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

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

ST. PAUL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Kindergarten through 8th Grade
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Deacon William McLoughlin
Terri Brady, R.C.I.A. Program
Joan Strachan, Liturgical Scheduling, Bulletin
James Curran, Finance Chair
Eloise Helms, Community Outreach
Marilyn Highlander-Pool, Preservation
Jill Alcantar, Parish Registrar
Annette Schubert, Volunteer
Jamie Tracy, Parish Administration

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Joseph Duggan, Music Director
David Simi
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This year, we have the unusual occurrence of the obligation of the Faithful to attend Mass on two consecutive days, and you may wonder which Mass will ‘count’ for which obligation. According to the United States Bishops’ Conference of Catholic Bishops, Committee on Divine Worship, the faithful must attend one mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and one Mass for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord.

**St. Paul Catholic Church - 2017 Christmas Schedule**

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

The **Fourth Sunday of Advent**, a Holy Day of Obligation

**Saturday, December 23, 2017**
Vigil Mass, 4:30 pm

**Sunday, December 24, 2017**
8:00 am; 9:15 am; and 11:00 am
12:15 pm en Español
no 5:00 pm Mass

**The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas**, a Holy Day of Obligation

**Sunday, December 24, 2017**
4:30 pm, Vigil Mass with Pageant
8:00 pm, Vigil Mass with Adult Choir

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

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

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**, a Holy Day of Obligation

**Saturday, December 30, 2017**
Vigil Mass, 4:30 pm

**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**, a Holy Day of Obligation

**Monday, January 1, 2018**
9:15 am
Calendar of the Week

Monday: December 18th.  
Tuesday: December 19th.  RCIA – 7 pm  
Wednesday: December 20th.  Confirmation Class 7:30 pm  
Thursday: December 21st.  
Friday: December 22nd.  
Saturday: December 23rd.  No CCD  
Sunday: December 24th.  Coffee & Donuts following the 9:15am Mass  
Christmas Eve Family Mass 4:30pm, Vigil 8pm

ST. PAUL’S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK
Weekly Collection December 10, 2017 $6,887.70  
Second Collection – $1,240.00  
Immaculate Conception Collection $401.00  
E-Contributions November 2017 $5,354.40  
2017 Annual Appeal Assessment $92,119.00  
Collected amount through 12/3/17 $78,046.00  
Remaining Balance for 2017 $14,073.00

Save the date
2018 Women of St. Paul’s Luncheon  
Saturday January 27, 2018, 11:30 am No Host Cocktails, 12 pm Lunch  
Basque Cultural Center  
599 Railroad Ave., So San Francisco  
Look for more information to come...

The 2018 St. Paul’s Blood Drive dates are: March 11th, June 24th and November 4th. You can sign up ahead of time for our Blood Drive by going on line to www.bloodheroes.com and clicking on St. Paul’s. Or call Jill Alcantar at (415)586-8911 to schedule an appointment.

Catholic Charities still has opportunities for you to fulfill the wish of children, families and isolated adults this Christmas. Call Catholic Charities now in inquire at (415)972-1297

2017 Auction Dinner Dance  
This was a record breaking year  
Net Proceeds of $86,665.44  
Thank you to all who helped make this event a grand success!!  
Donor’s Sponsor’s guest’s and volunteer, you all made it a Great Event!!  
Thank you,  
Fr. Mario and The Auction Dinner Dance Committee

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: Hope Eisenberg
For those who have died: Julio Antonio Mendoza
REJOICE
Isaiah proclaims truly good news to us! God’s coming brings not sadness, guilt, fear, wrath, or condemnation. No, God’s coming is a source of comfort and joy. Saying it once is not enough, for today’s readings are full of joy. Mary’s Magnificat substitutes for our psalm today, and our second reading encourages us to rejoice, to give thanks and praise. This is the root meaning of the Greek word for eucharist. We are urged to rejoice and give thanks, because the coming of the Lord brings joy, healing, liberty, release, vindication. It makes the very earth spring up with new life! Good tidings!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
Last week, we looked at a form of nativity scene called a presíplo, characterized by framing the crèche of Jesus with a vast array of personalities and a rich geographical context. The tradition was carried to the New World, and finds very rich expression in Latin America today. While in Europe the presíplo was reserved mostly to the homes of wealthy nobles and great churches, in Latin America it was claimed by the poor and expressed the skills of native artisans. In Mexico, you can still find clay figures in every village market. In a way, the native people took the religion of Spanish rule and baptized it with their Indian culture by surrounding the crib of Jesus with local geography and people. In Brazil, where Christmas falls in summer, the figure of the baby Jesus is wrapped in gold and gems, and set on a hillside surrounded by flowers and animals of all kinds. Sometimes there is a double presíplo, presenting both Nativity and Crucifixion.

In some places in Latin America, even non-religious people take care to have a presíplo in the home, sometimes dedicating one whole room in the house or apartment to the scene. Some cities have markets where people from the countryside sell plants and figurines. In Cuzco, churches and families provide hot chocolate for the children of the poor who come down to help create the nativity scenes. In Paraguay the baby Jesus grows—the small infant who arrives on Christmas Eve is replaced at New Year with a toddler Jesus who holds in one hand the globe and in the other a cross. Few Christmas traditions have the vitality and variety of presípios and crèches honoring the Nativity.

December 17th Third Sunday of Advent
For those who feel lonely or abandoned: May their hearts be consoled by the genuine and loving care of others; We pray to the Lord:

Make straight the way of the LORD

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71.3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
¡ALÉGRATE!
 ¡saías realmente nos proclama una buena nueva! La venida del Señor no trae tristeza, culpa, miedo, ira ni condena. No, la venida del Señor es fuente de júbilo y consuelo. No basta con decirlo una vez, las lecturas de hoy están llenas de júbilo. El Magnificat de María reemplaza a nuestro salmo hoy y nuestra segunda lectura nos anima a alegrarnos, dar gracias y rendir alabanza. Éste es el significado principal de la palabra griega para eucaristía. Se nos insta a alegrarnos y dar gracias, porque la venida del Señor traerá júbilo, curación, libertad, perdón y vindicación. ¡Hace que la tierra eche brotes de vida nueva! ¡Buenas noticias!

SOY LA VOZ QUE GRITA EN EL DESIERTO

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Martes: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
Miércoles: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38
Viernes: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
Sábado: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lc 1:57-66
Domingo: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lc 1:26-38

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
El día 16 de diciembre comienza la Novena de Aguinaldos en Colombia y otras partes de Latinoamérica. La novena consiste en 9 partes que se repiten por 9 noches:
1- Oración inicial 4- Reflexión del día
2- Oración Mariana 5- Gozos
3- Oración de José 6- Oración al Niño Jesús
7- Un Salmo
8- Invocación final
9- Villancicos (cánticos navideños)

Los participantes buscan aguinaldo (regalo). Para esto los colombianos tienen la costumbre de jugar “pajita en boca” buscando quien no trae una pajita en boca. La persona que no pueda mostrar que trae pajita en boca tiene que dar un regalo a quien lo descubrió. Los aguinaldos son recuerdo del regalo que nos dio Dios en su Hijo Jesús, prenda de su amor. Y si Dios nos da un aguinaldo tan grande es porque Dios no tiene pajita en boca cuando nos dice que nos ama.

En el corazón de la Novena está el refrán de Gozos:
Dulce Jesús mío / mi niño adorado
ven a nuestras almas / ven no tardes tanto.
Muy buen mensaje para el Adviento.

17 de diciembre Tercer Domingo de Adviento
Por los que se sienten aislados o abandonados: que sus corazones sientan el consuelo del cuidado amoroso y real de los demás; rogemos al Señor:
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!
BROWN BAG LUNCH DATES
2018

JAN 7, 2018
FEBRUARY 4, 2018
MARCH 4, 2018
*APRIL 8, 2018
MAY 6, 2018
JUNE 3, 2018
JULY 1, 2018
AUGUST 5, 2018
SEPTEMBER 2, 2018
OCTOBER 7, 2018
NOVEMBER 4, 2018
DECEMBER 2, 2018

*Change in date due to Easter is April