Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:30 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday in English 8:00 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm
Sunday es 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

BAPTISMS 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

PARISH RECTORY and OFFICES
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RCIA PROGRAM Terri Brady and Deacon Bill McLoughlin
PARISH OFFICE Jamie Tracy, Jill Alcantar, and Annette Schubert

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

LITTLEST ANGEL PREPATORY PRESCHOOL
follow the yellow-brick road
Mrs. Peg Lazzarini-Kayser, Director
415.824.5437 • or • littlestangelpreschool@gmail.com
www.littlestangelpreschool.com

Rev. Mario P. Farana, Pastor
Rev. Shouraiah Pudota, Ministerio en Español
Deacon Bill McLoughlin
Rev. Joseph 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

ST. PAUL'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Kindergarten through Eighth-Grade
Mrs. Katie Kiss, Principal
415.648.2055 • or • kkiss@stpaulsf.net
www.stpaulschools.org
**Weekly Calendar**

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

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Merry Christmas

Father Mario, Father Ray, Father Joe, and the Parish Staff would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas.

**SECOND COLLECTION**

Next weekend December 29th/30th there will be a Second Collection for our Community Outreach. Your support and prayers are always appreciated.

The 2019 St. Paul’s Blood Drive dates so far, are March 24, 2019 and June 10, 2019.
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.

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, Sochoro Gonzales, John Beeler

For those who have died: Michael Lech, Michelle Barroso
December 23rd, Fourth Sunday of Advent

MEMORIES AND DREAMS
Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go.

Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected.

Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION
In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slack off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17 to December 23, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on.

Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK
Monday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Wednesday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22 Thursday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Friday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35 Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

“And how does this happen to me, that the Mother of my Lord should come to me?”

December 23rd, Fourth Sunday of Advent
For married couples who long to welcome a child into their family: May the coming of the Christ Child bring hope and peace;

We pray to the Lord
RECUERDOS Y SUEÑOS
En el curso de nuestra vida mantenemos el idioma y los hábitos de nuestra región nativa y familia de origen. Cuando retornamos a nuestro hogar tras una larga ausencia, rápidamente volvemos a su manera de hablar y a sus prácticas familiares. Nuestros profundos recuerdos se reflejan en viejas historias y palabras y en modos de conversar. Esta familiaridad corre como un río subterráneo y nos acompaña a donde sea que vayamos.

No solamente recordamos, sino que somos incorporados y formamos parte de una memoria más amplia. Cuando traemos recuerdos a la mente somos a la vez reunidos y recordados.

Hoy recordamos a María, una joven frágil, que recorre zonas rurales para visitar a Isabel. Todos los grandes pronunciamientos y suenos de los profetas apuntan a este tiempo en que deben cumplirse las palabras del Señor a María. Las memorias de su pueblo están vivas en ella, y esas memorias alimentan nuestra fe viva.

¿Quién soy yo, para que la madre de mi Señor venga a verme?

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE
Esta semana recordamos a los niños judíos que fueron asesinados por orden del Rey Herodes en Belén. Esa tragedia que ocurrió cuando el viejo y celoso rey se enteró del nacimiento de un nuevo rey de los judíos. Él mandó a matar a todo niño que tuviera menos de dos años. El llanto de las familias que perdieron sus pobres inocentes se ha convertido en risas en varios países latinoamericanos. El 28 de diciembre en muchas partes es conmemorado como el día de los inocentes que viene siendo el April Fools de Latinoamérica. En ese día se hacen bromas para burlarse de los amigos. Si la broma funciona al pobre que fue engañado se le llama “inocente”.

La inocencia normalmente se atribuye a los niños o a los ingenuos, pero en si la inocencia es una virtud cristiana, de los que hemos sido perdonados por Cristo. Esta inocencia no es ingenuidad mas bien es la candidiz, simplicidad y generosidad de una persona que conoce bien lo duro que es la vida y aún así mantiene la esperanza.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Sal 89 (88):2-5, 27, 29; Lc 1:67-79


Aurora: Is 62:11-12; Sal 97 (96):1, 6, 11-12; Tit 3:4-7; Lc 2:15-20

Día: Is 52:7-10; Sal 98 (97):1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Miércoles: Hch 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Sal 31 (30):3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Jueves: 1 Jn 1:1-5; Sal 97 (96):1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Viernes: 1 Jn 1:5 - 2:2; Sal 124 (123):2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sábado: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Sal 96 (95):1-3, 5b-6; Lc 2:22-35

Domingo: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 o 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Sal 128:1-5 o Sal 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] o 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lc 2:41-52
BOLETIN DE LA PARROQUIA DE SAN PABLO DICIEMBRE 23, DE 2018

Gracias a todos los donantes de sangre de Nov 4/18 los donantes son: Andres & Jill I Alcantar, Michael Ballard, Manuel Cevallos, Kathleen Da Silva, Maria Di Donato, Colleen Dillon, Jennifer Gaggero-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.

Salve esta fecha. Las mujeres de San Pablo les invitan a su almuerzo anual el Sabado 26 de Enero 2019 en el Centro Cultural Basque.

St. Paul’s Athletic Board – Crab Feed and Auction el Sabado 23 de Febrero de 2019 de 5:30-9:00 p.m. en el salón de la parroquia de San Pablo. El costo de la cena $60 para adultos, $15 para niños y niños bajo 6 años gratis. Pueden ordenar tiquetes a www.sfpaulsf.org Cheques pagables a St. Paul’s Athletic Board. Para mas información contacte a Therese Finn: tfnn64@gmail.com or Stephe Beddoes: stepheneddoes@gmail.com

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 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 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.
Father, all-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

~AMEN.
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

OBEDIENCE TO GOD’S WILL

- QUESTION OF THE WEEK -

FIRST READING:  MICAH 5: 1 – 4a
- restoration through the Messiah -

SECOND READING:  HEBREWS: 10: 5 – 10
- the second covenant -

HOLY GOSPEL:  LUKE: 1: 39 – 45
- the visit to Elizabeth -

KEY PASSAGE:  Elizabeth said, “Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”
- Luke 1: 45 -

ADULTS:  When was it hardest for you to trust in God’s plan for you, as Mary did? What can help you at such times?

CHILDREN:  When is it hardest for you to obey a parent or teacher? What can help you obey with more trust?
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 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

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

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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
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-8th
Thank you for your support!

For more information please contact:
Therese Finn: 917.450.6993 tfinn64@gmail.com -or- Stephen Beddoes: 415.841.1071 stephenbeddoes@gmail.com

to order tickets online visit www.stpauls.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-8th
No. of Children under 5: ________ x free

TOTAL Enclosed: $ ________

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

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San Francisco CA 94131