St. Paul Catholic Church  Parroquia de San Pablo

Established as a mission in 1876, and as a Parish in 1890

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

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Calendar of the Week

Monday: December 25th. Christmas Day!!
Tuesday: December 26th.
Wednesday: December 27th.
Thursday: December 28th.
Friday: December 29th.
Saturday: December 30th. No CCD
Sunday: December 31st. Coffee & Donuts following the 9:15 am Mass

ST. PAUL'S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK
Weekly Collection December 17, 2017 $ 5,708.03
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...

Father Mario, Father Ray, Father Joe, and the Parish Staff would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas.

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

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.

Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for the following: Hope Eisenberg, Buzzy Kirkham
For those who have died: Julio Antonio Mendoza
GOD’S PROMISE

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God’s promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God’s name, poetically turns around David’s plan to build a house for God, and announces God’s plan to build a “house,” that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it’s amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Children of the parish are somewhat focused on Santa Claus these days, who is keeping an eye on who’s naughty and who’s nice. Santa Claus, with his heavenly patron Saint Nicholas, has been more or less in charge of gift-giving to American children for a hundred years or so. In other places, perhaps more attentive to our Christian tradition, there are different gift-bearers. In Greece, Saint Basil delivers the presents on his feast day, December 31, and makes sure everyone is sprinkled with holy water. The Baby Jesus is in charge elsewhere, called the Christkind in Austria and Belgium, El Niño Jesús in Columbia, and Le Petit Jesus in France, where he shares his duties with Père Noël. In the Czech Republic almost everyone is atheist, but Ježišek, the infant Jesus, brings gifts to one and all. In Poland the “Star Man” is said to bring the gifts, although often he turns out to be the village priest in disguise. Saint Nicholas, not his Americanized cousin, is the giver in Holland, where he wears a bishop’s miter, and in Russia, where he wears a bishop’s crown. Soviet Russia tried to dethrone Saint Nicholas and promote Grandfather Frost, but no one was much fooled by this attempt to squeeze religion out of Christ’s birth. One country has a saintly woman in charge of the gifts, Saint Lucy, honored in Sweden on December 13, when children serve their parents breakfast in bed, and others awake to news that they have been nominated for a Nobel Prize. Some children have a second round of gifts on Epiphany, when the magi assume the gift-giving duties. In general, the gifts of Christmas are simple pleasures, not great heaps of treasures. Once upon a time, a new pair of socks or an orange was enough for us. No matter what gifts we receive, all of them are to point us to the true gift, and the true giver.

December 24th Fourth Sunday of Advent

For couples longing for a child: May God strengthen and comfort them as they strive to follow his plan; We pray to the Lord:

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