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 following 9:15 Mass • Pan Dulce following 12:15 Mass

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Celebrated at 9:15 am Family Mass
welcoming all children age Kindergarten to Third grade
no registration required

Holy Day of Obligation
8:30 am • 6:00 pm

Daily Mass and Devotions
Monday through 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 at 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 eight (8) months prior to your desired ceremony date

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**Weekly Calendar**

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

Weekly Collection Nov 25, 2018 $3,914.96
Electronic Contributions for October 2018 $5,584.00
Preservation Fund Online Donation for October 2018 $610.00
AAA 2018 Goal $86,148.00
Collected as of November 25, 2018 $75,411.00
Balance Due $10,737.00

**WOMEN OF ST. PAUL’S UPCOMING EVENTS**

Join us at the Rectory for our long-cherished Annual Christmas Mass and Potluck on Tuesday 12/13 at 6:00 PM. Mass begins at 6:30 PM with Fr. Mario officiating. Please bring a dish to share and a lavender item for new mothers.

Bring your attic treasures and baked goodies to our Holiday Bake Sale Sunday 12/16 at the 8:00 AM and 9:15 Masses.

Save the date for the WSP Annual Luncheon. It will be held on Saturday 1/26. Details to follow.

A Heartfelt Thanks to all Those who gave of themselves 11/4/18 at our St. Paul’s Blood Drive. You may never know the personal impact you had on people's lives, but very simply put, their lives go on Because of You! God Bless You!

Our next scheduled Blood Drives, so far, are 3/24 and 6/10. You can self-schedule at any time online or call Jill at the rectory: 415 648 7538.

ANDRES ALCANTAR, JILL ALCANTAR, MICHAEL BALLARD, MANUEL CEBALLOS, KATHLEEN DA SILVA, MARIA DIDONATO, COLLEEN DILLON, JENNIFER GAGGERO-CHAMORRO, NICOLE GAMBINO, PATRICIA HAYES, JOSEPH HEINEN, GARY HERRERA, REBECCA HINH, JORGE LARA, MARGARET LEAHY, JACQUELINE LYTE, MACE MAMLOK, JAMES MOON, KAYO NAKAGOME, OSAMU NAKAGOME, LAWRENCE SEKARA, JENNIFER SHADER, TIMOTHY SHEA, GERARD SULENTIC, WILLIAM JOSEPH WEHRMEISTER, JONATHAN WETMORE

Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for the following: Donna Shields Betty Lynn AnneMaria Pardo Condi Schell Emily Robey, Mary D'Angelo, Socorro Salazar, Tamara Newton, Condi Schell, Emily Robey, Kathleen Shelby, Mary Rae Gibson, Holly Cueva, Carol Gibson, Laura Forrester

For those who have died:

Breaking Bread Books are at the entrances to the Church. They are no longer in the pews. Please pick one up on your way into Mass and return it to the shelves when Mass is over. Thank you

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm
Josephine & Jack Shea (D)
Cristina Navarrette
Hermogenes Leonia Datu (D)
Sunday 8:00 am
Nancy Gold (L)
Angela & Giuseppe Tardio (D)
Sunday 9:15 am
RCIA – Rite of Catechumate
Sunday 11:00 am
Victor & Fely Ramirez (D)
Richard & Eileen Patron(D)
Sunday 12:15pm Spanish
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Sunday 5:00pm
SPHS Alumnae & Benefactors (L&D)

Monday 8:30 am
John Raffo (D)
Tuesday 8:30 am
John Raffo (D)
Wednesday 8:30am
TJ & Carol Tracy (L)
Pauline Morris (D)
Thursday 8:30am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Friday 8:30am
John Raffo (D)
Saturday 8:30am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Saturday 9:30am CCD Mass
CCD Students & Teachers

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm
John Krol (D)
Michael Kottanger (D)
Jack & Margaret Kottanger (D)
Sunday 8:00 am
St. Paul’s Altar Society (L&D)
Sunday 9:15 am
Angela & Giuseppe Tardio (D)
Sunday 11:00 am
Ernesto Garfios (D)
Sunday 12:15pm Spanish
Isabel Arguello (D)
Ruben Rodriguez (D)
Sunday 5:00pm
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
THE PROMISE OF JUSTICE

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God’s justice is something other than this, of course. God’s justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah’s time. Israel’s kings held the promise of God’s fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God’s promise could be realized through them.

Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke’s Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Occasionally, someone raises a surprised complaint that while Christmas arrives on Santa’s sleigh at the Macy’s parade on Thanksgiving Day, the Church doesn’t catch on too fast. They may even say that Advent is a new-fangled idea. Not so. To trace its beginnings, we have to go back to the fourth or fifth century in France (then Gaul), when Epiphany was the favored day, next to Easter, for baptism. The old pagan structures of Rome were collapsing then, and many people sought to be baptized. Since adults always prepared for baptism by fasting, folks counted back a few weeks for a kind of retreat. Before too long, bishops were advising everyone to attend church frequently beginning on December 17. Soon, artists were imagining ways of expressing the Advent mystery, and in Italy this gave rise to beautiful mosaics of empty thrones awaiting the arrival of the Lord of all creation.

Advent as we know it develops on two separate tracks: the first having to do with our spiritual preparation for celebrating the Christmas feast, and the second having to do with the way this is organized and expressed in the liturgical readings and prayers every day of the season.

December 2nd, First Sunday of Advent
For all unborn children: That their families will prepare to welcome them with joy and awareness of the many gifts children bring into the world;
We pray to the Lord:

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars. When these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.

LA PROMESA DE JUSTICIA

Estamos en buena compañía cuando clamamos a Dios por justicia. Con frecuencia escuchamos y estamos de acuerdo con el pueblo de Israel que pregunta a Dios por qué el mal prospera. Sin embargo, cuando clamamos por justicia usualmente queremos que alguien reciba el castigo que se merece. Obviamente la justicia de Dios es más que eso. La justicia de Dios abarca una maravillosa rectitud entre Dios y la humanidad.

En la lectura de hoy Jeremías avizora un tiempo en el que un justo brotará del tronco de Jesús, de la casa y la familia de David. La vida no era justa en el tiempo de Jeremías. Los reyes de Israel mantenían viva la promesa de la fidelidad de Dios, pero era difícil ver cómo la promesa de Dios se podía cumplir por medio de ellos.

No obstante, Jeremías levanta la voz y anuncia que ya viene el Salvador prometido. El Evangelio de Lucas hace eco de ese anuncio, y Pablo se llena de un gran ánimo. De esta manera el Adviento comienza con una promesa.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Es más que justo empezar el tiempo litúrgico de Adviento con la Virgen María. Esta semana celebramos la Solemnidad de la Inmaculada Concepción de María. Esta es una fiesta especial para varios países latinoamericanos como Nicaragua, Panamá, Paraguay y los Estados Unidos que tienen como patrona nacional a la Madre de Jesús bajo este título.

Esta creencia tiene siglos de ser discutida por teólogos cristianos como Ambrosio, Agustín, Buenaventura y Tomás de Aquino, pero fue solo con la Constitución Ineffabilis Deus del Papa Pío IX en 1854 que pasó a ser doctrina oficial de la Iglesia. La enseñanza de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Madre de Jesús insiste que María nació y permaneció sin pecado. Según el teólogo franciscano Juan Duns Escoto, María fue salvada del pecado desde el vientre de su madre Ana. De esta manera Jesús pudo salvarla no después de haber pecado como ha hecho con nosotros, sino antes de que ella hubiera pecado.

La Inmaculada Concepción se hizo en vista de la venida de Jesús quien nos puede hacer inmaculados gracias al perdón y la gracia que nos ofrece.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Is 2:1-5; Sal 122 (121):1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Martes: Is 11:1-10; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
Lc 10:21-24
Miércoles: Is 25:6-10a; Sal 23 (22):1-3; Mt 15:29-37
Jueves: Is 26:1-6; Sal 118 (117):1, 8-9, 19-21;
25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Viernes: Is 29:17-24; Sal 27 (26):1, 4, 13-14;
Mt 9:27-31
Sábado: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Sal 98 (97):1-4;
Ef 1:3-6, 11-12; Lc 1:26-38
Domingo: Bar 5:1-9; Sal 126 (125):1-6; Fil 1:4-6, 8-11;
Lc 3:1-6
BOLETIN DE LA PARROQUIA DE SAN PABLO DICIEMBRE 2 DE , 2018

SAINT PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH PRESENTS LITTLEST ANGEL PREPARATORY
PRESCHOOL 3 años de edad PRE-K 4 años de edad y YOUNG FIVES 5 años de edad. OPEN
HOUSES, a las 10:00a.m. en el tercer Jueves del mes en Enero, Febrero, Marzo, Abril, Mayo,
Junio, Octubre y Noviembre. Telefono 415- 824-5437 221 Valley Street Suite X.

UN ATARDECER CON SANTA Se celebrara en la Rectoria de San Pablo, 221 Valley St .El Sabado
8 de Diciembre o el Domingo 9 de Diciembre 2018 de la 1:00 a 4:00 p.m. Costo $ 30:00

La Misa Familiar anual de Navidad de la parroquia de San Pablo será el Lunes 24 de Diciembre
a las 4:30 p.m. En esta misa todos los niños están invitados a participar en THE NATIVITY
PAGEANT . Completa información de la edad etc. están en el volante en el boletín

Caridades Católicas necesita voluntarios para diferentes actividades en Navidad, para completa
información llamara la Cordinadora Carol Laughlin 1-415- 972-1236..

Gran invitación a la Misa de la Santísima Virgen de Guadalupe ,Diciembre 9 , Misa 12:15
,seguida de procesión alrededor de la parroquia terminando en el salón de la parroquia.

SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO: Bautismos y clases son realizados por citas solamente. Las
clasas son el primer Miércoles del mes a las 7:00 p.m. en la Rectoría, los Bautizos a la 1:30 p.m.
en la Parroquia.

R.C.I.A. Rito Católico Cristiano de Iniciación para Adultos, es un proceso por el cual adultos se
preparan para entrar en nuestra comunidad de fe, a través del Bautismo, Eucaristía y
Confirmación. Las clases son los Martes de 7:00 a 9:00 p.m. en la Rectoría, para información
llamar a Terri Brady o Diacono Bill McLoughlin a la Rectoría.

SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO: Arreglos deben hacerse con el Sacerdote o Diacono al
menos con seis meses de anticipación, para mayor información llamar a la Rectoría 415-648-7538.

SACRAMENTO DE CONFIRMACION: Para estudiantes de escuela secundaria que no hayan
recibido el Sacramento de Confirmación, es un largo Programa de un año, clases comienzan a
fines de Septiembre y concluyen a finales de Mayo del siguiente año con la Confirmación en
Junio. Para mayor información llamar a Dorothy Vigna a la Rectoría 415-648-7538.
Club Latino de la Parroquia de San Pablo
les invita a la Celebración de la Santísima Virgin de Guadalupe

PATRONA DE MEXICO Y EMPERATRIZ DE AMÉRICA

SANTA MISA DOMINGO 9 de DICIEMBRE 2018
MASS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2018
PROCESIÓN ALREDEEDOR de la PARROQUIA
PROCESSION AROUND THE CHURCH
RECEPCIÓN SALÓN de la PARROQUIA
RECEPTION THE PARISH CENTER
All the women of St. Paul's Parish Community are invited to the
Women of St. Paul's
Annual Christmas Celebration

Thursday, December 13, 2018

St. Paul’s Rectory, 221 Valley Street, San Francisco

Mass at 6:30 pm
Rev. Mario Farana, celebrant

Potluck Dinner follows Mass

Please bring a potluck dinner item to share and a new layette item for new Mothers in need

For information contact Lisa Violetto <design@lisavioletto.com>
ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

2018 Christmas Schedule

The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday, December 22, 2018, 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm
Monday, December 24, 2018, 11:00 am – Noon
Saturday, December 29, 2018, 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Eve
Monday, December 24, 2018
4:30 pm, Vigil Mass with Pageant and Choir
8:00 pm, Vigil Mass with Adult Choir

Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 25, 2018
8:00 am; 9:15 am; and 11:00 am
12:15 pm en Español
no 5:00 pm Mass Christmas Day

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Saturday, December 29, 2018
Vigil Mass, 4:30 pm

Sunday, December 30, 2018
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
Tuesday, January 1, 2019
9:15 am
The St. Paul's Christmas Eve Family Mass  
Monday, December 24 @ 4:30 p.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 8th from 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Casting  
- Angels do not need to attend the casting  
- Saturday, December 15th from 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. First Practice  
Angels do not need to attend the First Practice  
Saturday, December 22nd from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Second Practice  
All children, including Angels, must attend Second Practice.  
Monday, December 24th - all must arrive by 4:00 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DECORATING 2018

Saturday December 15TH & December 22ND AT 11am

This year we will be decorating on two Saturday's:

On the First Saturday, December 15th. we will be doing Cleaning and Tree Fluffing!! We will also be getting the Nativity Set up for baby Jesus to arrive.

On the Second Saturday, December 22nd we will be placing all the flowers around the Altar and putting the finishing touches on our Christmas decorating.

We know this is a busy time for all of you but we hope you can take a little time out of your schedule and join us for one or both of these days to decorate for the Christmas Season...

Lunch will be provided

PLANTS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Donations of Poinsettia's for the Christmas Season would be appreciated. Please bring your donations to the Rectory beginning Wednesday, December 19th.
St. Dominic of Silos
St. Dominic was a Benedictine monk, born around 1000AD in Navarre, Spain. He was exiled because of a conflict with the local ruler. Recognized for his leadership abilities, St. Dominic was made abbot of St. Sebastian’s monastery at Silos. He’s also known for having freed hundreds of prisoners from the Moors. St. Dominic, the founder of the Dominicans, was named after him by his mother, Joan of Aza, after praying to St. Dominic for a son.

The Wait
We spend Advent waiting for something wonderful to happen. While impatient to get to that something wonderful, we can forget that the wait can be wonderful, too. Help children take it one week at a time. Wait, hope, prepare, and rejoice at the miracle of Christ’s birth.

A Catholic difference
Catholics are never alone in our efforts. We are members of the Church, the body of Christ, and together we make a difference.

Find the true meaning of Christmas in L-O-V-E
Children of all ages enjoy gifts on Christmas morning, but Catholic parents know that there is more to Christmas than presents. It is a celebration of hope fulfilled. God promised he would send us a Savior so we could live in Heaven with him forever. He sent his own Son. Help children to experience the true meaning of Christmas by celebrating with L-O-V-E:
L – Lower your outside activities.
More than the gifts you give, children will cherish the Christmas memories you make. Limit the number of invitations you accept, and set aside the extra time as family time.
O – Offer anticipation.
Instead of focusing on gifts and lists, anticipate the Savior’s arrival by marking the days on an Advent calendar you make together. Light an Advent wreath. Decorate your Nativity scene gradually.
V – Visit. In addition to weekend Mass, make trips to church so children can visit Jesus. Take Christmas cards you have received and pray for the people who sent them.
E – Extend love. An effective way to experience love at the holidays is to give it. Act with love, especially when dealing with family. Extending patience and kindness during the holiday season can be a challenge and a true act of love. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son…” (John 3:16).

Why do Catholics refer to the family the “domestic church”?
The Church calls families “the domestic church” or “little churches” because it is the first place where young, baptized Christians learn about Faith. We learn how to love God and become part of the Church through our families. Our parents had us baptized in the Church, taught us to pray, took us to Mass, and passed on the Faith (Catechism of the Catholic Church, #1656). What the Church does—helps us encounter God and his love—the family does on a smaller scale.
Faith doesn’t require understanding

Throughout history, God has given people mysterious messages that defy reason but require faith. When Gabriel told Mary that she would give birth to the Son of God (Luke 1:26-38), she couldn’t help but wonder how that could happen. The angel’s explanation hardly clarified things. Instead of asking more, she simply said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. Be it done to me according to your word” (Luke 1:38).

Children are used to trusting adults and know that faith doesn’t require understanding. In the same way, we don’t have to understand what God wants from us to know that it is for the best. Very little in the angel’s message was logical but Mary didn’t pretend to get it. She said, “Yes,” because she had complete faith in God.

This month is the perfect time to talk about children about Mary’s example of faith. When we are worried or uncertain, we can do what Mary did because good things always happen to people who say, “Yes,” to God.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:41-52, Jesus in the world

In this reading, the Holy Family went to Jerusalem when Jesus was twelve years old. This was an important moment in Jesus’ life. In the Jewish faith, a boy becomes a man around the age of twelve and is recognized in a special ceremony called a Bar Mitzvah. On this occasion, Jesus stayed behind to learn from the teachers, who were amazed by his questions. When his parents discovered him days later, they were shocked. How could he just wander off without telling them? Jesus calmly explained that he was “about his Father’s business.”

This was the first recorded time Jesus referred to his identity as God’s Son. Yet he knew his duties to his heavenly Father would be fulfilled in time. Meanwhile, he returned obediently to Nazareth and fulfilled his obligations to his earthly parents.

What can a parent do?

Christians live in neighborhoods, schools, and communities. We are subject to legitimate earthly authority. We can grow in holiness wherever God has placed us. Find ways to teach children to be holy while still living in the world.

Parent Talk

Growing up, my Christmases were a blur of waiting for the day and being let down when it ended. I braced myself for my children to experience the same when our pastor explained that the Catholic Church celebrates Christmas for twelve whole days. “Christmas,” he explained, “is just the beginning.”

So we lit our Advent wreath and decorated slowly. We played Advent music—songs that spoke of our hope that God would be faithful to his promises. Christmas Day began with joyful carols at Mass and receiving Jesus in the Eucharist—the best Gift of all. The next twelve days were spent visiting family and friends, enjoying our favorite Christmas music, watching Christmas movies, and eating cookies.

Someone asked why our daughter said, “Merry Christmas” on New Year’s Day. I explained that for Catholics, Jesus’ birth was such a joyous occasion, the Church set aside twelve days to celebrate it.

Feasts & Celebrations

Dec. 2 - First Sunday of Advent. Today begins a new liturgical year in the Church. During the season of Advent, we anticipate Christ’s birth and look forward to his coming on the last day.

Dec. 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (1854). A Holy Day of Obligation which commemorates that Mary was conceived in St. Anne’s womb without original sin. Attending Mass together is a wonderful way to celebrate.

Dec. 9 - St. Juan Diego (1548). St. Juan Diego was visited by the Blessed Mother at Tepeyac Hill in Mexico. She asked that a chapel be built for her, and sent him with roses to the bishop as a sign. When the roses were emptied from his cloak before the bishop, it retained the image of the Blessed Mother.

Dec. 17 - St. Olympias (408). Born to a wealthy family in Constantinople, this holy widow devoted her large fortune to caring for the poor and supporting her friend, St. John Chrysostom, in his work.

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To help parents raise faithful Catholic children

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Please, prayerfully consider helping St. Paul’s meet its 2018 ANNUAL APPEAL ASSESSMENT.

St. Paul’s 2018 Assessment $86,148.00

AS OF: November 25, 2018

AMOUNT RECEIVED: $75,411

ASSESSMENT BALANCE REMAINING: $10,737

DUE BY: December 31, 2018

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