St. Paul Catholic Church  Parroquia de San Pablo

Established as a mission in 1876, and as a Parish in 1880

Mass Schedule

Vigil Saturday 4:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am, 9:15 am,
11:00 am, and 5:00 pm
Sunday en Español 12:15 pm

Children’s Liturgy of The Word at 9:15 Mass
Coffee & Donuts following 9:15 Mass

Holy Day of Obligation
Mass 8:30 am and 6:00 pm

Daily Mass & Devotions
in the Chapel, Monday - Saturday 8:30 am
Rosary in English, daily after 8:30 am Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Tuesday after 8:30 am Mass

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:30 pm – 4:15 pm
-or- by appointment 415.648.7538

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
A Journey of Faith, All Are Welcome
September – May
contact Terri Brady or Deacon Bill for information about RCIA
415.648.7538

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony
please call Rev. Mario Farana
at least six (6) months prior to your desired ceremony date
for an appointment 415.648.7538

Religious Education
Dorothy Vigna, Director

Baptism Preparation
Infants to age 5 years
7:00 pm, first Wednesday of each month

School of Religion
Saturdays, 9:30 am -11:00 am
September - May

Confirmation Preparation
for High School Students
Tuesdays, 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
October - June

ST. PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Mrs. Katie Kiss, Principal
415.648.2055 -or- lkiss@stpaulsf.net
www.stpaulschoolsf.org

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Deacon William McLoughlin
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Judith Reuter
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“With you I am everything;
without you I am nothing”
St. Augustine

“follow the yellow brick road”

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Calendar of the Week

Monday: December 4th. Men of St. Paul’s Mtg. 8 pm
Tuesday: December 5th. Confirmation Class 7:30 pm
RCIA – 7 pm
Wednesday: December 6th. Altar Society Lunch 11:30 am Val’s
Baptism Class 7 pm
Thursday: December 7th. Women of St. Paul’s Mass & Potluck and Lafayette
Friday: December 8th. 8:30 am School Mass Immaculate Conception
Saturday: December 9th. CCD Mass and Reception
Pageant Rehearsal 11:15 to 1:15 am
Sunday: December 10th. Coffee & Donuts following 9:15 am Mass

ST. PAUL’S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK

Weekly Collection November 26, 2017 $ 3,629.98
E-Contributions October 2017 $ 5,066.77
2017 Annual Appeal Assessment $ 92,119.00
Collected amount through 10/10/17 $ 60,274.00
Remaining Balance for 2017 $ 32,845.00

The St. Paul’s Community Outreach Program annual giving tree is now up through the weekend of Dec 16th/17th. Please take an ornament for a Child or Senior and return it with your gift. Gifts for teens/pre-teen are most needed. As always, your generosity and prayers are always appreciated.

GIVING TREE

Friday, Dec 8th is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two masses on this day. 8:30 am Mass will be in the Church with our children from the Grade School. There will also be a 6 pm Mass in the church.

SECOND COLLECTION
There will be a Second Collection next Sunday Dec 9th/10th for Retirement for Religious. Please place your envelopes in the first and only collection.

Christmas Decorating
We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Saturday Dec, 16, 2017 @11 am
All help would be appreciated. We need help with plants, dusting, vacuuming, Lunch will be provided during this time.

Plants Needed for Christmas Decorating
Donations of Poinsettia’s for the Christmas Season would be appreciated. Please bring your donations to the Rectory beginning Wednesday, December 13th.

MINISTERS SIGN UP – CHRISTMAS 2017
Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Commentators & Altar Servers; we are looking for people to serve at our Christmas Masses on Dec 24th and 25th. If you can serve at any of the masses, there is a sign-up sheet in the Sacristy or you can contact Joan Strachan. Please sign up

Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for the following: Carlos Mendez, Jose Ballesteros, Spencer Snow, Gabriella Flores, Violet Bascope, Elana Hall, JPhillip Crouch, John Anzalone, Ray Witkowski, Mary Ann Reuter, Kyle Hansel. For those who have died: Mark Houbin, Michael Scarpelli
GOD HAS A DIFFERENT PLAN

We begin the season of Advent with a heartfelt call for our own repentance. We remember God’s faithful love for us, and call upon God to help us to turn back. For “behold, you are angry, and we are sinful” (Isaiah 64:4). In the first reading and in the psalm, we recall God’s promises and lament our unfaithfulness and our guilt. We call upon God’s might and power in order to save us. With Isaiah, we ask God to “rend the heavens and come down, / with the mountains quaking before you” (Isaiah 63:19).

Yes, God is faithful to us, because we are the work of God’s hands. God is the potter, we are the clay. And yet, our concept of how God will come to save us is rooted in our own expectations of a warrior God who crushes mountains and thunders into our lives with great noise and glory. But God has a different plan: the Incarnation.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Advent calendars appear now in many homes, and newfangled formats are even available on line. Children have fun opening the doors and windows keyed to the days counting down to Christmas. Behind each door is a picture related to the Christmas mystery, perhaps a scripture verse or saying, but more and more these days something totally unconnected to religious life, like a small toy or a chocolate treat, appears instead. The Advent calendar is not very old as traditions go. We can trace it back to German-speaking Christians, both Protestant and Catholic. Lutherans might have originated the custom by placing chalk marks on doors starting December 1, lighting candles every day, or placing a new religious picture on the wall each day during Advent. The oldest known hand-made calendar goes back to 1851, and the first printed ones appeared in 1908 in Germany with Bibie verses behind the doors. By far the most interesting calendar is a building, the town hall (Rathaus) of Gengenbach in Germany’s Black Forest. Every year the townspeople invite an illustrator of children’s books to create twenty-four paintings or motifs for each of the twenty-four main windows of the building. Every night the people gather to see a new window opened and illuminated.

Very few commercial Advent calendars pay much attention to the core values of our liturgical calendar: the pivotal place of Sunday, the importance of Advent feasts like Saint Lucy and Saint Nicholas, and the clear shift in tone on December 17 from Advent longing and preparation toward imminent hope in Christ’s coming. That kind of creativity is left up to you!

INTERCESSIONS FOR LIFE
December 3rd First Sunday of Advent
For Catholics: May God keep us steadfast in protecting the sacred gift of human life; We pray to the Lord:

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:  Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:  Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:  Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:  Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:  Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday:  Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:  Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
DIOS TIENE OTRO PLAN

Comenzamos el tiempo de Adviento con un llamado sincero al arrepentimiento. Recordamos el amor fiel que Dios siente por nosotros y le pedimos que nos ayude a emprender el camino de regreso: “estabas airodo porque nosotros pecábamos” (Isaías 64:4). En la primera lectura y en el salmo, recordamos las promesas de Dios y lamentamos nuestra rebeldía y nuestra culpa. Invocamos el poder de Dios para salvarnos. Con Isaías, le decimos a Dios: “Ojalá rasgaras los cielos y bajaras, estremeciendo las montañas con tu presencia” (Isaías 63:19).

Sí, Dios nos es fiel, porque somos hechura de las manos de Dios. Dios es el alfarero, nosotros el barro. Y sin embargo, nuestro concepto de cómo Dios vendrá a salvarnos se origina en nuestra expectativa de un Dios guerrero que estremece las montañas y llega a nuestra vida con ruido y gloria. Pero Dios tiene otro plan: la Encarnación.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El significado de la palabra “Adviento!” es muy interesante. Viene del latín y quiere decir “Allí viene” o “Ya está llegando”. Pero, ¿de quién hablamos cuando proclamamos “adviento”? ¿Del Rey de la Gloria?, ¿del Príncipe de la Paz?, ¿del Hijo del Dios Altísimo?, ¿del Salvador de Israel? Sí, sí, sí y otra vez, sí, pero más todavía del Hijo del Hombre, del niño de María. Allí viene y ya está llegando. Tenemos que estar preparados. Pero ¿cómo preparamos para la llegada de un rey que es pobre?, ¿de un príncipe que nació entre una mula y un buey? ¿de un niño que ya es todo un hombre y además es Dios? He allí el dilema del Adviento cristiano. Es un llamado a vivir la paradoja de un tiempo que está a medias, donde el Reino de los Cieles ya existe pero no en su plenitud. Es un llamado a buscar en el templo, en el mall, en el barrio, en el hogar y en el propio corazón, para ver si “allí viene” el dueño de la casa. Es un llamado a estar atentos y vigilantes.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 2:1-5; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Martes: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lc 10:21-24
Miércoles: Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Jueves: Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Viernes: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38
Sábado: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Sal 147 (146):1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Domingo: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Sal 85 (84):9-14; 2 Pe 3:8-14; Mc 1:1-8

3 de diciembre Primer Domingo de Adviento

Por los creyentes católicos: que Dios nos dé perseverancia para proteger el don sagrado de la vida humana; rogues el Señor:
All the women of St. Paul’s Parish Community are invited to the Women of St. Paul’s Annual Christmas Celebration.

Thursday, December 7, 2017

St. Paul’s Rectory, 221 Valley Street, San Francisco

Mass at 6:30 pm
Rev. Mario Farana, celebrant

Potluck Dinner follows Mass

Please bring a potluck dinner item to share and a new layette item for new Mothers in need

For information contact Lisa Violetto <interiors@lisavioletto.com>
** An Important Reminder **

One of the best loved traditions of St. Paul's High School is the Advent Candlelighting!

Please join St. Paul's High School Alumnae at their annual Candlelighting ceremony

Thursday, December 14, 2017 @ 7:00pm
St. Paul's Church
221 Valley Street, San Francisco

The program includes traditional hymns, Advent and Christmas readings, and Christmas carols. The Alumnae will host a reception following the event full of delicious treats and friendly conversation.

This is a beautiful event that will put you in the Christmas spirit!

Sharing this event with St. Paul's parish families, students, and the community guarantees this beloved tradition continues!

Please join us!!
The St. Paul's Christmas Eve Family Mass
Sunday, December 24 @ 4:30 p.m.
For this Mass, children are invited to take part in the NATIVITY PAGEANT!

NEEDED ARE: Preschool age to 3rd Grade Children from the Parish Community, Littlest Angel Preparatory Preschool, St. Paul School of Religion, Kindergarten through 3rd Grades at St. Paul's School
Costumes are provided and these are non-speaking roles!

Mary (3rd)  Joseph (3rd)  Angel Gabriel (3rd)
Innkeepers (1-3rd)  Wise Kids (1-3rd)  Shepherds (Kinder - 3rd)
Angels (Preschool - 3rd)  Sheep (Preschool - 3rd)  Star (Kinder - 1st)  and a Star (Kinder - 1st)

Where: St. Paul's Church (Parents must attend the practices with their children)
When: Saturday, December 9th from 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Casting
-- Angels do not need to attend the casting --
Saturday, December 16th from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. First Practice
Angels do not need to attend the First Practice
Saturday, December 23rd from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Second Practice
All children, including Angels, must attend Second Practice.
Sunday, December 24th - all must arrive by 4:00 p.m.