your decrees *
 and seek you with all their hearts;
- 3 Who never do any wrong, *
 but always walk in your ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, *
 that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
 that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
 when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart *
 when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; *
 do not utterly forsake me.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human? What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

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

Gradual Hymn **Blessed Jesus, at thy word**
Please stand as you are able.

Hymnal 440

Holy Gospel
Please remain standing and face the Gospel.

Matthew 5:21-37

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

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.
Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

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

The Sermon
A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

The Reverend Dr. Richard Swanson

Nicene Creed
Please stand as you are able.

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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 catholic¹ and apostolic² 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. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom.

Server

Our gracious God calls us to be ministers of reconciliation in a world refusing honor to God. In acknowledgement of our Lord's command, let us place our prayers before God saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader

For the courage to live out God's commandments, graciously and without reservation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For zealous preachers of the word, that by the Holy Spirit, they may open the ears of their hearers to the good news of salvation and their eyes to the loveliness of God's wisdom, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those chosen to govern peoples and nations, that God grant them the wisdom to promote the welfare of all people and the courage to work towards true peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who suffer from any form of oppression, that their tormentors learn to fear God's will and follow God's love, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who are sick and in need of our prayers; especially *(the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)* that through our loving concern that they be comforted in their distress, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have yearned to see God face to face; especially *Babs Brennan, Eunice Koch (the people may add their petitions either silently or aloud)* that they may receive rest, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant

Loving God, in your unsearchable wisdom you command us to do what is right and good, so that through faith-filled action we may come to recognize your loving concern for us. May we always be single-minded in carrying out your commands, especially to be reconciled with one another, and to approach your holy table in peace and unity. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

¹ universal; all embracing

² relating to the Apostles; following their teachings

Confession and Absolution

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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

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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

Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive--from The Sacred Harp setting by Robert A. Hobby

*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

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal 304

Please stand as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing.

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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 forever 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 forever. **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

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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

Lord Whose Love in Humble Service

Janet Linker, Larry Visser

Offertory Voluntary

Thomas Loud

Jesu, Jesu

Hymnal 602

Postcommunion Prayer

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

Recessional

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing

Hymnal 344

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

Dismissal

*Celebrant
People*

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

Postlude

Sortie

Gordon Young



Serving This Week
For the 10:15am Service

Acolytes	Ti Nahabedian, Judy Wareham, Allen Bryant
Chalice	RoseAnn Hill (Server), Woody Bretz (LEM)
Psalm	Woody Bretz
Lay Readers	Ted Andrews, Judy Wareham
Prayers of the People	Lori Redding
Ushers	Liz Rose, Julie Braithwaite, David Hill
Eucharistic Prayer Minister	Rose Hayden Smith
Pastoral Care Team	Kathleen Crookston, Pam Owens
Counters	Marilyn Angelo, Susan Talmadge
Welcome Ministers	Marcia Semple
Cantor	Reid Edwards
Hospitality	Kay & Ralph Armstrong, RoseAnn & David Hill, Janalee Young
Vestry Greeter	Sarah Lamola
Altar Guild	Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Peter Anderson, Duffy Anderson
Flower Guild	Sarah & Gabriel Lamola, Susan & Teddy Bek, Carmela Carreño
Facility Lock Up	Greg Jackson

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

Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's
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Today 2/16	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 (Kahler Hall)
Mon. 2/17	9:30 am	Family to Family (303 N. Ventura Ave.)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
Tues. 2/18	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall)
Wed. 2/19	9:00 am	Healing Service (Chapel)
	10:30 am	Bible Study (Library)
	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting (Room 13)
	6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Thurs. 2/20	8:30 am	Buildings & Grounds Meeting (Community Room)
	11:00 am	Lunch Bunch (Mimi's Cafe)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
Fri. 2/21	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study (Main Street Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
Sat. 2/22	9:00 am	Flower Guild Floral Arranging Workshop
	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
Sun. 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 (Kahler Hall)
	11:45 am	Newcomer Information Series (Community Room)
	11:45 am	Daughters of the King New Member Series (Library)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)

Prayer Intentions for the Week of February 16, 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 ministry of Family to Family; all who volunteer and/or give financially to feed Ventura's hungry
- + For the aging and especially for those who live alone
- + For all who serve in the military. May God guard them, guide them, and see them safely home

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 Ventura Interfaith Ministerial Association, remembering especially: First United Methodist, Trinity Lutheran, Our Lady of the Assumption churches and the Salvation Army

IN MEMORIAM

Babs Brennan, Eunice Koch 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 16, 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- Wes Cullins

10:15 am- Kay & Ralph Armstrong, RoseAnn & David Hill, Janalee Young

(Next week for hospitality: 8:00-Richard Goodman

*10:15-Susan & Rob Talmadge, Ruth McCool, Ernie & Bert Fickerson
If you would like to serve on our hospitality team, please let us know.*

The Vestry Greeter today is Sarah Lamola - come by and say hello.



Welcome! We're glad you're here.

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany – Services at 8am and 10:15am

We continue to make our way through the season of Epiphany. This is a great time to learn and grow in the knowledge and love of God. Thanks for coming to join us.



How much money did we raise?

SOUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER – Thank You!

We are very pleased to announce that this year's Annual Souper Bowl Fundraiser brought in a total of \$3,640. A great big thank you go everyone for your support! Because of your generosity we will be able to feed our hungry neighbors at Family to Family for the next 6 months.



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.



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>Want to help feed the hungry?</i> IT'S OUR TURN TO SERVE LUNCH – Monday, February 17 Come help us serve lunch tomorrow at 303 N. Ventura Avenue. Preparation and set up begins at 9:30 am; servers are needed between 11:30 and 12:30 pm. Clean-up 12:30 – 1:00pm.</p>
	<p><i>Formerly the Ladies Lunch Bunch, now open to all</i> LUNCH BUNCH – Thursday, February 20th 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, and we would be very pleased for you to join us. Please RSVP to Ruth, Pam or the Office so we'll know to expect you. See you there!</p>
	<p>INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCH FLOWER GUILD AND FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP Saturday, 2/22 at 9am - Join us for this fun and interesting workshop. It's free and open to anyone. No prior experience, and no commitment necessary. Bring a pair of clippers if you have them. We'll teach you how to make beautiful flower arrangements for church and home. RSVP is requested. Please contact the church office: 805 643-5033 office@saintpaulsventura.org</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>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. <i>All are welcome!</i></p>
	<p>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26 We are making preparations for our Ash Wednesday services on February 26 and are looking for some assistance. Here's what we need: Ashes to Go - 7:30-9am 6 Volunteers to help; 9:30am Service – 1 Reader, 2 Chalice, 2 Ushers; Noon Service - 1 Reader, 2 Chalice, 2 Ushers; 7pm Service – 1 Reader, 2 Acolytes, 2 Chalice, 2 Ushers. If you can assist, please let us know. Sign up or Email office@saintpaulsventura.org Thank You!</p>
	<p><i>Start Lent in a holy way...</i> ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26th <i>Ashes to Go! – 7:30-9am</i> 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 <i>Traditional Ash Wednesday Services at 9:30 am, Noon, and 7:00 pm.</i></p>
	<p><i>The Daughters of the King invite you to join us...</i> FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday, March 2, 5:30-7pm at Panera This month's <i>selection is 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>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>



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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



WALK THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Fridays in Lent at 7-7:30pm

(3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/3, no meeting on 4/10)

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!



LENTEN WRITING WORKSHOP – YOUR SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY

TWO MONDAYS ONLY, MARCH 2 & 9 - 6:30-8PM

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.



EXPLORING OUR FAITH – Confirmation Class

MONDAYS, MARCH 16, 23, 30; APRIL 6, 16 and 20 (no class April 13) – **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 Rev. Susan revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org



Lenten Study offered during Wednesday Morning Bible Study.

LIVING WELL THROUGH LENT 2020 – Wednesdays at 10:30am in the Library

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 minds. For more information, contact revliz@saintpaulsventura.org or text 909 835-0302. Please let us know that you're coming so we can have materials will be ready for you.