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
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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Saturday Vigil ~ Joseph Duggan, David Simi
Sunday ~ Diane Costa, Joseph Duggan, and Margaret Ann Kerns

LITTLEST ANGEL PREPARATORY PRESCHOOL
follow the yellow-brick road
Mrs. Peg Lazzarini-Kayser, Director
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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

ST. PAUL’S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Kindergarten through Eighth-Grade
Mrs. Katie Kiss, Principal
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www.stpaulschoolsf.org
Weekly Calendar

Monday: Dec. 17th, RCIA 7pm
Tuesday: Dec. 18th, 
Wednesday: Dec. 19th, School Christmas Concert 6:30pm
Thursday: Dec. 20th, Pageant Practice 11:15am In the Church
Friday: Dec. 21st, Church Decorating Day 2, 11 am in the church
Saturday: Dec. 22nd, Children’s Choir Practice
Sunday: Dec. 23rd, Donuts & Coffee following 9:15am Mass

ST. PAUL’S THANKSGIVING RESPONSE TO GOD THIS PAST WEEK
Weekly Collection December 9, 2018 $ 4,962.00
Second Collection Retired Religious $ 1,089.00
Electronic Contributions for November 2018 $ 8,452.00
AAA 2018 Goal $ 86,148.00
Collected as of November 25, 2018 $ 81,391.00
Balance Due $ 4,757.00

Saturday December 22ND AT 11am
This year we will be decorating on two Saturday’s: 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.

SAVE THE DATE
St. Paul’s Athletic Board - Crab Feed & Auction
Saturday, February 23, 2019 5:30pm – 9pm
EARLY BIRD SPECIAL – Now through December 17, 2018 ADULTS - $50.00
Regular Price: $60.00 Adult $15.00 Child, Under 6 years free.
Order Tickets: www.sfpaulsf.org
Make Checks Payable ST. PAUL’S ATHLETIC BOARD
For more Information contact:
Therese Finn: tfinn64@gmail.com or Stephen Beddoes: stephenbeddoes@gmail.com

Please pray for those in our book of the sick: Mike Lombardo, Donna Freddie-Koehler, Abe Pressman, Julie Rae, Scott Reifenberger, Marilyn Driscoll, Michael Manteuffel, Tom Emerson, Socorro Gonzales, John Beeler
For those who have died: Michael Lech

Mass Intentions for the Week
Saturday Vigil 4:30pm
Walter Jones (D)
William Hanlon (D)
Sunday 8:00 am
Angela & Giuseppe Tardio (D)
Michael Kotlianger (D)
Sunday 9:15 am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Sunday 11:00 am
Harvey Anderson (D)
Pamela & May Manteuffel
Sunday 12:15pm Spanish
Mamerto Sigaran (D)
Sunday 5:00pm
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)

Monday 8:30 am
Vincent Eder (D)
Sally Eder (L)
Tuesday 8:30 am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Wednesday 8:30am
Richard Gamarra (D)
Thursday 8:30am
George & Pat Gantzler Family (L)
Friday 8:30am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Saturday 8:30am
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)

Saturday Vigil 4:30pm
Margaret & Jack Kotlianger (D)
Michael Kotlianger (D)
Sunday 8:00 am
The Roldian & Eder Families (L&D)
Margaret & Jack Kotlianger (D)
Sunday 9:15 am
Francis Crotty (D)
Sunday 11:00 am
Florian & John Manteuffel
Sunday 12:15pm Spanish
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
Sunday 5:00pm
People of St. Paul’s (L&D)
REJOICE!

Today has traditionally been called “Gaudete Sunday.” The Latin tag is derived from Paul’s appeal in the second reading to “rejoice always in the Lord,” and the Latin Mass text based on that reading. The irony and paradox of this Christian joy is underlined by the fact that Paul wrote those words in prison. But from there he could see the progress of God’s work.

Is it obvious to us? We feel that this is not the time for joy when there is so much suffering and moral evil. It is interesting, then, that the first reading is from the prophet Zephaniah, who is almost exclusively concerned with gloomy visions of Judgment Day. Today the Church selects the only optimistic text in Zephaniah, in which the prophet has been touched by the spirit of joy.

This, we are assured on all sides, is “the season of joy.” Let us recapture that feeling of joy in our lives and reflect it to those who are joyless.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Years ago, the trick question on religion quizzes would be to name all the liturgical colors, or the colors of the vestments worn at Mass. Rose is a color seldom seen, used at most two days a year. Today, “Gaudete Sunday,” is one of those days. The name of the day is drawn from an opening verse in the old Latin Mass texts: Gaudeite is Latin for “Rejoice!” This year’s Gospel certainly reflects that mood as Elizabeth feels her infant within her leaping for joy at the presence of Mary. Mary’s visit to her aged cousin is an act of compassion between women, as two kinswomen who are bearing children into the world share their joy.

Some churches retain the custom of having the priest wear rose vestments today, and many will use a rose candle in the Advent wreath. Violet is the official color for Advent and Lent, but many parishes employ different hues for each season, trying to keep them distinct. In medieval times, dye was costly, and poor parishes used unornamented plain cloth for vestments. Dyes were expensive and some colors, particularly purple, difficult to achieve. In England, purple dye was made from mollusks, yielding at best a deep indigo or blue and not the desired violet. Thus, the color of Advent in the British Isles has long been a deep blue, reminding many people of Mary’s presence at the heart of the Advent mystery. That theology is largely unplanned: it’s all because of the clams.

December 16th Third Sunday of Advent

For unborn children: That by the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe, their human dignity will be recognized, respected, and protected by all from the moment of conception; We pray to the Lord:

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
¡REGOCÍJATE!
El día de hoy se ha llamado tradicionalmente “Domingo Gaudete” o de la “Alegría”. El nombre latino se deriva de la petición de Pedro en la segunda lectura de “alégrese siempre en el Señor”, y del texto de la Misa en latín en el que está basada esta lectura. La ironía y paradoja de esta alegría cristiana se manifiestan en el hecho que Pablo escribió esas palabras en la prisión. Pero desde allí podía ver el progreso de la obra de Dios.
¿Nos parece obvio a nosotros? Sentimos que este no es un tiempo para la alegría cuando hay tanto sufrimiento e inmoralidad. Es interesante, entonces, que la primera lectura sea del profeta Sofonías, que está casi exclusivamente preocupado con sombrías visiones del Día del Juicio. Hoy la Iglesia selecciona la única parte optimista de Sofonías, donde el profeta es tocado por el espíritu del gozo.
Esta es, se nos asegura en todas partes, “la temporada de la alegría”. Recuperemos ese espíritu de alegría en nuestra vida y que se refleje en los que no tienen ese gozo.

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
Los cristianos latinos tenemos unos cinco siglos en nuestra trayectoria de fe y como todo cristiano aguardamos la segunda venida del Mesías, Jesús. Nuestra espera forma parte de dos milenios de cristianos que buscan verlo llegar en las nubes.
Desde el siglo VII la oración oficial de la Iglesia clama el retorno de Cristo con las exclamaciones llamadas las “Antífonas Oh”. Estas llamamos a Jesús pidiéndole que venga bajo los títulos de Emmanuel, Sabiduría celestial, Señor de gran poder, Vara de Isai, Llave de David, Alba de la luz, y Deseo y Rey de gentes, y algunos más. Estos refranes se usan aún todavía hoy durante los días 17 al 23 de diciembre, y unidas en un acróstico latino forman las palabras ero cras (estaré mañana), como respuesta a la petición cristiana. Eventualmente en el siglo X o XI estas antífonas fueron unidas en el canto gregoriano Veni, veni Emmanuel (Oh ven, oh ven Emmanuel).
Este adviento mientras cantamos las antiguas antífonas hay que preguntarnos si de veras estamos listos para el regreso del Hijo del Hombre que viene para juzgar a vivos y muertos.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Martes: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Miércoles: Jue 13:2-7, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
Jueves: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Lc 1:26-38
Sábado: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lc 1:46-56
Domingo: Mt 5:1-4a; Sal 80 (81) :2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lc 1:39-45
Este año tendremos dos fechas para decorar el templo, Sabado Dic.15 y Dic 22 a las 11:00 a.m. Sabado Dic. 15 limpieza de la parroquia y preparación del Nacimiento para esperar al niño Dios y la segunda fecha Sabado 22 de Dic. A las 11:00 a.m. colocación de las flores en el Altar, abajo del ambon, altar de San Jose, de la Santisima Virgen Mariay pila del Bautismo. Sabemos que es un tiempo ocupado para todos ustedes pero esperamos contar con su ayuda. Se les ofrecerá almuerzo en las dos ocasiones.

Gracias a todos los donantes de sangre de Nov 4/18 los donantes son: Andres & Jill Alcantar, Michael Ballard, Manuel Cevallos, Kathleen Da Silva, Maria Di Donato, Colleen Dillon, Jennifer Gaglro-Chamorro, Nicole Gambino, Patricia Hayes, Joseph Heinen, Gary Herrera, Rebecca Hinn, George Lara, Margaret Leahy, Jackeline Litle, mace Mamlok, James Moon, Kayo Nakagome, Osamu Nakagome, Lawrence Sekara, Jennifer Shader, Timothy Shea, Girard Sulentic, William Joseph Wehrmeister, Jonathan Wetmore. Las próximas donaciones en San Pablo serán Marzo 24 y Junio 10 de 2019.

SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO: Bautismos y clases son realizados por citas solamente. Las clases 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 McLoughin a la Rectoría.

SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO: Arreglos deben hacerse con el Sacerdote o Diacono al menos con seis meses de antelación, 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 d 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.
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

THE JOY OF KINDNESS

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 3: 24 – 28a 
- promise of a Savior

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 4: 4 - 7 
- joy and peace -

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 3: 10 – 18 
- John calls the people to justice -

KEY PASSAGE: Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice. Let you gentleness be known to everyone. 
- Philippians 4: 4 - 5

ADULTS: To whom have your past acts of kindness brought joy? What act of kindness could you do this week?

CHILDREN: What kind thing have you done for someone lately? Whom could you make happy by your kindness this week?
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 @ 4:30p.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 11:15a.m. - 12:30p.m. Casting
- Angels do not need to attend the casting
- Saturday, December 15th from 11:15a.m. - 12:30p.m. First Practice
  Angels do not need to attend the First Practice
- Saturday, December 22nd from 9:30a.m. - 11:00a.m. Second Practice
  All children, including Angels, must attend Second Practice.
- Monday, December 24th - all must arrive by 4:00p.m.

YOU MUST ATTEND TO BE CHOSEN FOR A ROLE!
St. Paul's Children's Christmas Choir
Led by Diane Costa and Joey Duggan

All Children in Grades 4-8 are invited to participate in the Parish Christmas Choir. This choir will sing at the Christmas Eve Children's Mass at 4:30 p.m. Christmas Eve. The songs will be a selection of classic, religious Christmas carols and other hymns.

Practices for this Choir will be held at St. Paul's Church concurrently with the Christmas Pageant Practice for younger children on the following dates and times:

December 8, 2018 from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
December 15, 2018 from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
December 22, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Come celebrate Jesus's birth with joyful song at St. Paul's!
The Women of St. Paul
cordially invite you to its
Annual Luncheon
and Raffle
Saturday, January 26, 2019

No-host cocktails at 11:30 AM; luncheon served at noon
Basque Cultural Center, 599 Railroad Avenue, South San Francisco California

Please join the Women of St. Paul as we celebrate another year of service, spiritual sharing, and social gatherings. This luncheon is for all the women of St. Paul's Parish & School Community, and their friends. We hope to see you there, and don't forget to bring a raffle item!

Thank you for your support: Lisa, Nancy, and Patti

For more information please contact Nancy Brana 415.786.0116 or Lisa Violetto 415.987.9284

Advanced reservations required: $40.00 per person for lunch

Lunch Options: Salmon with champagne sauce; Breast of Chicken Chasseur; Vegetarian Pasta

Please return the bottom portion of this flyer with your payment by Friday, January 18, 2019

Seating will not be available at the door. Please help us keep our records up-to-date

Name: ____________________________
Phone: ___________________________
email: ___________________________
Mailing address: ____________________________

Please indicate your lunch choice:
- Salmon with champagne sauce
- Breast of Chicken Chasseur
- Vegetarian Pasta

☐ I will need a ride to and/or from the event
☐ I will provide a ride to and/or from the event

Please make your check payable to: The Women of St. Paul

Return to:
WSP Luncheon 2019
C/o St. Paul's Rectory
221 Valley Street
San Francisco CA 94131

Please ensure your lunch choice is circled.

Luncheon: $40.00/person
WSP Annual Dues: $20.00/year
Raffle Tickets: 5 for $5.00 or 12 for $10.00

Total Enclosed: $________

Raffle Tickets on reverse... Don't forget to bring a raffle item
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Women of St. Paul~ Annual Luncheon
Raffle Tickets
Saturday, January 26, 2019
Raffle Tickets: 1 for $1.00 -or- 6 for $5.00 -or- 12 for $10.00
St. Paul's Athletic Board

Crab Feed and Auction

St. Paul's Parish Center

Saturday, February 23, 2019

5:30 pm – 9:00 pm

Dinner service begins at 6:30 pm

Dinner includes Fresh Crab, Caesar Salad, Pasta, Bread and Dessert

Advanced Ticket Purchase is required

$60.00 Adult, $15.00 Child, under 5 years free

child ticket: students in grades K-5th

Thank you for your support!

For more information please contact:
Therese Finn 917.450.6993 finn64@gmail.com or Stephen Beddoes 415.841.1071 stephenbeddoes@gmail.com

to order tickets online visit www.stpaulsf.org or www.stpaulschoolsf.org and simply follow the link
or return the bottom portion of this flyer with payment by 2.15.2019

Athletic Board Crab Feed, c/o St. Paul School, 1690 Church Street, San Francisco CA 94131

Tickets will not be sold at the door • Please, NO outside food or alcohol

Family Name: ____________________________________________

Phone / email: __________________________________________

Child's name(s) and Grade(s) if a St. Paul's School Family: __________________________________________

Seating preference (Family or Grade) will be accommodated as best as possible: __________________________________________

No. of Adult Tickets: _________ x $60.00 per ticket = $ ____________

No. of Child* Tickets: _________ x $15.00 per ticket = $ ____________

*students in grades K-5th

No. of Children under 5: _________ x free

TOTAL Enclosed: $ ____________

Please make your check payable to:
St. Paul's Athletic Board

MAIL TO:
Athletic Board Crab Feed
C/o St. Paul School
1690 Church Street
San Francisco CA 94131
Opportunities for Understanding Holiday Grief and a future forecast of planned events.

Holiday Grief Beginning Wednesday, **November 14th** until **January 9th** @ 1670 S. Amphlett Blvd. San Mateo Contact: Isabel Stenzel 650 532 2338 All are welcome to this free assistance.

**Dec 5 and Dec 19** : St Gabriel’s Parish 40th Avenue San Francisco
Sister Bernadette Hart RSM will facilitate the time together.
Please call 415 731 6161 for details re morning and evening opportunities.

***Check your parish bulletin for opportunities close to home and remember our cemeteries have a monthly Mass for the deceased (those who have died a long time age as well as recently are remembered. All are welcome.)

**Coming in 2019**

**Died By Suicide** – a time to pray and remember: Marin County and San Mateo County sites TBA contact tlgallagher@mercywmw.org

Training for new **Ministry of Consolation** persons from parishes in the three counties.
RSVP **is a necessity** as the site will be chosen to accommodate the parishes in need. Free to all attendees. N.B.(8:30 to 2:00 is the usual time frame) contact tlgallagher@mercywmw.org

**Valentine’s Day** Remembering : February 6th St. Gabriel’s Parish Call 415 731 6161 for times.
Sr. Bernadette Hart bhart@mercywmw.org

**March**: Retreat mornings for Ministers of Consolation All three counties 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM sites TBA Free to all who wish to come. Contact tlgallagher@mercywmw.org for details.

Stations of the Cross: a contemporary perspective St. Charles Parish San Carlos contact kflagliano@aol.com

**April** : Easter and Grief have a message for us: See what scriptures reveal about grief and healing.
Sr. Eloise Rosenblatt RSM and Sr. Toni Lynn Gallagher RSM tlgallagher@mercywmw.org