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

LITTLEST ANGEL PREPARATORY PRESCHOOL
follow the yellow-brick road  
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Rev. Joe Bradley, In Residence

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
Dorothy Vigna, Director
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

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Kindergarten through 8th Grade  
Mrs. Katie Kiss, Principal  
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**Calendar of the Week**

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

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**Who are we sharing our Community Outreach Lenten gifts with this year?**

We will be distributing our Lenten Gifts between the two Shelters listed below.

**Homeless Shelter working with the Daughters of Charity.** Located in downtown in San Francisco, serving about 70 clients per day, both men and women, a variety of ages serving a variety of needs. Their needs are: Colored tee shirts, socks, briefs, Sweat shirts, (a variety of size) Toiletries.

**Epiphany Center** - a shelter for young women with babies. Their Mission is to strengthen family life by healing trauma substance abuse and ending cycles of homelessness and poverty through holistic client centered care. Their needs are diapers for the babies.

**Community Outreach – Lenten Gifts**

We will begin collecting our weekly Lenten Gift next weekend February 17th/18th. We will be Diapers for The Epiphany Center. All size diapers are needed and appreciated.

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**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 online to [www.bloodheroes.com](http://www.bloodheroes.com) and clicking on St. Paul’s. Or call Jill Alcantar at (415)586-8911 to schedule an appointment.

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**The 2017 Financial Statements are now ready.**

All statements have been mailed. If you did not receive your statement, please contact the Rectory if you need a copy sent to you. 415-648-7538

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**Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for the following:**

Hope Eisenberg, Michael Lazzerini, Debbie Ferranti, Avo Heeguard, Alicia Kaczmarek, Yvonne Pastor, Toni Solano, Olive Jean Yannes, Jann Phillips, Wayne Schaffnit Levi Langevin

**For those who have died:** Edward Joseph Slevin
GIVE GOD THE GLORY

A curious feature of the first half of Mark's Gospel is the pattern of Jesus working a miracle, then telling the recipient of the miracle to keep still about it. Many theories have been offered: Mark is setting the stage for the great "secret" revealed when Peter will proclaim Jesus the Messiah at Caesarea Philippi; more skeptical commentators offer that Jesus, fully aware of human nature, knew that the way to spread the news was to tell people to keep it secret. The insight into this secrecy-keeping that serves us well, however, is that Jesus was initiating his public ministry according to the pattern that Paul describes. He was doing it for the glory of God—not for his own benefit, but for that of all. Paul would later write in Philippians that Jesus "humbled" himself to become like us. And we see this humility at work in today's healing of the leper. Jesus is trying to reveal the presence of God's reign among the people, not so that he himself might receive the glory, but so that God would be glorified through him. Imitating this pattern, which Paul encourages the Jewish and Greek Christian factions in Corinth to do, still serves us well today.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Today's Gospel centers on the plight of a leper and Jesus' response of healing. In Hawaii, the bacterium that causes leprosy probably entered from China in the mid-1800s, and the native islanders were susceptible to the dreaded disease. In 1866, the government literally dumped the sufferers on a remote and virtually inaccessible island peninsula with towering cliffs. Thrown off ships into the sea, the sick people were told to swim for the beach and head for caves, and for seven years the only supplies were similarly cast into the sea to drift ashore. It was then, 1873, that a thirty-three-year-old Belgian priest, Damien de Veuster, went voluntarily to Kalaupapa. Before long, he cajoled the government into funding his mission and its hospital, built a village with proper homes and sanitation, and recruited Mother Marianne Cope to bring sisters from Syracuse, New York, to nurse the sick. Damien, who eventually died of leprosy, has been canonized, and Mother Marianne as well.

Although leprosy has been curable since the 1940s, today a few patients remain in their lifelong home, now a national historic site. The peninsula is still utterly isolated from the outside world, and the speed limit for the few cars there is 5 mph since there's nowhere to go! The hospital is still well-staffed and equipped, but access is regulated and visitors must take an official tour, often involving a descent down the cliffs by "Molakai mule." There are few places on earth that evoke the healing power of Jesus, or our call to follow the Healer, more than Damien's beloved island mission.

February 11th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
For those who suffer from illness:
May they be comforted and cared for by loved ones following Christ's example; We pray to the Lord:

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:5-20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday: Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15
11 de febrero 6° Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

A DIOS TODA LA GLORIA
Una característica peculiar de la primera parte del Evangelio según san Marcos es que en general Jesús obra un milagro y luego le dice al beneficiario del milagro que no se lo cuente a nadie. Se ha especulado mucho al respecto: Marcos está preparando el terreno para el gran “secreto” que se revelará cuando Pedro proclame que Jesús es el Mesías en Cesárrea de Filipo; otros comentaristas más escépticos sostienen que Jesús, quien era plenamente consciente de su naturaleza humana, sabía que la mejor manera de difundir la Buena Nueva era pidiéndole a las personas que la mantuvieran en secreto. La reflexión de esta manera de guardar el secreto que nos resulta muy útil, sin embargo, es que Jesús estaba comenzando su ministerio público de la forma en que describe Pablo: lo estaba haciendo por la gloria de Dios, no para beneficio propio sino para beneficio de todos. Pablo después escribiría a los filipenses que Jesús “se rebajó a sí mismo” para parecerse a nosotros. Y vemos cómo esta humildad se pone en práctica hoy en la curación del leproso. Jesús está intentando revelar la presencia del Reino de Dios entre las personas, no para recibir gloria sino para que Dios fuera glorificado por él. Imitar esta forma de obrar, lo cual Pablo sugiere que hagan las facciones judías y griegas cristianas de Corintio, todavía nos resulta muy útil hoy.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
Esta semana recordamos a san Valentín, obispo y mártir. En EE.UU. se conmemora el amor de parejas, novios y esposos. Según la tradición, san Valentín, en el año 270, contradijo al emperador y casó a varias parejas después de que el emperador hubiese prohibido el matrimonio para mandar los hombres al ejército. Valentín fue encarcelado y allí se enamoró de la hija ciega del carcelero (en aquel tiempo los obispos y los sacerdotes se podían casar). El santo le dio a la hija una carta de despedida con el carcelero. La firmó “De tu Valentín”.

En algunos países latinoamericanos el 14 de febrero es la celebración del amor y la amistad. Los novios son importantes, pero la persona no puede vivir sólo con el amor de pareja. Los humanos somos hechos para varios tipos de amor. Estamos hechos para el amor que nos trasciende a nosotros mismos. Este es el amor cristiano, el que no se limita a familia, amigos. El que es valiente, como lo significa Valentín, ama a todos aun a la persona que es diferente a uno. (San Valentín no está hoy día ni en el Santoral ni en el Misal Romano.)

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: Stgo 1:1-11; Sal 119 (118):67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mc 8:11-13
Martes: Stgo 1:12-18; Sal 94 (93):12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mc 8:14-21
Miércoles: Jl 2:12-18; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab; 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20; 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Jueves: Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-4, 6; Lc 9:22-25
Viernes: Is 58:1-9a; Sal 51 (50):3-6ab; 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Sábado: Is 58:9b-14; Sal 86 (85):1-6; Lc 5:27-32
Domingo: Gn 9:8-15; Sal 25 (24):4-9; 1 Pe 3:18-22; Mc 1:12-15
LENT – EASTER 2018

Returning your palms

Please return your palms from last year over the next two weekends
Feb 3rd/4th & Feb 10th/11th.
These palms will be used to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday February 14, 2018
Thank you

Lent
February 14, 2018

8:30am Mass in the Church
12:00 noon scripture service
6:00pm Mass in the Church

Come join Lenten Spiritual Journey 2018

Renew 2018 invites you to join a weekly small faith-sharing group. The groups use a lectionary-based material that includes shared prayer, reading of the Gospel, and group discussion. Each group meets six times during the Lenten Season beginning the Week of Ash Wednesday and ending the week before Holy Week. Sign-up sheets for Renew 2018 will be located at the main entrance of St Paul Church on February 3rd/4th and February 10th/11th. If you have any questions or would like to join a group or start a group, please contact the Rectory for more information
(415) 648-7538

Lenten Spiritual Journey Sessions:
Tuesday 9:30am in the Rectory
Thursday 7 pm in the Rectory

DON’T GIVE UP CHOCOLATE FOR LENT

Instead, take a 40-day journey to become the best-version-of-yourself.
Join our parish for Best Lent Ever, a free email program designed to help you have a life-changing Lent.
Every day you’ll get...Inspirational videos...Practical Tips...Encouraging Stories
Are you ready to have your best Lent Ever?
Sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent
Please note Mass time changes for Sunday Masses on Palm Sunday. Mass times will be:

8am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 12:30pm and 5:00pm
And Easter Sunday.
Mass times will be 8am, 9:30am, 11:15am, 12:30pm

Coming Events:
Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper during Lent.
Stations of the Cross Wednesdays following the 8:30am Mass in the Chapel
Stations of the Cross on Wednesdays at 6pm in the church followed by soup supper in the Rectory
Wednesday's February 21st, through March 21st,
Stations of the Cross in Spanish will be held on Thursday's @ 6:30pm in the Chapel under the Church February 22nd through March 22nd.
Church Decorating for Easter March 31, 2018, 10:15am Lunch will be provided

Encountering Lent
Companions on the Journey

February 3rd/4th and February 10th/11th., you can pick up your Lenten Rice Bowls in the front and side vestibules of the Church.

CRS Rice Bowl – the largest and oldest Lenten program practiced by Catholics in the United States. generations of Catholics have used their Lenten sacrifice to alleviate hunger caused by poverty and improve the lives of individual and families in developing countries as well as in their own communities. How they come together as communities of faith to help those in need are stories worth telling.

Within the rice bowl you will find a pamphlet with information on how your donations help.
If you would like more information on CRS rice bowl please go to their website: www.crsricebowl.org Read stories of hope, find recipes and daily reflection or download their app to your IPhone from the iTunes store.
Please return your Rice Bowls to Church on Palm Sunday March 24th/25th.

HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE

March 29, 2018      HOLY THURSDAY
March 30, 2018      GOOD FRIDAY
March 31, 2018      HOLY SATURDAY
APRIL 1, 2018       EASTER SUNDAY

Mass of the Last Supper: 6:30 p.m.
Confessions: 11:00 a.m.—12 noon
Good Friday Services: 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.
Confessions: 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Confessions: 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Easter Vigil Mass: 7:30p.m.
Mass: 8:00a.m.,9:30a.m.11:15: am (Spanish)
12:30p.m.
NO 5:00 p.m. Mass
St. Paul's 2018 Community Outreach Lenten Schedule

DAILY MASS – During Lent the 8:30am Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – will be the following:
Wednesday morning in the Chapel, beginning Feb 21, 2018. following the 8:30am Mass
Wednesday evening stations will take place in the Church at 6pm, beginning Feb 21, 2018 followed by a Soup Supper in the Rectory
Thursday evening Spanish stations will be held in the Chapel under the Church at 6:30pm, beginning Feb 22, 2018

COMMUNITY OUTREACH – Our Lenten gifts to be shared with our brothers and sister in need are listed below:
Please bring the items on the assigned weekend:

Sunday Feb 18, 2018 - Diapers – Epiphany Center
Sunday Feb 25, 2018 – Sweatshirts – Daughters of Charity
Sunday March 4, 2018- Brown Bag Lunch
Sunday March 11, 2018– Men’s Socks, Underwear, Colored T-shirts - Daughters of Charity
Sunday March 18, 2018 – Toiletries - Daughters of Charity

We are all journeying into our inner desert together. By the time the Triduum comes may we each have a deeper appreciation of the mighty acts of God and the tender love revealed in Jesus.

Abstinence
Is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 year of age and older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Pastors and parents are encouraged to see that children who are not bound by the obligation to fast and abstain are led to appreciate and authentic sense of penance.

Fasting and Abstinence:
In addition of abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 – 59 (inclusive). On days of fasting, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according of one’s needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted but liquids are allowed.

Note: if a person is unable to observe the above due to ill health or serious reasons, they are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.
St Paul's Lenten Spiritual Journey

Join others, in a small group setting, for a Lenten Journey to reinforce your faith. Share and discuss Sunday Reflections and prayers written by Sr. Terry Richard, O.P. and daily meditations by Deacon Charles Paolino. Pope Francis stated, "Lent is a new beginning, a path leading to the certain goal of Easter, Christ's victory over death. This season urgently calls us to conversion. Christians are asked to return to God with all their hearts, to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord. Jesus is the faithful friend who never abandons us."

St. Paul's Parish will offer two groups; one meeting on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. with Deacon Bill McLoughlin, and the evening group will be meeting on Thursdays evenings, at 7:00 p.m. with Dorothy Vigna. Both groups will meet in the Rectory.

Sign up sheets for your participation will be located at the main entrance of the Church (on the back table) for the next two weekends.

Have Questions? Talk to Bill, Dorothy, or Fr. Mario
Stations of the Cross followed by a Soup Supper

Join other parishioners to "WALK THE WAY OF THE LORD" on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Church. We will learn how Peter, Paul, John, and Pope Francis felt as they followed Jesus as He carried His cross. May we too, help carry this cross. This usually takes about 30 minutes and then everyone is invited to the Rectory for a Simple Soup Supper shared together. Different groups from the parish make the soup. A Donation Cup is put out for offerings to Rice Bowl. This is a small amount of time to spend with the Lord, also meeting and sharing with other parishioners from St. Paul's.

Join us Wednesdays in Lent –

at 6:00 p.m. in Church and Soup in the Rectory

February 21st – Rectory
February 28th – Men of St. Paul's
March 7th – Finance Committee
March 14th – Women of St. Paul's
March 21st – Club Latino
DON’T GIVE UP chocolate FOR LENT

This year, do something different. Join our parish for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you have a life-changing Lent. Each day, you’ll receive an email with . . .

- Inspirational Videos
- Practical Tips
- Encouraging Stories

SIGN UP AT DynamicCatholic.com/40Days
Encountering Christ in Lent

Lent is often referred to as a journey—one that begins in the desert and ends in a garden. Each Sunday of Lent draws us closer to the great high point of the liturgical year—the celebration of the Triduum and immersion into the Passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. When viewed in this manner, we focus less on giving up and more on giving ourselves over. Framed within three traditional practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we are offered a precious opportunity to encounter Christ as we make our way towards Easter.

Encountering Christ in Prayer
Prayer, as with all liturgical seasons, is an integral part of Lent. The prayer practices specific to Lent—such as the Stations of the Cross, the Seven Penitential Psalms, or the Songs of the Suffering Servant—offer ways to reflect upon and contemplate the great mystery of Jesus’ suffering and death. The cross remains central to these reflections as a symbol of his Passion. The great mystic, Clare of Assisi, described the “mirror of the cross” as one in which we might see our human capacity for violence as well as our capacity to love. Encounters with Christ in prayer invite us to reflect his love by simply giving ourselves over to it.

Encountering Christ in Fasting
The Lenten practice of fasting and abstinence calls upon us to relinquish certain habits or desires in order to embrace others. Doing so freely rather than from obligation makes the practice all the more meaningful. For the early Christians going without food, for example, enabled a neighbor to eat. In this spirit, we give ourselves over to the needs of others. Fasting also entails kenosis—an emptying out of ourselves in order to make room for Christ. Thus, by fasting from hurtful attitudes, selfish behaviors, ego-driven desires, and other soul-destroying patterns, we open ourselves to greater compassion, understanding, mercy, and kindness.

Encountering Christ in Almsgiving
Giving generously to others is a form of self-sharing that leads to radical transformation. In offering monetary help to those in need, we ease the burdens others carry. By sharing our time with those who are lonely or in need of a listening ear, we provide comfort and compassion. Through works of social justice, we contribute to the well-being of entire communities and the realization of God’s Kingdom on earth. By giving ourselves over to the suffering of others we come to see in a very real way what Jesus meant when he said, “What you do for others, you do for me” (Paraphrase of Matthew 25:40). Such encounters enable us to face our own suffering with greater strength and trust in the ever-present mercy of Christ.

Lent offers a rich opportunity to deepen our prayer life, empty ourselves of pettiness, and expand our capacity for generosity. By the time it reaches its end, perhaps we have also learned to mirror Christ through the encounters these ancient practices have opened up.
Toddler Learning Center

PLAY SESSIONS EVERY MONDAY 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
DAILY PASS $10 • MONTHLY PASS $35 • SEASON PASS $125

EACH PLAY SESSION INCLUDES A HEALTHY SNACK
PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS ARE REQUIRED TO STAY WITH THEIR CHILDREN

Each week the TLC offers several activity areas for you and your toddler to explore. Activities and materials are designed to encourage self-directed learning, social interaction, and sensory stimulation. This is a wonderful way for your child to experience a stimulating social atmosphere with the protection and comfort of having a parent or caregiver close by. We would enjoy your company any Monday - no obligation.