**Mass Schedule**

Saturday 4:30 pm Vigil Mass  
Sunday ~ in 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**

Celebrated at 9:15 am Family Mass  
all children age Kindergarten to Fourth grade welcome, no registration required

**Holy Day of Obligation** 8:30 am ~ or ~ 6:00 pm

**Daily Mass and Devotions**

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

**The 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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THE LAMB OF GOD

"Behold the Lamb of God!" We hear this phrase every Sunday at Mass, but there's a good chance that many Roman Catholics do not know who in the Bible originally spoke it. The phrase appears only in the Gospel of John, on the lips of John the Baptist, who utters it twice. Today's Gospel reading, John proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God, and two of John's own disciples then follow Christ. A little bit later Andrew, who heard John and then followed Jesus, brings his brother Simon to be renamed Cephas, or Peter. A careful look at these Bible verses shows us the mission of everyone baptized into the Body of Christ: we must always proclaim our faith in Christ, so that others will follow him. We may not know how the will of God might work through those we bring to Christ; that is not the point. The point is that our ongoing mission as a church is to bring others to Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

"Ordinary Time" began for us this week. On the old calendar, the feast of the Presentation, still more than two weeks away, was the last day of the Christmas season. Sadly, Bethlehem is hardly a place of peace on earth these days. The ancient Christian community has been largely uprooted by political strife. The Church of the Nativity stands (barely) in remarkable disrepair and disorder in Manger Square. The roof is crumbling, the major doorways are blocked, the wiring is faulty, and the worship life is disrupted by quarrels among Eastern Christians.

The church was founded by the Emperor Constantine in 325, destroyed in a Samaritan revolt in 539, and rebuilt by the Emperor Justinian. When the area came under Muslim control in 638, the holiness of the church was respected, and in turn Christians allowed Muslims to pray in the south aisle, a right still upheld. Earlier in that century, invading Persians were ordered to destroy all churches, but when they saw the magi carved over the doorway of the Church of the Nativity, they spared it out of respect for their ancestors who bore gold, frankincense, and myrrh to the same city. The Crusaders restored and redecorated the church by the twelfth century, and it is their plan that survives. Down a few stone steps is a stone grotto with a silver star marking the place of Christ's birth; when the star was stolen in 1847 it triggered an international crisis that exploded into the Crimean War.

Since 1852, the church has been shared by the Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, and Armenian Churches. The Greeks are in charge of the grotto, but don't enjoy the best of friendships with the Armenians. Catholics have the care of the Chapel of the Manger, and avoid the squabbles by a separate entrance to the Franciscan monastery church of St. Catherine. Pray for peace in Bethlehem!

READING FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;
Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28;
Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10;
Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-13;
Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27;
Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31;
Mk 1:14-20
Calendar of the Week

Monday: January 15th. Martin Luther King Holiday – The Parish Office is closed.
Tuesday: January 16th. RCIA 7pm
Wednesday: January 17th. Confirmation Class 7:30pm
Thursday: January 18th. 8:30 am Daily Mass – In the Church – School Mass
Friday: January 19th.
Saturday: January 20th. CCD class from 9:30 am to 11:00 am
Sunday: January 21st. Coffee & Donuts following the 9:15 am Mass

ST. PAUL’S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK
Weekly Collection January 7, 2018 $ 6,050.00
Second Collection January 7, 2018 Preservation Fund $ 3,332.95
E-Contributions December 2017 $ 6,119.40
2017 Annual Appeal Assessment $ 92,119.00
Collected amount through 12/27/17 $ 92,119.00
Remaining Balance for 2017 $ 0.00

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...

Walk for Life West Coast 2018: Join fellow Catholics and Pro-Lifers from all over California and beyond as we stand up for the littlest among us at the 14th Annual Walk for Life West Coast in San Francisco on January 27, 2018. The Walk will be Mass at 9:30AM celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Mary’s Cathedral. The rally begins at 12:30PM in San Francisco’s Civic Center Plaza, and the Walk, down the city’s Market Street, begins at 1:30PM. Last year’s Walk drew 50,000+ people. For complete information about the Walk, visit www.walkforlifewc.com or call 415-658-1793.

The Archdiocese of San Francisco will offer our annual Wedding Anniversary Mass on February 3rd, 10am at the Cathedral. Archbishop Cordileone will be the principal celebrant. All couples celebrating 5, 10, 15 etc are invited to celebrate with us. For more information or to register go to www.anniversarymass.net or call (415)-614-5680

Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for the following: Hope Eisenberg, Michael Lazzanini, Debbie Ferranti, Avo Heeuard

For those who have died: Queston Boston

WELCOME
If you are new to our parish or family, please complete the form below and drop it either in the collection basket, in the mail, or at the Rectory. Or just call the Rectory 648-7538. We will mail a Registration Form to you.

Name: ____________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
Phone: ____________________________________________
Email address _______________________________________

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday 4:30 pm
Edwardo Ocampo (D)
Kimberly Kempen (D)
Michael Kottlanger (D)
Sunday 8:00 am
SPHS Alumnae & Benefactors (L&D)
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Sunday 9:15 am
Arthur Cordova (D)
Sunday 11 am
Eugene Anderson (D)
Sunday 12:15 pm (Spanish)
Ruben Rodriguez (D)
Justo Rufino (D)
Maradiaga Avila (D)
Sunday 5:00 pm
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)

Monday 8:30 am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Tuesday 8:30 am
Kimberly Kempen (D)
The Nevin Family (L&D)
Wednesday 8:30 am
Teachers & Students of St. Paul’s
Vincent Eder (D)
Mr. & Mrs. Datu (D)
Thursday 8:30 am
Cora Pangan (D)
George & Georgina Carrozzi (L)
Friday 8:30 am
Dan & Mae Cronin (D)
Clark Karns (D)
Saturday 8:30 am
Michele Policicchio (D)
Michelle Quinn (D)
Saturday 4:30 pm
Gloria Raffo (D)
Kimberly Kempen (D)
Bob Lazzaretto (L)
Sunday 8:00 am
Jeremy Phillips
Noelle Mitchell Nelson (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)
Norma Arguello (D)
Sunday 5:00 pm
Dori & Patricia Murray
CORDERO DE DIOS

"Este es el Cordero de Dios". Escuchamos esta frase todos los domingos en la Misa pero es muy probable que muchos católicos no sepan quién es la pronunció originalmente en la Biblia. La frase aparece en el Evangelio de Juan, en los labios de Juan Bautista a quien dice dos veces. En la lectura del Evangelio de hoy, Juan proclama que Jesús es el Cordero de Dios y entonces dos de los discípulos de Juan siguen a Cristo. Un poco más tarde Andrés, quien escuchó a Juan y siguió a Jesús, lleva a su hermano Simón para que reciba un nuevo nombre: Kefás, es decir Pedro. Si estudiamos a fondo estos versículos de la Biblia veremos la misión de todos los bautizados en el Cuerpo de Cristo: Siempre debemos proclamar nuestra fe en Cristo, para que otros lo sigan. Quizás no sepamos de qué manera la voluntad de Dios obrará en los que llevamos a Cristo, pero eso no es lo importante. Lo que importa es que nuestra misión constante como iglesia es llevar a otras personas a Cristo, el Cordero de Dios, que quita el pecado del mundo.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Según una vieja costumbre latina, no se les debe llamar por nombre a los niños mientras todavía están en el vientre de su madre. Mis padres siempre me hablaban por nombre durante el embarazo de mi mamá. Esto por supuesto molestaba a mi abuelita quien decía que sí me iban a hablar por nombre sería mejor llamarme Tiburcio. La gran sorpresa de mis padres fue que naci el día de san Tiburcio. Gracias a Dios mis padres no eran tradicionalistas, sino tuviera que pasar mi vida con ese nombre.

Muchos latinoamericanos todavía siguen la tradición del onomástico; de dar a su hijo o hija el nombre del santo o de la Santa en cuyo día nació. Esta costumbre se hace con doble intención: 1) para implorar la protección del santo sobre el recién nacido y 2) para que el niño o la niña tenga un buen ejemplo como modelo para su vida. Esta última razón implica tener que conocer e imitar al santo o a la santa.

Si tu hijo o hija nace el 16 de enero puedes nombrarlo: Fulgencio, Acursio, Adriano, Frisco y Tolomeo. O si es niña, Priscila o el femenino de los previos.

Hemos encontrado
al Mesías

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Sm 15:16-23; Sal 50 (49):8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mc 2:18-22
Martes: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Sal 89 (88):20-22, 27-28; Mc 2:23-28
Miércoles: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Sal 144 (143):1b, 2, 9-10; Mc 3:1-6
Jueves: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Sal 56 (55):2-3, 9-13; Mc 3:7-12
Viernes: 1 Sm 24:3-21; Sal 57 (56):2-4, 8, 11; Mc 3:13-19
Sábado: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Sal 80 (79):2-3, 5-7; Mc 3:20-21
Domingo: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Sal 25 (24):4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mc 1:14-20