



# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*We follow Jesus, nurture ministries and welcome all.*



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## Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

**Rite I, Year A**

**February 16, 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**

*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. 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, 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.**

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:21-37

*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.**

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 be to thee, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Dr. Richard Swanson

*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.

*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 **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, Eunice Koch 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**

*Offertory Voluntary*

*Thomas Loud*

*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 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** *Lord Whose Love in Humble Service* *Janet Linker, Larry Visser*

**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** **Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing** **Hymnal 344**  
*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** *Sortie* *Gordon Young*

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

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## ***Serving This Week***

<b>Acolytes</b>	Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Chalice</b>	Jo Ellen Heil, Peter Bowers
<b>Psalm</b>	Jo Ellen Heil
<b>Lay Readers</b>	Lori Burke, Ellen Morgan
<b>Prayers of the People</b>	Peter Bowers
<b>Ushers</b>	Roger Myers, Sally Weimer, Lori Burke
<b>Cantor</b>	Reid Edwards
<b>Hospitality Sponsors</b>	Wes Cullins
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Louise Bretz, Roger Crow, Peter Anderson, Duffy Anderson
<b>Flower Guild</b>	Sarah & Gabriel Lamola, Susan & Teddy Bek, Carmela Carreño
<b>Facility Lock Up</b>	Greg Jackson

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

<b>Highlights of This Week at St. Paul's</b>
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<b>Today</b> <b>2/16</b>	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)
<b>Mon.</b> <b>2/17</b>	9:30 am	Family to Family (303 N. Ventura Ave.)
	8:00 pm	AA Meeting (Kahler Hall)
<b>Tues.</b> <b>2/18</b>	6:30 pm	Boy Scout Troop #179 (Kahler Hall)
<b>Wed.</b> <b>2/19</b>	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)
<b>Thurs.</b> <b>2/20</b>	8:30 am	Buildings & Grounds Meeting (Community Room)
	11:00 am	Lunch Bunch (Mimi's Cafe)
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Music Room)
<b>Fri.</b> <b>2/21</b>	6:30 am	Men's Breakfast/Bible Study (Main Street Restaurant)
	9:15 am	Women's Bible Study (Library)
<b>Sat.</b> <b>2/22</b>	9:00 am	Flower Guild Floral Arranging Workshop (Kahler Hall)
	6:45 pm	AA Meeting (Community Room)
<b>Sun.</b> <b>2/23</b>	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 MEMORIUM***

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>  <b>IT'S OUR TURN TO SERVE LUNCH – Monday, February 17</b>  <b>Come help us serve lunch tomorrow</b> 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>  <b>LUNCH BUNCH – Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 11am at Mimi's Cafe</b>  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><b>INTRODUCTION TO THE CHURCH FLOWER GUILD AND FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOP</b>  <b>Saturday, 2/22 at 9am</b> - 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 <a href="mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org">office@saintpaulsventura.org</a></p>
	<p><b>COLLECTING PALM CROSSES – Now through Tuesday, February 25</b>  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><b>SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER – Tuesday, February 25, 5-7pm in Kahler Hall</b>  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><b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26</b>  We are making preparations for our Ash Wednesday services on February 26 and are looking for some assistance. Here's what we need: <b>Ashes to Go - 7:30-9am</b> 6 Volunteers to help;  <b>9:30am Service</b> – 1 Reader, 2 Chalice, 2 Ushers; <b>Noon Service</b> - 1 Reader, 2 Chalice, 2 Ushers;  <b>7pm Service</b> – 1 Reader, 2 Acolytes, 2 Chalice, 2 Ushers. If you can assist, please let us know. Sign up or email <a href="mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org">office@saintpaulsventura.org</a> Thank You!</p>
	<p><i>Start Lent in a holy way...</i>  <b>ASH WEDNESDAY – February 26<sup>th</sup></b>  <b><i>Ashes to Go! – 7:30-9am</i></b>  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 <a href="mailto:office@saintpaulsventura.org">office@saintpaulsventura.org</a>  <b><i>Traditional Ash Wednesday Services at 9:30 a.m., Noon, and 7:00 p.m.</i></b></p>
	<p><i>The Daughters of the King invite you to join us...</i>  <b>FIRST MONDAY BOOK CLUB – Monday, March 2, 5:30-7pm at Panera</b>  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>  <b>ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION – Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7pm</b>  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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 &amp; Under Free, Family (2 Adults, up to 3 Kids) \$50. Invite your friends and neighbors. All are welcome!</p>
	<p><b>ST. PAUL'S IS LEARNING SIGN LANGUAGE:</b> 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



*Looking for a deeply spiritual experience this Lent?*

**WALK THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Fridays in Lent 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 email [office@saintpaulsventura.org](mailto: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](mailto:revsusan@saintpaulsventura.org)