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

“With you I am everything; without you I am nothing”
St. Augustine

Rev. Mario Farana, Pastor
Deacon William McLoughlin
Terri Brady RCIA Program
Joan Strachan Liturgical Scheduling, Bulletin
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Eloise Helms Community Outreach
Marilyn Highlander-Pool Preservation
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Calendar of the Week

Monday: December 11th. Auction Dinner Dance Wrap up meeting 1pm
Tuesday: December 12th. RCIA - 7 pm
Wednesday: December 13th.
Thursday: December 14th. SPHS Candlelighting
Friday: December 15th.
Saturday: December 16th. No CCD
Pageant Rehearsal 9:30am to 11am
Church Decorating 11:00am
Sunday: December 17th. Men of St. Paul’s Pancake Breakfast

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

Weekly Collection December 3, 2017 $ 6,317.52
Second Collection – Preservation Fund Dec 3, 2017 $ 3,519.84
E-Contributions November 2017 $ 5,354.40
2017 Annual Appeal Assessment $ 92,119.00
Collected amount through 12/3/17 $ 72,771.00
Remaining Balance for 2017 $ 19,348.00

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

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.

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.

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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 early.

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: Kimberly Kempen Mark Houbelin, Michael Scarpelli

Saturday 4:30 pm
Alfred & Carmela Raffo Family (L&D)
Walter Jones
William Hanlon (D)
John Krol (D)
Hormagenes Datu (D)
Eduardo O. Ocampo (D)
Sunday 8:00am
Margaret & Jack Kotlanger (D)
Fr. Michael Kotlanger (D)
Sunday 9:15 am
People of St. Paul's (L&D)
Sunday 11 am
People of St. Paul's (L&D)
Sunday 12:15 pm (Spanish)
Isabel Arguello (D)
Ruben Rodriguez (D)
Fr. Mamerto Siguran (D)
Sunday 5:00 pm
The Bernard & Mary Kelly Family (L&D)

Monday 8:30 am
People of St. Paul's (L&D)
Tuesday 8:30 am
People of St. Paul's (L&D)
Wednesday 8:30 am
People of St. Paul's (L&D)
Thursday 8:30 am
People of St. Paul's (L&D)
Friday 8:30 am
Benedict Eder (L)
Saturday 8:30 am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)

Saturday 4:30 pm
St. Paul’s Altar Society (L&D)
Fr. Michael Kotlanger (D)
Eduardo Q. Ocampo (D)
Sunday 8:00 am
Margaret & Jack Kotlanger (D)
Sunday 9:15 am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Sunday 11 am
Harvey Anderson (D)
Sunday 12:15 pm (Spanish)
Carmen Martin de Sanchez (D)
Sunday 5:00 pm
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
NEWS OF COMFORT

In a time of preparation, much of it having to do with material things, it is good to hear the words of Isaiah, "Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God" (Isaiah 40:1). In a time of such stress and rush, when our usual burdens are augmented by piles of Christmas preparations, we can choose to slow down, take some time to heal, and appreciate the enormous gift we are about to receive. Christ, the Son of God, has become one of us, and knows our human limitations. Yet God, even now, is freeing us from the burdens that our inattentiveness to our God and to our deepest inner longings have heaped upon us. The Lord comes, not as a king with mighty armies, but as a shepherd leading the flocks with care and tenderness. Isaiah prophesies good news: our oppression is over, our sins forgiven. The savior we have awaited is coming, not the first time, but in the end times, as our salvation.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Many people think that Saint Francis originated the Christmas crèche, but its origins go far back. The Basilica of St. Mary Major in Rome has housed what is said to be relics of the cradle of Jesus since the seventh century. In time, every year during the Christmas season the reliquary (container for relics) was surrounded by an increasingly grand three-dimensional scene of the place of Jesus' birth. Rocks and trees, houses, streams, figurines of villagers going about their daily tasks were all included. It was a very dramatic presentation. If you've ever seen an elaborate model train installation, you get the idea. The proper term for this depiction is presepio, from the Latin word for "surround" or "hedge."

Over the centuries, the custom spread first to churches, and then to aristocratic homes. In Italy, whole chapels are often set aside for the presepio, and it is not unusual to have hundreds of figures. It can sometimes be a challenge to locate the Holy Family amid the crowd, almost like a Where's Waldo? children's book. The oldest surviving presepio is in St. Mary Major and dates from the thirteenth century, although many pieces have been broken or lost. Saint Francis of Assisi took a decidedly creative step in 1223 in the village of Greccio, when he directed his followers to fill a manger with hay and tether an ox and ass nearby. He then invited the villagers to attend Mass outdoors near the crib, the worshipers themselves becoming a living presepio. By the seventeenth century, the tradition was well-established, particularly in Naples, and had a firm hold in Portugal, Spain, and in the Provence region of France. Today, it is not unusual to find presepios with five hundred figures, a vivid reminder of Emmanuel, God-with-us!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde; 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of The Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4; 9-11; Ps 80:2ac; 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
NOTICIAS QUE DAN CONSENTO
En un tiempo de preparación, relacionado en gran medida con cosas materiales, es bueno escuchar las
palabras de Isaías: "Consuelen, consuelen a mi pueblo, dice
nuestro Dios" (Isaías 40:1). En un tiempo de tanto
nerviosismo y prisar, cuando nuestras cargas habituales se
duplcan a causa de los miles de preparativos navideños,
podemos elegir amniorar la marcha, dedicar un tiempo a
curar las heridas y valorar el enorme regalo que estamos por
recibir. Cristo, el Hijo de Dios, se ha convertido en uno de
nosotros y conoce nuestras limitaciones humanas. Sin
embargo, Dios, incluso ahora, nos está librando de las
cargas que se nos amontonan por no prestarle atención a él
ni a nuestros anhelos más profundos. El Señor llega, no
como un rey con ejércitos poderosos, sino como un pastor
que guía a los rebaños con amor y ternura. Isaías anuncia
buenas noticias: nuestra servidumbre terminó, nuestros
pecados han sido perdonados. El salvador que esperábamos
está llegando, no por primera vez, sino al final de los
tiemplos, como nuestra salvación.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: Is 35:1-10; Sal 85 (84):9ab, 10-14; Lc 5:17-26
Martes: Zac 2:14-17 o Ap 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lc 1:26-38 o Lc 1:39-47,
o cualquier lectura del Común de la Santísima
Maria Virgen, nos. 707-712
Miércoles: Is 40:25-31; Sal 103 (102):1-4, 8, 10;
Mt 11:28-30
Jueves: Is 41:13-20; Sal 145 (144):1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Viernes: Is 48:17-19; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Sábado: Eclo 48:1-4, 9-11; Sal 80 (79):2ac, 3b, 15-16,
18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Domingo: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lc 1:46-50, 53-54;
1 Tes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
El día 9 de diciembre conmemoramos a san Juan Diego de
México. Hace un par de años este indígena mesoamericano fue
canonizado por su misión en las apariciones Guadalupanas.
Hubo controversia alrededor de su canonización porque había
quienes insistían que Juan Diego nunca existió. Después de
investigar, el Vaticano decidió que no sólo existió, sino que fue y
es santo, digno de ser modelo e intercesor.
Las investigaciones encontraron que el nombre indígena de
Juan Diego era Cuauhtlaotzin, es decir "Águila que habla". Tal
vez por este nombre tan significativo fue que los franciscanos lo
bautizaron Juan Diego. El nombre Juan recuerda al apóstol,
quién escribió el evangelio más místico y cuyo símbolo es el
águila. Diego viene del apóstol Santiago o San Diego quien
evangelizó a los españoles durante el siglo I. De cualquier
manera, Juan Diego Cuauhtlaotzin se convirtió en el "Águila
que habla" y anunció el evangelio místico según Guadalupe, es
"Águila que habla" de amor, paz, consuelo y desafío en una tierra
conquistada, oprímida y llena de promesa.

10 de diciembre Segundo Domingo de Adviento
Por aquellos que gimen después de un aborto: que confíen en
la misericordia paciente de Dios y encuentren sanación en su
Iglesia; roguemos al Señor:
** 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!!
MEN OF ST. PAUL'S
CHRISTmastime
PANCake BREAKFAST

Sunday, December 17
After the 8:00 & 9:15 Masses
Adults: $5, Kids: Free!
The St. Paul's Christmas Eve Family Mass  
Sunday, December 24 @ 4:30p.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)  
and a Star (Kinder - 1st)

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

YOU MUST ATTEND TO BE CHOSEN FOR A ROLE!
St. Paul Catholic Church

2017 Christmas Schedule

Saturday, December 23, 2017
The Sacrament of Reconciliation, 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm
Vigil Mass, 4:30 pm

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, Sunday, December 24, 2017
8:00 am; 9:15 am; and 11:00 am in English
12:15 pm en Español

Christmas Eve, Sunday, December 24, 2017
Vigil Masses
4:30 pm Family Mass with Pageant
8:00 pm with Adult Choir

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25, 2017
8:00 am; 9:30 am; and 11:15 am
12:30 pm en Español
No 5:00 pm Mass

Saturday, December 30, 2017
The Sacrament of Reconciliation, 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm
Vigil Mass, 4:30 pm

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Sunday, December 31, 2017
8:00 am; 9:15 am; 11:00 am; and 5:00 pm
12:15 pm en Español

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Monday, January 1, 2018 9:15 am