MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday 4:30 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday ~ English 8:00 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm
Sunday ~ en Español 12:15 pm
Coffee & Donuts, in the Parish Center, following 9:15 Mass

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD at 9:15 Mass
all children age k to 4th-grade welcome
no registration required

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION
8:30 am and 6:00 pm

DAILY MASS
Monday ~ Saturday
8:30 am in the Chapel

DEVOTIONS
Rosary in English ~ daily after 8:30 am Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help ~ Tuesday after 8:30 am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 3:30 - 4:15 pm - or - by appointment

BAPTISM PREPARATION ~ first Wednesday of each month 7:00 pm
RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) ~ September to May, please call the Rectory for information
MARRIAGE PREPARATION ~ contact Rev. Mario Farana at least six (6) months prior to your desired ceremony date

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Rev. Shouriaah Pudota, Ministerio en Español
Deacon Bill McLoughlin
Rev. Raymund Reyes, In Residence
Rev. Joe Bradley, In Residence

MUSIC MINISTRY, Joseph Duggan, Director
Saturday Vigil ~ Joseph Duggan, David Simi,
Judith Reuter, and Patti Lazzareschi

Sunday ~ Diane Costa, Joseph Duggan, and Margaret Ann Kerns
Guillermo Morales en Español

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, Dorothy Vigna, Director
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School of Religion (CCD)
Saturdays 9:30 am – 11:00 am, September through May

Confirmation Preparation for Teenagers
Tuesdays 7:00 pm, September through May

ST. PAUL’S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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Calendar of the Week

Monday: January 1st.  New Year’s Day!! The office will be closed
Tuesday: January 2nd  RCIA 7pm
Wednesday: January 3rd.
Thursday: January 4th.
Friday: January 5th.  CCD class from 9:30 am to 11:00 am
Saturday: January 6th.  SPHS Alumnae Little Christmas Mass
Sunday: January 7th.  Coffee & Donuts following the 9:15 am Mass

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

Weekly Collection December 24, 2017  $ 7,853.20
Christmas Collection December 25, 2017  $ 22,823.28
E-Contributions November 2017  $ 5,354.40
2017 Annual Appeal Assessment  $ 92,119.00
Collected amount through 12/27/17  $ 87,438.00
Remaining Balance for 2017  $ 4,618.00

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 Happy New Year 2018

January 1, 2018 is a Holy Day
We will have one Mass at 9:15 am in the Church

BROWN BAG LUNCHES

Next Sunday Jan 6th & 7th St Paul’s Community Outreach Program will be collecting Brown Bag Lunches after all the Masses. Your generosity and support are always appreciated!

Second Collection

Next Weekend January 6th & 7th., there will be a Second Collection for the Preservation Fund. This collection helps in Preserving our beautiful Church. As always, your generosity, prayers and support are always appreciated

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,
For those who have died:

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 4:30 pm
Carol Tracy (L)
Mr. Michael Kotlanger (D)
Margaret & Jack Kotlanger (D)
Eduardo Q. O’Campo (D)
Sunday 8:00 am
Amulio & Paolina Petrini (D)
People of St. Paul’s (L&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)
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Sunday 5:00 pm
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)

Monday 9:15 am January 1, 2018
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)

Tuesday 8:30 am
George & Georgia Carrozza (L)

Wednesday 8:30 am
Vincent Eder (D)

Thursday 8:30 am
TJ Tracy

Friday 8:30 am
Ted Helman (D)

Saturday 8:30 am
Guillermo Lopez (D)

Saturday 4:30 pm
Josephine & Jack Shea (D)
Edward Ocampo
Sunday 8:00 am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Sunday 9:15 am
St. Paul’s Altar Society (L&D)
Sunday 11 am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Sunday 12:15 pm (Spanish)
isabel Arguello (D)
Victor Marcias (D)
Maria Aivile’ de Sanchez (D)
Sunday 5:00 pm
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
December 31st The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

BEARERS OF THE WORD

The Church has placed a number of notable feast days immediately after Christmas. The feasts of Stephen, John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents form a summary of the life lived in Christ, the Word made flesh. What do these have to do with the feast of the Holy Family, which crowns the Octave of Christmas? These feasts remind us that suffering will occur in fulfilling the mission of Christ, and that we are all called to be bearers of this Word whose birth we celebrate.

We also see this manifested in the lives of Joseph and Mary, both of whom took social and religious risks in obedience to the will of God, and both of whom were open to the word of God sent to them from on high. In these ways they prefigured the life of Jesus himself.

Most likely, few of us found ourselves at Mass this past Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, but the essence of these feasts and the essence of the holiness of Joseph, Mary, and Jesus remain central, a holiness we celebrate today.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There’s no more unusual setting to celebrate today’s Feast of the Holy Family than Barcelona, Spain and the towering unfinished sandcastle known officially as the Temple Expiatori de la Sagrada Familia. In 1882, the plan was hatched to build a vast place of worship in reparation for the revolutionary and liberal leanings of the city. The modern artist Antoni Gaudi dedicated his life to the project, living in the building, attending Mass daily, and giving up his personal wealth. When people pressed him to pick up the pace, he responded, “My client is not in a hurry.” (Gaudi’s cause for beatification is moving along, and he could be the first professional artist and architect to be beatified.) The Spanish Civil War, a disaster for the Catholic Church in which thousands of priests, brothers, and nuns were murdered, halted work in 1935. In the 1950s work began anew, speeded up by computers in the 1980s. Still, the final stage of construction is not due to end until 2026. If the original methods had stayed in place, it would take several hundred more years to complete the plan. So far there are eight towers, with four to go. The highest steeple is three feet shorter than the nearest hill, since the architect didn’t want his work to surpass God’s artistry. The three faces of the basilica each have three doors, with the faces named Passion, Nativity, and Grace. The interior is crammed with geometric figures that almost seem to spin, crazy-quilt windows, spiral staircases, and jumbles of statues and figures. Although inspired by ancient Gothic cathedrals, the style is called Expressionist, and very little is left unexpressed by the masonry. If you can’t afford a visit, Sagrada Familia maintains a web site, and virtual visits are free.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:  Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday:  1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday:  1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3d-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday:  1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday:  1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday:  1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Sunday:  Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

December 31st The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

For families in times of illness: May they find strength and hope in the example of the Holy Family; We pray to the Lord

PRAY FOR PEACE
PORTADORES DE LA PALABRA

La Iglesia ha puesto unos cuantos días de fiesta notables enseguida después de la Navidad. Las fiestas de Esteban, Juan el Bautista y los Santos Inocentes forman un sumario de la vida vivida en Cristo, la Palabra hecha carne. ¿Qué relación tienen estas fiestas con la fiesta de la Sagrada Familia, que corona la Octava de la Navidad? Estas fiestas nos recuerdan que habrá sufrimiento al tratar de cumplir la misión de Cristo, y que estamos todos llamados a ser portadores de esta Palabra cuyo nacimiento celebramos.

También vemos la manifestación de esta verdad en las vidas de José y María, quienes se exponen a riesgos sociales y religiosos para obedecer la voluntad de Dios, y estaban abiertos a la Palabra que Dios les enviaba del cielo. Así ambos fueron prefiguras de Jesús.

Es muy probable que muy pocos de nosotros fuimos a la misa del jueves, el viernes o el sábado pasado, pero la esencia de estas fiestas y la esencia de la santidad de José, María y Jesús es central, santidad que celebramos hoy.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

¡Año nuevo, vida nueva! El día primero de enero, mientras muchos celebran las cábalas y cabañuelas de un año nuevo, los cristianos conmemoramos a quien dio a luz al autor de la vida. María, bajo el título de Madre de Dios, es como nosotros deseamos celebrar la esperanza de un ¡año nuevo, vida nueva!

El Concilio de Éfeso en el año 431 declaró a María como la Theotokos; la que “carga a Dios”. Este dogma tiene que ver más con el Hijo que con la madre y fue proclamado para afirmar que Jesucristo “desde toda la eternidad fue Dios”. Continúa la doctrina y afirma “Así como toda madre humana, no es solamente madre del cuerpo humano sino de la persona, así María dio a luz a una persona, Jesucristo, quien es Dios y hombre, entonces Ella es la Madre de Dios”.

¡Esta sí que es vida nueva! Dios nace como ser humano y el ser humano carga a Dios. Gracias a Dios, todo ser humano puede ser como María Theotokos y cargar a Dios en su corazón. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo!

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Nm 6:22-27; Sal 67 (66):2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lc 2:16-21
Martes: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Sal 98 (97):1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Miércoles: 1 Jn 2:29 3:6; Sal 98 (97):1,3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Jueves: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Viernes: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Sal 100 (99):1b-5; Lc 4:14-22a
Sábado: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Sal 147:12-15, 19-20;
Mc 1:7-11 o Lc 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Domingo: Is 60:1-6; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 10-13;
Ef 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12