St. Paul Catholic Church Parroquia de San Pablo

Mass Schedule
Saturday 4:30 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday in English 8:00 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am, and 5:00 pm
Sunday in Espanol 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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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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Confirmation Preparation for Teenagers
Tuesdays 7:00 pm, September through May

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serving in Noe Valley for over 140 years
St. Paul’s: yesterday, today, and tomorrow
Calendar of the Week

Monday: Dec 16th.
Tuesday: Dec 17th.
Wednesday: Dec 18th.
Thursday: Dec 19th.
Friday: Dec 20th.
Saturday: Dec 21st.
Sunday: Dec 22nd.

Church Decorating 11:00am
Donuts and Coffee following 9:15am Mass

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

Weekly Collection Dec 8, 2019 $ 5,496.89
Second Collection Preservation Fund $ 3,259.95
On-line giving November, 2019 $ 9,298.00
2019 Annual Appeal Goal Has been paid in full $ 82,090.60

The St. Paul’s Community Outreach Program Annual Giving Tree

will begin the weekend of Nov 30th/Dec 1st. Please take an ornament for a Child or Senior and return it with your gift. Gifts for teens/pre-teen are most needed. As always, your generosity and prayers are always appreciated

ST. PAUL’S CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please join us for the St. Paul’s School Christmas Concert Tuesday, Dec 17 at 6:30pm – all are welcome!

Parish Clustering

We are pleased to announce that the Archbishop has asked Fr. Mario to continue as Pastor here at St. Paul. Additionally, the Archbishop asked Fr. Mario to serve as pastor of the new cluster that is forming, which will include St. James and St. Philip Parishes. After due consideration Fr. Mario has accepted the appointment, which will become effective July 1, 2020.

Fr. Mario extends his appreciation to Monsignor Michael Hariman, former pastor of Saint Cecilia Parish, for his ongoing work as coordinator of our cluster effort. Fr. Mario also extends his gratitude to Fr. Shouraihah Pudota and Fr. John Chung, for their involvement and support during the ongoing cluster meetings. Please see below some additional information.

In response to the decreasing number of priests (in the next six years, 25 priests will retire with a projection of nine ordinations to the priesthood during that time), the Archdiocese is in the process of creating ‘clusters’ of parishes in an effort to share resources. The Noe Valley Cluster will include St. James, St. Philip and St. Paul Parishes.

The “cluster” is a work in process. In creating a cluster, no parishes will be closed. The schools will not be affected. Each parish will remain a separate entity with separate finances. The Mass schedules of the three parishes will be reviewed with the anticipation of some changes in the future. Parish ministries, such as CCD, RCIA and sacramental preparation, may be shared among parishes.

A committee has been formed in which members of the three parishes have met to discuss how we can best serve the needs of our communities. The committee is working in consultation with our respective parish councils. The mission of the Church, shared by all its parishes, can be carried out more effectively by combining efforts. Information will follow as it becomes available. We ask for your support, patience and prayers as we jointly navigate this new model in serving the faithful in Noe Valley.

Please pray for those in our book of the sick and especially for the following: Hannah Nakagome, Iulia Taale, Bill Edmundson, David Morales, Lois Gin, Milan Odenhal, Eileen Mendonca, Patricia Mostert, Bob Mostert, Lupe Chavez, John Galvin, Delfina Torres, Alan Winship.

For those who have died:
**REASON TO REJOICE**

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and "the coming of the Lord." But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as Gaudete (Latin for "rejoice") Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today's first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God's saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God's presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah's prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus' presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: "The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them" (Matthew 11:5).

**SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS (c. 1542-1591)**

December 14

How beautiful the experience of love for God and neighbor, a fire deep within! How disheartening when love suddenly cools and our souls grow dark, our prayer arid. How painful when misunderstanding, even rejection, comes our way, sometimes from those we least expect. For all such "seasons of the soul," an inspiring fellow-pilgrim is the poet and mystic John of the Cross. As a young Carmelite, he was recruited by Teresa of Ávila for her Discalced ("barefoot," evangelical poverty) Carmelite reform, striving to renew the Church from within after the Protestant Reformation had led countless religious away. John suffered unspeakably harsh abuse, even imprisonment, from friars who rejected this reform. Yet during these times of deepest suffering, John composed spiritual masterpieces that still guide souls to God, their titles reflecting his own painful yet ultimately victorious journey: from The Dark Night of the Soul through The Ascent of Mount Carmel to his Spiritual Canticle and The Living Flame of Love. John summarized his spirituality simply: "Put love where there is no love, and you will find love."

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**READING FOR THE WEEK**

**December 15th Third Sunday of Advent**
For all who have lost a loved one: As we prepare for the coming of Christ, may they find peace in the hope of eternal life; We pray to the Lord:

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
15 de diciembre Tercer Domingo de Adviento

MOTIVO DE REGOCIJO
El color morado se usa durante el Adviento para expresar el carácter de este tiempo de preparación espiritual para la Navidad y la “venida del Señor”. Pero en el Tercer Domingo de Adviento, anteriormente conocido como Domingo Gaudete (“regocijo” en latín), se puede agregar el color rosa al ambiente litúrgico. Toda la liturgia está impregnada de regocijo.

La primera lectura de hoy y el Evangelio proclaman la realidad de la obra salvadora de Dios entre nosotros. Isaías describe con exuberancia la idílica transformación de toda la creación como resultado de la presencia de Dios en medio de su pueblo. En el Evangelio, Jesús vincula la profecía de Isaías con lo que está ocurriendo en su propio ministerio. Además de lista de curaciones de Isaías (los ciegos, los cojos, los leprosos y los sordos), la presencia de Jesús ofrece otras dos razones para regocijarnos: “Los

SAN JUAN DE LA CRUZ (c. 1542-1591)
14 de diciembre
Juan Yepes nació en España siendo hijo de un noble y de “una mujer de pueblo”. Ingresó a los 21 años a la orden religiosa de los Carmelitas Descalzos, donde asumiría el nombre de Juan de la Cruz. En 1567 conoció a Teresa de Ávila, quien influenciaría su corazón y espiritualidad y posteriormente, junto a ella, renovarían su comunidad religiosa. No obstante, los talentos y vida espiritual de Juan de la Cruz generaron muchos celos en sus hermanos religiosos a tal grado de que en 1577 lo encerraron ellos mismos durante nueve meses, expuesto a abusos y humillaciones. Gracias a una “noche oscura” logra escapar y vuelve a su monasterio, en el que se le siguió maltratando e ignorando. Durante su cautiverio y años posteriores, escribió los más bellos tratados de espiritualidad y mística, entre ellos La noche oscura del alma. No obstante, su obra no fue valorada sino hasta después de su muerte. Debido a la profundidad de su pensamiento fue declarado Doctor de la Iglesia por el Papa Pio XI en 1926.

15 de diciembre Tercer Domingo de Adviento
Por todos los que han perdido a un ser querido: al prepararnos para la venida de Cristo, que encuentren paz en la esperanza de la vida eterna; rogues al Señor:

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA
Lunes: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Sal 25 (24):4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Martes: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Sal 72 (71):1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Miércoles: Jer 23:5-8; Sal 72 (71):1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Jueves: Jue 13:2-6, 24-25a; Sal 71 (70):3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lc 1:5-25
Viernes: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-4ab, 5-6; Lc 1:26-38
Domingo: Is 7:10-14; Sal 24 (23):1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24
BOLETIN DE LA PARROQUIA DE SAN PABLO, DICIEMBRE, 15 DE 2019

El sábado 21 de Diciembre colocaremos todas las flores alrededor del altar y dando los últimos toques a nuestra decoración de Navidad. Sabemos que en estos tiempos casi todos tienen sus propios compromisos pero tal vez puedan hacer una excepción para ayudar y disfrutar la compañía. Se les servirá un pequeño almuerzo. Gracias

Necesitamos donaciones de Poinsettias (pastoras o pascuas) para las celebración de Navidad. Se les agradecería si pueden traer sus donaciones a la rectoría comenzando el 18 de Diciembre de 2019.

THE ST. PAUL’S COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAM GIVING TREE comenzó el 30 de Nov., por favor tomen un ornamento para niños o senior y devuélvalo con su regalo, lo que más se necesita son regalos para teens – preteen. Como siempre su generosidad y oraciones son altamente apreciadas.


La deuda de la Apelacion de la Diócesis de San Fco. Se pago completamente, gracias por sus donaciones y oraciones.

El Club Latino les invita a la celebración de Las Posadas, el 22 de Diciembre de 5 a 10 pm, bienvenidos.

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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 recibir el Bautismo, Eucaristía y Confirmación. Comienza en Septiembre y termina en Mayo. 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 Confirmacion, es un largo programa de un ano, clases comienzan a fines de Septiembre y concluyen a finales de Mayo del siguiente ano con la confirmación en Junio. Para mayor información llamar a Dorothy Vigna a la rectoría 415-648-7538.
Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 35: 1 – 6, 10

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 146: 6-7, 8-9, 10

SECOND READING: JAMES 5: 7 - 10

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:2-11

ADULTS:

What would Jesus see to praise about you right now?

CHILDREN:

What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?
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. Tuesday, 12/24. 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:

Sat. December 21, 2019 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Sun. December 22, 2019 from 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Come celebrate Jesus’s birth with joyful song at St. Paul’s!
St. Paul's Christmas Eve Family Mass
Tuesday, December 24 @ 4:30p.m.
Children are invited to take part in the NATIVITY PAGEANT at this Mass!

Needed are: Preschool age to 3rd Grade children from the Parish Community, Littlest Angel Preparatory Preschool, St. Paul School of Religion, and Kindergarten through 3rd Grade at St. Paul’s School. Costumes are provided and these are non-speaking roles!

Mary (3rd)  Joseph (3rd)  Angel Gabriel (3rd)

Innkeepers (1st-3rd)  Wise Kids (1st-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 14th - 11:15a.m.-12:30p.m. Casting/First Practice
  *Angels do not need to attend casting/first practice on 12/14 Saturday, December 21st from 9:30a.m.-11:00a.m. Second Practice
All children, including Angels, must attend Second Practice on 12/21. Tuesday, December 24th - all must arrive by 4:00p.m.

YOU MUST ATTEND IN ORDER TO BE CHOSEN FOR A PART IN THE PAGEANT!
CHRISTMAS DECORATING 2019

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

Saturday December 14th  9:00am
& December 21st  AT 11am

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

On the First Saturday, December 14th, we will be doing Cleaning and Tree Fluffing!!

On the Second Saturday, December 21st 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 18th.
St. Paul Catholic Church Parroquia de San Pablo

Christmas Eve
Tuesday
December 24, 2019
Sacrament of Reconciliation
11:00 am – Noon
Christmas Vigil Masses
4:30 pm Family Mass with Pageant & Choir
8:00 pm Mass with Adult Choir

Christmas Day
Wednesday
December 25, 2019
The Nativity of the Lord
9:15 am and 11:00 am in English
12:15 pm en Español

New Year’s Day
Wednesday, January 1, 2020
The Solemnity of Mary
Mass 9:15 am in English

Merry Christmas
AND
Happy New Year
St. Paul Catholic Church
Parroquia de San Pablo

NEW
Mass Schedule
Effective January 5, 2020
Saturday 4:30 pm Vigil Mass
Sunday in English
8:00 am, 9:15 am, and 5:00 pm
Sunday 11:30 am bilingual en Español & in English